

**Fifth Meeting of the Advisory  
Board of the Santiago network**

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## **Dates and venues of meetings in 2026**

### **Summary**

Pursuant to paragraph 33 of the Rules of procedure of the Advisory Board of the Santiago network, at each meeting, the Advisory Board will confirm the dates, duration and venue of the following meeting. Furthermore, at the fourth Advisory Board meeting, the Advisory Board requested the Santiago network Secretariat to identify possible dates and venues for the meetings of the Advisory Board to take place in 2026, with a view to agreeing on them at the fifth meeting of the Advisory Board.

This document has been prepared to facilitate the Advisory Board's decision on the date and venue for its sixth and seventh meetings.

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## I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to paragraph 33 of the [Rules of procedure of the Advisory Board of the Santiago network](#), at each meeting, the Advisory Board will confirm the dates, duration and venue of the following meeting.
2. At its fourth meeting, the Advisory Board requested the Santiago network Secretariat to identify possible dates and venues for the meetings of the Advisory Board to take place in 2026, with a view to agreeing on them at the fifth meeting of the Advisory Board.
3. In accordance with paragraph 28 of the rules of procedure, the Advisory Board shall meet at least twice a year, where possible in connection with meetings of the WIM ExCom, while retaining its flexibility to adjust the number of meetings to suit its needs.
4. In line with paragraph 29 of the rules of procedure, the Advisory Board shall hold its meetings at the location of the Santiago network Secretariat head office, unless otherwise decided by the Advisory Board and subject to the necessary arrangements being made.
5. This document has been prepared to facilitate the Advisory Board's decision on the date and venue for its sixth meeting and seventh meeting.

## II. Sixth meeting of the Advisory Board

6. Meetings of the Santiago network Advisory Board shall, where feasible, be convened in conjunction with meetings of the WIM ExCom; however, the WIM ExCom has not yet finalized its 2026 schedule as of the compilation date of this document.
7. As of the publication of this document, the Secretariat is not aware of any key events of relevance to the Advisory Board that have been scheduled for March-April 2026.
8. Other considerations in selecting appropriate dates include widely observed public holidays:
  - a. Ramadan - In 2026, Ramadan is anticipated to commence on the evening of Tuesday, 17 February 2026, and is expected to conclude on the evening of Wednesday, 18 March 2026, with the precise dates subject to the sighting of the moon.
  - b. Easter 2026 will be observed on Sunday, 5 April, with Good Friday falling on 3 April 2026.
9. In light of the above, the Santiago network Secretariat proposes the following date options for the sixth Advisory Board meeting of the Santiago network (SNAB6), to facilitate the Advisory Board's consideration:
  - a. Option 1: Tuesday, 24 March – Thursday, 26 March 2026**  
*(between the mentioned public holidays)*
  - b. Option 2: Tuesday, 14 April – Thursday, 16 April 2026**  
*(after the mentioned Easter holidays)*
10. The sixth Advisory Board meeting is anticipated to be preceded by a one-day informal Advisory Board meeting.

11. In the absence of a hosting offer, the venue for SNAB6 is suggested to be Geneva, Switzerland (location of the Santiago network Secretariat).
12. The proposed options would provide sufficient time for the Advisory Board to engage substantially in intersessional work between its fifth and sixth meetings, including the possibility of informal hybrid meetings on any matters, should it so decide.
13. This option is provided for the Advisory Board's consideration, acknowledging that the Advisory Board may also develop and select alternative approaches that best reflect its needs and priorities.

### **III. Seventh meeting of the Advisory Board**

14. The Secretariat proposes that the seventh meeting of the Advisory Board be held in September 2026 to ensure sufficient time ahead of COP31.
15. The Secretariat is aware of the following key events of relevance to the Advisory Board that have already been scheduled for September 2026.
  - a. 81st Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 81): 8 – 22 September 2026
16. In light of the above, the Santiago network Secretariat proposes the following date options for the seventh Advisory Board meeting of the Santiago network (SNAB7), to facilitate the Advisory Board's consideration:
  - a. **Option 1: Tuesday, 22 September – Thursday, 24 September 2026**  
*(overlap with last days of UNGA81)*
  - b. **Option 2: Tuesday, 29 September – Thursday, 1 October 2026**  
*(after UNGA81)*
17. The seventh Advisory Board meeting is anticipated to be preceded by a one-day informal Advisory Board meeting.
18. In the absence of a hosting offer, the location for SNAB7 is suggested to be Geneva, Switzerland (location of the Santiago network Secretariat), subject to potential hosting offers.
19. The proposed options would provide sufficient time for the Advisory Board to engage substantially in intersessional work between its sixth and seventh meetings, including the possibility of informal hybrid meetings on any matters, should it so decide.
20. This option is provided for the Advisory Board's consideration, acknowledging that the Advisory Board may also develop and select alternative approaches that best reflect its needs and priorities.

### **IV. Recommendations**

21. The Advisory Board is invited to consider the date options presented for the sixth Advisory Board meeting as outlined in paragraph 9 of this document, as well as any other

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alternatives it may deem appropriate.

22. The Advisory Board is invited to consider Geneva as the venue for SNAB6, as outlined in paragraph 11, in order to provide predictability for logistical and organizational arrangements.
23. The Advisory Board is invited to consider the date options presented for the seventh Advisory Board meeting as outlined in paragraph 16 of this document, as well as any other alternatives it may deem appropriate.
24. The Advisory Board is invited to direct the Secretariat to assess any potential hosting offers to be received on alternative venues for SNAB7 that will be subject to confirmation and decision by the Advisory Board.
25. The Advisory Board is further asked to suggest any other considerations for the Secretariat to explore.