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Summary

This document contains the reports on activities undertaken by the following subcommittees and task force of the Santiago Network during the reporting period from 15 August 2025 to 9 March 2026.

- (a) Budget Subcommittee
- (b) Conflict of Interest Subcommittee
- (c) Task Force on Outreach

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1. Introduction

1. At the fourth meeting of the Santiago Network Advisory Board, the Advisory Board agreed to establish the following:
 - a. Budget Subcommittee
 - b. Conflict of Interest Subcommittee
 - c. Task Force on Outreach
2. This report provides an update on the progress made by the subcommittees and task force during the period between the fifth and the sixth Advisory Board meetings.

2. Report on activities of the Budget Subcommittee

2.1. Background

3. At its fourth meeting, the Advisory Board established the Budget Subcommittee and invited the subcommittee to develop its terms of reference for consideration and approval by the Advisory Board at its fifth meeting. The establishment of the subcommittee is consistent with paragraphs 24 and 25 of the Rules of procedure of the Advisory Board¹.
4. At its fifth meeting, the Advisory Board adopted the [terms of reference of the Budget Subcommittee](#) (SNAB/2025/05/04/Add.1).

2.2. Members of the subcommittee

5. As per paragraph 7 of its approved terms of reference, the Budget Subcommittee will consist of a minimum of four and a maximum of six members.
6. As of the time of publication of this report, the Budget Subcommittee comprises the following members: (i) Mr. Alpha Kaloga, (ii) Ms. Eneida Rabdishta, (iii) Ms. Aisha Humera, and (iv) Ms. Muriel Gschwend.
7. Within this reporting period, Mr. Matthias Bachmann, who was an original member of the Budget Subcommittee, has since left the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board subsequently approved the appointment of Ms. Muriel Gschwend to the Budget Subcommittee, noting her interest at its fifth meeting and formalizing the decision through an intersessional process that concluded on 18 November 2025, pursuant to paragraph 51 of the Rules of procedure.

2.3. Activities during the reporting period

8. In accordance with its terms of reference, paragraph 8, the Budget Subcommittee unanimously elected Mr. Alpha Kaloga to serve as its Chair for a renewable one-year term.

¹ [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.

9. During the reporting period, the Budget Subcommittee convened to advance its mandate. At its January meeting, the subcommittee received updates from the Secretariat on the status of contributions and the execution of the budget. Furthermore, the subcommittee considered its work plan and meeting schedule for 2026, which was prepared by the Secretariat.
10. In alignment with Paragraphs 5(b) and 5(c) of its terms of reference, which mandate the review and recommendation on the execution of the Santiago Network's budget and related financial reports, the Budget Subcommittee focused on preparations for the sixth meeting of the Santiago Network Advisory Board, scheduled for 24–26 March 2026.
11. In this context, the Budget Subcommittee reviewed financial management documents prepared by the Secretariat, specifically the 'Report on the status of resources of the Santiago Network' (SNAB/2026/06/07) and the 'Report on the execution of the budget of the Santiago Network' (SNAB/2026/06/08).

2.4. Next steps

12. The Budget Subcommittee will continue to carry out its mandate as per its approved terms of reference.
13. In particular, before the seventh meeting of the Advisory Board, it will review and make recommendations to the Advisory Board on the proposed budget of the Santiago Network developed by the Secretariat for 2027, as per its terms of reference. This is also in compliance with paragraph 5(a) of its terms of reference, which mandates the Budget Subcommittee to review and make recommendations to the Advisory Board on the proposed budget of the Santiago Network developed by the Secretariat, including the budgetary implications of the work programme.
14. The next meeting of the Budget Subcommittee is expected to take place in Geneva, Switzerland as an in-person meeting, within the framework of the sixth meeting of the Advisory Board.

3. Report on activities of the Conflict of Interest Subcommittee

3.1. Background

15. The Advisory Board established the Conflict of Interest Subcommittee at its fourth meeting and invited the subcommittee to develop its terms of reference for consideration and approval of the Advisory Board, as per paragraph 44 of the [Guidelines on preventing potential and addressing actual and perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the Santiago Network](#). The [terms of reference of the Conflict of Interest Subcommittee](#) (SNAB/2025/05/04/Add.2), were approved at the fifth meeting of the Advisory Board.
16. At its fifth meeting, the Advisory Board requested the Conflict of Interest Subcommittee to “review the gaps in the Santiago Network conflict of interest guidelines and recommend a revised version for consideration and adoption by the Advisory Board” at a virtual meeting in February 2026.

