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**Report on the activities of the Co-Chairs**

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**Summary**

The document provides an update on the activities of the Santiago Network Advisory Board Co-Chairs in the period between the fifth and sixth meetings of the Advisory Board from 15 August 2025 to 9 March 2026.

In line with the Rules of procedure of the Advisory Board, the Co-Chairs have fulfilled their responsibilities by chairing meetings of the Advisory Board and related intersessional work, reporting to the governing body or bodies on behalf of the Advisory Board, and representing the Advisory Board in external meetings, for which they shall report back to the Advisory Board. This document provides an update on the fulfillment of these responsibilities.

This document has linkages with the work programme of the Santiago Network approved by the Advisory Board at its fifth meeting. It is recommended that it should be reviewed in parallel with the 'Report on the activities of the Santiago Network Secretariat' (SNAB/2026/06/02) and the 'Reports from subcommittees and task force' (SNAB/2026/06/04) for the sixth meeting of the Advisory Board.

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## 1. Introduction

1. This document reports on the activities of the Santiago Network Advisory Board Co-Chairs in the period between the fifth and the sixth meetings of the Advisory Board from 15 August 2025 to 9 March 2026.
2. In line with the Rules of procedure of the Advisory Board<sup>1</sup>, the Co-Chairs have fulfilled their responsibilities by chairing meetings of the Advisory Board and related intersessional work, reporting to the governing body or bodies on behalf of the Advisory Board, and representing the Advisory Board in external meetings, for which they shall report back to the Advisory Board. The following sections provide details on the fulfillment of these responsibilities.
3. In line with paragraph 14 of the Rules of procedure, at its fourth meeting from 15 to 17 April 2025, the Advisory Board elected Ms. Angela Rivera and Ms. Stella Brožek-Everaert as Co-Chairs from among its members to serve for a term of one year. They served as Co-Chairs throughout the reporting period.

## 2. Advisory Board meetings

### 2.1. Fifth Advisory Board meeting

4. In line with paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Rules of procedure, the Co-Chairs chaired the fifth Advisory Board meeting that took place from 2 to 4 September 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland.
5. In accordance with paragraph 44 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 fifth Advisory Board meeting. These decisions were approved on 4 September 2025 and are documented in the [meeting report](#).
6. The fifth meeting of the Santiago Network Advisory Board marked a major milestone with the adoption of the Network's first Strategy for 2026–2028, setting a clear direction and an inspiring vision: to build a world where developing countries and communities shape and drive inclusive action on loss and damage. The Advisory Board also approved a comprehensive strategic framework, including dedicated strategies on communications, outreach and engagement, and resource mobilization. Key operational documents were adopted, notably the 2026–2027 work programme and the 2026 annual budget, alongside strengthened governance arrangements, including the terms of reference for the Budget and Conflict of Interest Subcommittees and the Task Force on Outreach.
7. The meeting also reflected growing demand for the Network's support, with a notable increase in technical assistance requests and in-country nominations of National Liaisons to the Secretariat, underscoring strong and geographically diverse engagement.

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<sup>1</sup> [Annex I to the report of the exceptional meeting of the Advisory Board](#) held on 12 February, 2026. The Advisory Board agreed to the revised Rules of procedure and further agreed to apply them immediately on a provisional basis until their formal adoption by the governing body or bodies.

## 2.2. Informal meeting

8. An informal meeting of the Advisory Board was convened by the Co-Chairs on 29 January 2026, as an initial exchange to discuss the development of the terms of reference (TORs) for a regular, multi-year report on loss and damage, as mandated by the third WIM Review decision at COP 30/CMA 7.
9. Following the meeting, a document with considerations for the development of terms of reference was transmitted to the Advisory Board for a two-week review period. The Co-Chairs will organize a joint session with the WIM Executive Committee (WIM ExCom) during the informal meeting ahead of the sixth Advisory Board meeting on 23 March 2026 to discuss the TORs.

