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Knowledge products under the Santiago network

Concept Note

Summary

This draft concept note focuses on knowledge products to be developed under the Santiago network for consideration of the Advisory Board. The concept note highlights the rationale and need for such knowledge products to facilitate the operationalization of the network. The concept note will be further refined based on guidance received from the Advisory Board.

This document has linkages with the [initial two-year work programme of the Santiago network](#) approved by the Advisory Board at its first meeting. It is recommended that it should be reviewed together with the 'Santiago network Outreach Strategy and 2025 Plan' (SNAB/2025/04/08) and the 'Santiago network Communications Strategy: Zero Draft and 2025 Plan' (SNAB/2025/04/13).

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I. Background

1. The Santiago network aims to catalyze the technical assistance of relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts (OBNEs) to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change. The Santiago network is part of the Warsaw International Mechanism for loss and damage (WIM) that, among other functions, aims to enhance knowledge and understanding through the collection, sharing and management of data and information, and sharing of best practices, challenges and lessons to address loss and damage.¹
2. The functions of the Santiago network, therefore, further pronounce the need for enhanced knowledge. Knowledge-related functions of the Santiago network include²:
 - a. Catalyzing technical assistance through identifying, prioritizing and communicating technical assistance needs and priorities, among others;
 - b. Facilitating the consideration of a wide range of topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage approaches; and
 - c. Facilitating the development, provision and dissemination of, and access to, knowledge and information on averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, including comprehensive risk management approaches.
3. With these functions in view, it is critical that the Santiago network develops, compiles and disseminates knowledge to adequately inform and efficiently catalyze demand-driven technical assistance.
4. This concept note responds to these functions and outlines the purpose and types of knowledge products that the Santiago network Secretariat will coordinate.

II. Purpose

5. Knowledge products under the Santiago network will be developed for learning, knowledge sharing, capacity and policy development on identified topics, offering information and analysis that support Santiago network's operations by better informing requests for technical assistance and responding to these requests under the Santiago network. This will, hence, lead to more informed technical assistance that best meets the needs of developing countries, and builds capacity to take action relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, including to access finance and technology. In addition, this will help improve policies, programmes, practices, tools and other products and inform decision makers and stakeholders in effectively harnessing the Santiago network for demand-driven technical assistance.

¹ The first function of the WIM, as adopted in 2/CP.19, paragraph 5

² As outlined in paragraph 9 Decision 19/CMA.3, endorsed by decision 17/CP.26.

III. Types of knowledge products

6. Knowledge products under the Santiago network can be one or a combination of the following indicative categories:

- a. Thematic reports with information on the Santiago network*

These reports will compile thematic, including regional, findings and recommendations on identified themes based on activities and outreach of the Santiago network, including experiences and lessons learned from the provision of technical assistance. The inputs will be collected in a consultative manner and complemented by surveys and research, as appropriate.

- b. Policy and issue briefs*

The Santiago network policy and issue briefs will provide concise summaries of information that can help the target audience understand, and likely make decisions about, capacity gaps and measures to address them. The briefs will suggest evidence-based policy options through objective summaries of relevant research. Policy briefs could be complemented by issue briefs to inform stakeholders about the basics of an issue or programme.

- c. Technical and working papers*

These papers will be developed to cover topics relevant to capacity development to avert, minimize and address loss and damage and will provide significant and more analytical details to fill specific knowledge gaps and contribute to strategic outcomes.

- d. Case studies and good practices*

Case studies will provide documented evidence of the activities and impact of the Santiago network. This, in particular, will cover the outcomes and lessons learned from technical assistance to developing countries facilitated through the network and focus on the catalytic impact. Focus will be on good practices that have worked well so that the lessons can be replicated or adapted in other situations and contexts.

- e. Toolkits and practical guidance*

Practical guides ('how-to') and toolkits will offer practical information to assist Santiago network stakeholders and potential proponents. This will build on good practices and thematic papers to illustrate the technical assistance processes to countries, OBNEs and members.

- f. Other reports and submissions*

The Santiago network Secretariat, under the guidance of the Advisory Board, will collaborate with other relevant bodies and mechanisms to develop joint publications and knowledge

products. This may also include submissions as contributing inputs when invited by relevant bodies.

g. Audio-visual materials

The Santiago network Secretariat will explore diverse options for knowledge-building within developing countries, including the use of audio-visual and interactive materials. This will benefit from the development of other types of products such as policy and issue briefs, case studies and annual reports of the Santiago network, produced jointly with the Executive Committee (ExCom) of the WIM.

IV. Target audience

7. Developing countries, including potential proponents at the local, national and regional level, Members of the Santiago network and diverse OBNEs with expertise and experience in averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, will be the primary target audience groups for the knowledge products released by the Santiago network. Different options will be explored to engage Members and relevant OBNEs, as well as the WIM Expert Groups, as contributors and reviewers of the knowledge products.
8. Based on its purpose and nature, the knowledge products will be beneficial to, and could be prepared in collaboration with specialized bodies and networks relevant to loss and damage. Technical and working papers will be targeted towards audiences with specific knowledge or interest in the topic.

V. Dissemination

9. Knowledge products of the Santiago network will be disseminated through publicly accessible channels like the Santiago network website and social media platforms and shared with specific target audiences for amplification, including liaisons to the Santiago network Secretariat and UNFCCC focal points, based on their purpose and nature. Dissemination will be further accelerated through sessions and pavilions at relevant conferences and events, as well as through relevant coverage on UNDRR, UNOPS and UNFCCC channels and networks.
10. Further, in line with the Santiago network's outreach strategy and plan, case studies and good practices will be shared with relevant communities of practice and hence contribute to collective learning. Relevant knowledge products will be shared in a targeted manner with countries who may benefit from documented case studies in other countries in similar contexts, e.g. LDCs and SIDS.
11. The approach to dissemination will align with communications and outreach plans/strategies of the Santiago network. Knowledge products will be translated to communications materials based on the purpose and target audiences, in line with the communication strategy. Outreach strategies, including to countries and OBNEs, will utilize the knowledge product or to inform

their activities, and therefore enabling consistency and efficiency. Where feasible and relevant, products will be translated into UN languages to increase their reach.

12. The concept note will be refined based on guidance from the Advisory Board and further consultations and will be complemented by identification of diverse topics of relevance to the network.