3.2. Members of the subcommittee and chairing arrangements

17. As agreed by the Advisory Board at its fourth meeting, the Conflict of Interest Subcommittee comprises the following members: (i) Ms. Camila Minerva Rodríguez, (ii) Mr. Idy Niang, (iii) Mr. Rachid Tahiri, and (iv) Ms. Valentina Grigoryan. Upon the approval of the terms of reference by the Advisory Board during its fifth meeting, Ms. Camila Minerva Rodríguez was elected Chair.

3.3. Activities during the reporting period

18. The Conflict of Interest Subcommittee convened twice in the reporting period. The first meeting took place on 7 October 2025 during which members of the subcommittee elected a chair, discussed next steps regarding the revision of the Guidelines on preventing potential and addressing actual and perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the Santiago Network, and the mode of work of the subcommittee. Members agreed to consider the procedures for handling potential, actual and perceived conflicts of interest.
19. A second meeting took place on 4 February 2026 to agree on the draft of the revised conflict of interest guidelines to be recommended for consideration and adoption by the Advisory Board as requested in its fifth meeting, by decision 12.2.
20. The revised Guidelines on preventing potential and addressing actual and perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the Santiago Network were presented to the Advisory Board by the Chair, on behalf of the subcommittee, during the exceptional meeting held on 12 February 2026. The Advisory Board agreed to the revised [Guidelines on preventing potential and addressing actual and perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the Santiago Network](#), as contained in Annex II to the [report of the meeting](#), with immediate effect.

3.4. Next steps

21. With the approval of the revised Guidelines on preventing potential and addressing actual and perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the Santiago Network, members of the Conflict of Interest Subcommittee will start working on the procedures for handling potential, actual and perceived conflicts of interest to clarify the subcommittee's mode of work.

4. Report on activities of the Task Force on Outreach

4.1. Background

22. At its fourth meeting, the Advisory Board agreed to establish the Task Force on Outreach. It also invited the task force to develop its terms of reference for consideration and approval by the Advisory Board. The establishment of the task force is consistent with paragraphs 24 and 25 of the Rules of procedure of the Advisory Board. The [terms of reference of the Task Force on Outreach](#) (SNAB/2025/05/04/Add.3), were approved at the fifth meeting of the Advisory Board.

4.2. Members of the task force

23. As agreed by the Advisory Board at its fourth meeting, the Task Force on Outreach comprises the following members and representatives: (i) Ms. Camila Minerva Rodríguez, (ii) Mr. Akio Takemoto, (iii) Mr. Samuel Chijioke Okorie, (iv) Mr. Gideon Sanago, (v) Ms. Aisha Humera, and (vi) Mr. Idy Niang.

4.3. Activities during the reporting period

24. During the reporting period, the Task Force on Outreach convened to advance its mandate, focusing primarily on developing recommendations to enhance the effectiveness of observer participation in meetings of the Advisory Board, pursuant to the request made by the Advisory Board at its fifth meeting. In accordance with its terms of reference, the task force also unanimously elected Ms. Aisha Humera to serve as its spokesperson for a renewable one-year term.
25. The task force received updates from the Secretariat on ongoing outreach activities related to Santiago Network membership growth and technical assistance delivery. In reviewing these efforts, members emphasized the critical importance of ensuring that engagement activities and messaging remain multilingual, regionally tailored, and inclusive to effectively address thematic and regional gaps.
26. To address specific challenges related to observer participation the task force requested and reviewed a benchmarking exercise conducted by the Secretariat. This exercise analyzed observer participation practices across comparable UNFCCC constituted bodies and climate funds. This benchmarking was complemented by the consolidation of written inputs from Advisory Board members and representatives.
27. The task force requested the Secretariat to develop an options paper building on these inputs, to present concrete procedural models structured around key recommendation areas. The task force is reviewing the options and agreeing on the preferred approaches to be reflected in the recommendations.

4.4. Next steps

28. After concluding the review of the options paper, the task force will agree on recommended observer participation practices, and present these for formal consideration and approval by the Advisory Board at its sixth meeting.