## 2.3. Exceptional meeting

10. An exceptional meeting of the Advisory Board was convened virtually on 12 February 2026 by the Co-Chairs, following the Advisory Board's decision at its fifth meeting to hold a virtual meeting, on an exceptional basis, in February 2026 to discuss potential gaps in its Rules of procedure and its conflicts of interest guidelines.
11. The Advisory Board agreed to the revised Rules of procedure, recommended them for formal adoption by the governing bodies in 2026, and decided to apply them provisionally pending adoption. It also approved the revised conflicts of interest guidelines with immediate effect.
12. The [meeting report](#) was adopted by the Advisory Board on 17 February 2026.

## 2.4. Preparations for the sixth Advisory Board meeting

13. The Co-Chairs held regular calls with the Santiago Network Secretariat to discuss organizational and substantive arrangements for the sixth Advisory Board meeting to be held from 24 to 26 March 2026 in Geneva, Switzerland, including the handover to the incoming Co-Chairs to be elected by the Advisory Board at the sixth meeting.
14. On the substantive side, the Co-Chairs provided guidance and cleared the provisional agenda for the sixth meeting, considering the feedback received from Advisory Board members and representatives under paragraph 40 of the Rules of procedure. The provisional agenda was circulated to the Advisory Board on 16 January 2026 in line with paragraph 41 of the Rules of procedure and was subsequently published on the [SNAB6 meeting page](#) on 15 February 2026. The Co-Chairs also provided guidance on the preparations for the informal Advisory Board meeting to be held on 23 March 2026.

## 3. Intersessional decisions

15. In line with paragraph 51 of 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 Advisory 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).”

16. With the approval of the Co-Chairs, the following intersessional decisions were transmitted by the Secretariat to the Advisory Board:
  - a. SNAB/2025/ISD/07: Intersessional decision on ‘Appointment of Muriel Gschwend as a member of the Budget Subcommittee’ was transmitted to the Advisory Board on 28 October 2025 with a no-objection period ending on 18 November 2025. The decision was adopted.
  - b. SNAB/2026/ISD/08: Intersessional decision on ‘Observer participation in the exceptional meeting of the Advisory Board in February 2026’ was transmitted to the Advisory Board on 22 January 2026 with a no-objection period ending on 29 February 2026. The decision was adopted.
  - c. SNAB/2026/ISD/09: Intersessional decision on ‘Ad hoc Process for the 2025 performance review of the Director of the Santiago Network Secretariat’ was transmitted to the Advisory Board on 27 February 2026 with a no-objection period ending on 6 March 2026. The decision was adopted.
17. In accordance with the Rules of procedure, the representatives were copied on the proposed decisions for their information. The decisions taken intersessionally will also be recorded in the sixth meeting report.

#### **4. Engagement with the WIM Executive Committee and with the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage**

##### **4.1. 23rd meeting of the WIM Executive Committee:**

18. The Co-Chairs, in their role as liaisons to the WIM Executive Committee, attended its [23rd meeting](#) from 30 September to 2 October 2025 in Bonn, Germany, to advance collaboration, in line with the decision of the Santiago Network Advisory Board at its fifth meeting to continue collaboration and alignment with the WIM Executive Committee.
19. During the meeting, the Co-Chairs provided an update on the outcomes of the fifth Advisory Board meeting, including the adoption of the Network’s first strategic framework and outlined the opportunities for collaboration with the WIM Executive Committee as per the decisions of the Advisory Board.

##### **4.2. Meeting of the Co-Chairs of the Santiago Network Advisory Board and WIM Executive Committee**

20. On 11 September 2025, the Co-Chairs held an informal dialogue with the Co-Chairs of the WIM ExCom and the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD). The Co-Chairs shared updates from the fifth meeting of the Santiago Network Advisory Board, including decisions relating to strengthening synergies.

