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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 9 March 2026 to 14 September 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 fulfilment 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/2026/07/02) and the *Reports from subcommittees and drafting group* (SNAB/2026/07/04) for the seventh meeting of the Advisory Board.

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I. Introduction

1. This document reports on the activities of the Santiago Network Advisory Board Co-Chairs in the period between the sixth and the seventh meetings of the Advisory Board from 9 March 2026 to 14 September 2026.

2. In line with the Rules of procedure of the Advisory Board,[1] 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 fulfilment of these responsibilities.

3. In line with paragraph 14 of the Rules of procedure, at its sixth meeting from 24 to 26 March 2026, the Advisory Board elected Ms Leona Hollasch and Mr Idy Niang as Co-Chairs from among its members to serve for a term of one year. They served as Co-Chairs throughout the reporting period.

II. Advisory Board meetings

a. Sixth Advisory Board meeting

4. In line with paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Rules of procedure, the Co-Chairs chaired the sixth Advisory Board meeting that took place from 24 to 26 March 2026 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 sixth Advisory Board meeting. These decisions were approved on 26 March 2026 and are documented in the meeting report.

6. The sixth meeting of the Santiago Network Advisory Board saw the approval of the revised Santiago Network Results Framework as contained in document SNAB/2026/06/06/Rev.1, translating into practice the vision set out by the Santiago Network Strategy 2026–2028. The Advisory Board also endorsed key messages on complementarity and coherence included in the document SNAB/2026/06/09: Collaboration with the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) Executive Committee and with the Fund for responding to Loss and

[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.

Damage. The Advisory Board also agreed to the road map to prepare the terms of reference (ToRs) for the regular report on loss and damage pursuant to Decision 22/CMA.7 endorsed by Decision 11/CP.30, with a view to their adoption at the seventh meeting of the Advisory Board and established a drafting group to lead development of the ToRs.

7. The meeting also reflected rapidly growing demand for the Network's support, with a notable increase in technical assistance requests, in-country nominations of National Liaisons to the Secretariat, and membership underscoring strong and geographically diverse engagement.

b. Informal meeting

8. An informal meeting of the Advisory Board was convened by the Co-Chairs on 13 August 2026, as an opportunity to provide feedback on an interim draft of the ToRs for the regular report on loss and damage, consistent with the road map mentioned in paragraph 6.

9. Following the meeting, a consolidated final draft was developed and shared with the Advisory Board on 9 September for consideration and approval at its seventh Advisory Board meeting.

c. Preparations for the seventh Advisory Board meeting

10. The Co-Chairs held regular calls with the Santiago Network Secretariat to discuss organizational and substantive arrangements for the seventh Advisory Board meeting to be held from 29 September to 1 October 2026 in Tokyo, Japan.

11. On the substantive side, the Co-Chairs provided guidance and cleared the provisional agenda for the seventh 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 July 2026 in line with paragraph 41 of the Rules of procedure and was subsequently published on the SNAB7 meeting page. The Co-Chairs also provided guidance on the preparations for the informal Advisory Board meeting to be held on 28 September 2026.

III. Intersessional decisions

12. With the approval of the Co-Chairs, and in line with paragraph 51 of the Rules of procedure, the following intersessional decisions were transmitted by the Secretariat to the Advisory Board:

    a. SNAB/2026/ISD/10: Intersessional decision on *Election of an additional member of the drafting group for the terms of reference for the regular report on loss and damage* was sent to the Advisory Board on 18 May 2026 with a no-objection period ending on 25 May 2026. The decision was adopted.

    b. SNAB/2026/ISD/11: Intersessional decision on *Proposed intersessional decision on the endorsement of the 2025 annual financial statement* was sent to the Advisory Board on 9 June 2026 with a no-objection period ending on 30 June 2026. The decision was adopted.

    c. SNAB/2026/ISD/12: Intersessional decision on *Election of additional members of the Budget Subcommittee* was sent to the Advisory Board on 10 September 2026 with a no-objection period ending on 17 September 2026.

13. 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 seventh meeting report.

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

a. Engagement among the Co-Chairs of the Santiago Network Advisory Board, the WIM Executive Committee and the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage

14. With the support of their respective Secretariats, the Co-Chairs of the SNAB, WIM ExCom and Fund for responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) sought to identify a suitable moment to meet. Despite efforts by the SNAB Co-Chairs, it was not possible to identify an appropriate opportunity and it was agreed that a meeting would be planned at a time after the reporting period.

V. Sixty-fourth sessions of the United Nations Climate Change Subsidiary Bodies (SB64)

15. The Co-Chairs partly attended SB64 in Bonn, Germany, from 8 to 18 June 2026, leading visibility and engagement efforts for the Santiago Network.

16. On 12 June 2026, at the invitation of the Group Chair, Mr Idy Niang, on behalf of the Advisory Board Co-Chairs, provided an informal briefing to the Group of 77 and China (G77 and China) on the implementation of COP30/CMA7 decisions related to loss and damage, alongside a representative of the co-chairs of the WIM Executive Committee and co-chair of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage, supported by the respective Secretariats.

17. On 16 June 2026, the Co-Chairs facilitated a structured consultation on the first draft of the ToRs for a regular report on loss and damage, involving both SNAB and ExCom members. The consultation resulted in a set of inputs to draft 1, which were consolidated in a draft 2 for further discussion, according to the road map agreed at the sixth meeting of the Advisory Board.

VI. Other events

a. Regional workshop for Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries in the Caribbean

18. On 5 May 2026, Mr Idy Niang, on behalf of the Advisory Board Co-Chairs, participated virtually in the high-level opening session of the Santiago Network's regional workshop focusing on the development of technical assistance requests for Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries in the Caribbean held between 5 and 7 May 2026 in Bridgetown, Barbados. The session also included interventions by Ms Carolina Fuentes Castellanos, Director of the Santiago Network, H.E. Ilana Seid, Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States, Dr Isaac Solomon, Vice President of the Caribbean Development Bank, and H.E. Santia J.O. Bradshaw, Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Environment, National Beautification and Fisheries of Barbados.

b. Symposium on advancing non-economic losses: Data, policy, and capacity for action

19. Also on 5 May 2026, Ms Leona Hollasch, on behalf of the Advisory Board Co-Chairs, participated virtually in the thematic session on the status and perspectives from formal loss and damage bodies on non-economic losses during a Symposium on advancing non-economic losses: Data, policy, and

capacity for action co-organised by the United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and United Nations Development Programme in Bonn on 4 and 5 May, and presented on the current state of implementation of the Santiago Network. The session also included Ms Elisa Calliari, Co-Chair of the WIM Executive Committee and Ms Madeleine Diouf Sarr, Alternate member of the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage.