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Advisory Board of the
Santiago network**

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Report of the Santiago network Advisory Board Co-Chairs

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Summary

The document provides an update on the activities of the Advisory Board Co-Chairs in the period between the fourth and fifth meetings of the Advisory Board.

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This document has linkages with the [Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Board of the Santiago network](#) and 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 in parallel with the Report on the activities of the Santiago network Secretariat (SNAB/2025/05/02) and the Reports from subcommittees and task force (SNAB/2025/05/04).

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I. Introduction

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II. Advisory Board meetings

A. Fourth Advisory Board meeting

3. In line with paragraph 13 of the rules of procedure, at its fourth meeting, the Advisory Board elected Angela Rivera and Stella Brožek-Everaert as Co-Chairs from among its members to serve for a term of one year.
4. Following their election, the newly appointed Co-Chairs immediately assumed their responsibilities, in line with paragraph 16 of the rules of procedure, chairing the fourth meeting of the Advisory Board.
5. In accordance with paragraph 43 of the rules of procedure, the Co-Chairs presented the draft decisions for consideration and approval by the Advisory Board before the conclusion of the fourth Advisory Board meeting. These decisions were approved on 17 April 2025 and are documented in the [Report of the meeting](#).

B. Preparations for the fifth Advisory Board meeting

6. The Co-Chairs held regular calls with the Santiago network Secretariat with the presence of the co-hosts, to discuss organizational and substantive arrangements for the fifth Advisory Board meeting.
7. On the substantive side, the Co-Chairs provided guidance and cleared the provisional agenda for the fifth meeting of the Advisory Board, considering the feedback received from Advisory Board members under paragraph 39 of the rules of procedure. The provisional agenda was circulated to the Advisory Board on 5 August in line with paragraph 40 of the rules of procedure. The Co-Chairs also provided guidance on the preparations for the Informal Advisory Board meeting to be held on 1 September 2025.

III. Informal meetings of the Advisory Board

8. The Co-Chairs provided guidance to the Secretariat in the organization and scheduling of informal meetings as decided by the Advisory Board during its fourth meeting, including:
 - a. Informal meeting of the Advisory Board, 16 May 2025, addressing the further development of the Santiago network strategy and interdependencies across strategic documents.

- b. Informal meeting of the Advisory Board, 29 July 2025, addressing the matter of minimum percentage of technical assistance funded directly by the Santiago network directed to communities particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, and SNAB5 provisional agenda.
9. The Co-Chairs facilitated the meetings, cleared the agenda, and provided guidance on follow-up actions from the intersessional meetings above, for transmission by the Secretariat to the Advisory Board.
10. The documents prepared for the informal meetings were developed in response to Advisory Board feedback provided during SNAB4 and subsequent written submissions.

IV. Intersessional decisions

11. In line with the rules of procedure, "The Advisory Board may take a decision without meeting on an extraordinary basis when, in the judgment of both Co-Chairs, such a decision should not be postponed to the next Advisory Board meeting. In such a case, the secretariat, with the approval of the Co-Chairs, shall transmit to Board members a proposed decision with the invitation to approve the decision on a non-objection basis for a prescribed period (generally 21 days but in urgent cases no less than one week)."
12. With the approval of the Co-Chairs, the following intersessional decisions were transmitted by the Secretariat to the Advisory Board:
 - a. Intersessional decision on 'Date and venue of the fifth meeting of the Advisory Board' transmitted to the Advisory Board on 03 June 2025 with a no-objection period ending on 10 June 2025, SNAB/2025/ISD/03.
 - b. Intersessional decision on '2024 Financial Statement of the Santiago network' transmitted to the Advisory Board on 30 June 2025 with a no-objection period ending on 07 July 2025, SNAB/2025/ISD/04.
 - c. Intersessional decision on 'Revised 2025 Budget of the Santiago network' transmitted to the Advisory Board on 25 July 2025 with a no-objection period ending on 15 August 2025, SNAB/2025/ISD/05.
 - d. Intersessional decision on 'Approach for determining the minimum percentage of technical assistance funded directly by the Santiago network directed to communities particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change' transmitted to the Advisory Board on 09 August 2025 with a no-objection period ending on 30 August 2025, SNAB/2025/ISD/06.
13. In accordance with the rules of procedure, the representatives were copied on the proposed decisions for their information. The decisions taken intersessionally will be recorded in the report of SNAB5.