21. On 13 November 2025, the Co-Chairs met with the Co-Chairs of the WIM ExCom and FRLD to discuss key areas of progress across the loss and damage architecture to be presented at a joint event at the UN Climate Change Conference held in Belém, Brazil from 10-21 November 2025, COP 30/CMA 7 (COP30).
22. The Co-Chairs of the Santiago Network Advisory Board and the WIM ExCom had a joint meeting on 30 January 2026 to discuss joint communications and outreach activities in line with the decisions at the fifth meeting of the Santiago Network Advisory Board, including the production of a joint explainer on the mandate and work under the Warsaw International Mechanism.
23. The Co-Chairs also noted the plans for the upcoming session with the WIM ExCom during the informal meeting of the Santiago Network Advisory Board on 23 March 2026.

#### **4.3. Coordination with the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage**

24. In line with its mandate to enhance complementarity and coherence across entities forming the loss and damage support landscape, the Advisory Board encouraged continued close collaboration with the FRLD, including through coordinated engagement and identifying future joint opportunities.
25. On 11 September 2025, the Co-Chairs discussed areas for collaboration with FRLD, including promoting close coordination at the national level, participation of the Secretariats in each other's meetings, and development of a paper on operational synergies for consideration by the FRLD Board at its seventh meeting.
26. On 13 November 2025, the Co-Chairs committed to working in close collaboration with the FRLD in a joint event at COP30.
27. The Co-Chairs met with the Co-Chairs of the FRLD on 3 March 2026 to discuss collaboration in 2026. The meeting focused on reflections on collaboration in 2025 and lessons learned. The Co-Chairs reiterated the importance of concrete coordination and cooperation for 2026 in key operational areas, with the support of their respective Secretariats.

### **5. United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30):**

28. The Co-Chairs attended COP30 in Belém, Brazil from 10 to 21 November 2025. COP 30/CMA 7 marked significant milestones, visibility and engagement for the Santiago Network.

#### **5.1. Report of the Santiago Network to the governing body or bodies**

29. At its fifth meeting, the Advisory Board approved its submission to the [2025 Joint report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism and the Santiago network](#) to the governing body or bodies on the basis of the outline of the annual report contained in document Annual report of the Santiago network 2025 (SNAB/2025/05/13).

30. At COP 30/CMA 7, the governing body or bodies took note with appreciation of the [2025 Joint annual report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism and the Santiago network](#), which contains the report of the Santiago Network and recommendations from the Advisory Board of the Santiago Network. At the same meeting, the governing body or bodies took note of the [2024 joint annual report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism and the Santiago network](#).

## 5.2. Events

31. The Co-Chairs represented the Santiago Network Advisory Board at several key events during COP30:
- a. [11 November 2025 – Indigenous Peoples Caucus event on the Santiago Network](#): Ms. Stella Brožek-Everaert joined the panel for this event to highlight opportunities for Indigenous Peoples to access assistance through and engage with the Santiago Network. The event was organized by the Indigenous Peoples Caucus in collaboration with Advisory Board Representative, Gideon Sanago.
  - b. [12 November 2025 – Santiago Network in Action](#): Ms. Angela Rivera provided opening remarks at the official Santiago Network event, co-hosted with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), and featuring high-level representatives from Somalia, Yemen, Vanuatu, the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), UNDRR, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), to spotlight the Network and highlight how demand-driven technical assistance is turning national priorities into action for frontline communities.
  - c. [13 November 2025 – Updates from the FRLD, Santiago Network and WIM ExCom](#): The Co-Chairs joined the Chairs of the Board of the FRLD and the WIM ExCom at this official joint event to highlight progress across the loss and damage landscape and opportunities to strengthen complementarity across the loss and damage architecture. They shared the key milestones of the Santiago Network to date and responded to questions from the audience.

## 6. Other events

### 6.1. Regional membership webinar for Latin America and the Caribbean

32. Ms. Angela Rivera joined the Santiago Network's membership webinar focused on Latin America and the Caribbean region on 30 October 2025 to provide opening remarks. The session was attended by organizations, bodies, networks and experts interested in the Santiago Network across the Latin America and the Caribbean region and was conducted in Spanish with interpretation in English.