V. Engagement with the WIM Executive Committee and with the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage

14. In accordance with SNAB4 decisions, the Co-Chairs provided guidance and cleared the [key messages](#) prepared by the Secretariat for the Santiago network intervention during the high-level dialogue on Strengthening Response(s) to Loss and Damage through Complementarity, Coherence, and Coordination, held in Washington, DC, on 25 April 2025. The key messages were shared with the Advisory Board on Wednesday, 23 April 2025.
15. The Co-Chairs engaged with their WIM Executive Committee (ExCom) counterparts to prepare for the Santiago Network Advisory Board's participation in the 22nd ExCom meeting, held in Bonn, Germany, from 13–15 May 2025. Under Agenda Item 13 Collaboration with the Advisory Board, the Co-Chairs, several Board members, and Secretariat representatives, including the Santiago network Director, took part in the session. The outcomes of the discussions under Agenda Item 13 are reflected in the [Summary of Decision Points from ExCom 22](#), and also captured below:
 - a. ExCom further requested its Co-Chairs to meet virtually prior to ExCom 23 with the Co-Chairs of the Santiago network Advisory Board and the Co-Chairs of the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage to promote coordination and coherence amongst the bodies, with a view to jointly exploring ways forward on collaboration and coherence.
 - b. ExCom encouraged the Santiago network Advisory Board to consider holding further joint sessions.
 - c. ExCom requested its representatives to the Santiago network Advisory Board to provide regular updates on the ExCom work during the meetings of the Santiago network Advisory Board.
16. Pursuant to the decision points from the 22nd meeting of the WIM Executive Committee, the Co-Chairs of the WIM Executive Committee, the Board of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD), and the Advisory Board of the Santiago Network met on 20 June 2025, on the sidelines of the SBs in Bonn, Germany. A [summary of this informal Co-Chairs' meeting](#) is made available here.

VI. Other events

17. During the June Climate Meetings (SB 62) in Bonn, the Santiago network hosted a dedicated event on 25 June 2025, entitled *Full operationalization of the Santiago network: Advancing a critical pillar of the loss and damage architecture*. The Co-Chairs opened the event with remarks underscoring the urgent need for loss and damage action and the network's participatory approach.
18. At SB 62, the Santiago network Secretariat convened a stakeholder consultation for the development of the Santiago network strategy on 25 June 2025. Co-Chair Stella Brožek Everaert attended and participated in the stakeholder consultation, which included national liaisons to the Santiago network Secretariat, UNFCCC National Focal Points, Santiago

network Members, UNFCCC-accredited NGO constituencies, and representatives of other key stakeholders in the loss and damage ecosystem.

19. In May and June, the Santiago network Secretariat organised three information sessions for national liaisons and UNFCCC National Focal Points to cover different timezones. The Co-Chairs provided welcome remarks at two of the sessions. In addition, one of the Co-Chairs facilitated an information session for AILAC and Group SUR.
20. The Co-Chairs further supported the Santiago network workshop for LDCs and SIDS in Africa by offering welcome remarks during the opening session alongside the host Government of Senegal, the Santiago network Secretariat represented by the Director and UNDRR.

VII. Report of the Santiago network to the governing body or bodies

21. The Co-Chairs have engaged with the Santiago network Secretariat in the preparation of the Annual Report of the Santiago network, for submission to the governing body. This report is divided into two parts:
 - a. [Joint report of the WIMExCom and the Santiago network](#) - serving as the parent report, which contains the procedural and organizational information of the WIM ExCom and the Santiago network between September 2024 and June 2025. This report was shared with the Advisory Board on 25 July, 2025 for consideration and comments by 29 July, 2025, after which the report was shared with UNFCCC for final editing and publication.
 - b. Addendum - Containing substantive information on the progress made by the Santiago network and to be considered by the Advisory Board at SNAB5 (item 10 in the draft provisional agenda). This addendum on the Santiago network is to be published prior to COP 30, following approval by the Advisory Board.
22. The joint report and Addendum will be considered by the Subsidiary Bodies with a view to recommending a draft decision or decisions for consideration and adoption by the governing body or bodies at the session(s) to be held in November 2025.