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Summary

This document has been developed pursuant to sections 5.1 and 5.3 of the existing document *SNAB/2024/2/06.Rev2 Guidelines for the designation of organizations, bodies, networks and experts as members of the Santiago network*, which states the criteria for Santiago Network membership are to be reviewed two years after the approval of the guideline by the Advisory Board.

The revision has been informed by institutional policies, including the Santiago Network Strategy and Advisory Board approved Results Framework, and by lessons learned through the Secretariat's operational experience to date. Structured feedback was also gathered through a set of consultation questions on possible amendments posed to key stakeholders, including Advisory Board members and representatives, Members of the Network, National Liaisons, the Warsaw International Mechanism Executive Committee and Fund for responding to Loss and Damage Secretariats, and Santiago Network co-hosts.

The revised guidelines, contained in Annex I to this document, outline the diverse roles organizations, bodies, networks and experts (OBNEs) can play in support of the Santiago Network. They define the criteria OBNEs need to meet and the procedure they need to follow to become a Member of the Network.

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I. Introduction

1. The proposed revised text of the membership guidelines presented in Annex I to this document has been developed pursuant to sections 5.1 and 5.3 of the existing *Guidelines for the designation of organizations, bodies, networks and experts as Members of the Santiago Network*, requesting that the criteria for Santiago Network membership would be reviewed two years after the date of the approval of the guidelines by the Advisory Board. The revised text presented in Annex I is submitted to the Advisory Board for consideration and approval, along with Annex II (Template for expression of interest – Santiago Network membership).

2. The key sources of information for this revised text include lessons learned from the expression of interest (EOI) approval and membership engagement processes, as well as from the consultation with key stakeholders. This review also aligns with the mission, priorities, objectives and principles set out for the Network in its Strategy 2026–2028 and in its Results Framework, and further developed in its Outreach and Engagement Strategy 2026–2028. The review also builds on inputs gathered through formal consultations, other Santiago Network events and processes, and engagement opportunities with Members and other stakeholders. The key documents that have informed this review are listed in Annex III.

3. The following section summarizes the key proposed changes to the text of the guidelines compared with the previous version (SNAB/2024/2/06.Rev.2).

II. Summary of changes from previous version

A. Overall changes

4. The guidelines have been aligned with the strategic and operational documents approved by the Advisory Board since the adoption of the initial guidelines, including the Santiago Network Strategy 2026–2028 and related strategic framework, and the Results Framework.

5. The content has been streamlined and reorganized in order to simplify the guidelines, as per SNAB6 decision point 5.1.4, requesting the Secretariat "to consider, as part of its review of the Guidelines for the designation of OBNEs as Members of the Santiago Network (…) the simplification of the membership guidelines and process, for consideration by the Advisory Board at its seventh meeting".

6. The text has been adapted to reflect the growth of the Network and its increasing diversification and coverage.

7. The text has been adapted to reflect the evolving understanding of Members' potential roles in contributing to the Santiago Network's six functions.

8. The document has been reviewed from a gender and inclusion perspective, notably to fully align with the eleventh preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement.

9. References to paragraph 122 of the outcome of the global stocktake (1/CMA.5)[1] and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Sixth Assessment Report (IPCC AR6) have been added to strengthen the focus on context-specific understanding of communities vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, including as adopted under the 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.[2]

B. Specific proposed changes

10. The title has been changed to *Guidelines on membership*, as the text covers more than the designation of OBNEs as Members.

11. Sections B.1 and B.2 have been expanded to reflect Members' perspectives on their contribution to the Santiago Network and expected value added in joining the Network, as expressed in the feedback gathered and systematized in the documents listed in Annex III. Key points that were highlighted in the survey include:

    a. Knowledge management and co-creation: OBNEs conduct research, generate evidence and facilitate joint publications and peer-to-peer learning.

[1] Paragraph 122 in Decision 1/CMA.5, on the outcome of the global stocktake on loss and damage "recognizes the importance of particularly vulnerable developing countries and segments of the population that are already vulnerable owing to geography, socioeconomic status, livelihood, gender, age, minority status, marginalization, displacement or disability, as well as the ecosystems that they depend on, in responding to loss and damage associated with climate change impacts".

[2] Intersessional decision SNAB/2025/ISD/06 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" adopted on 30 August 2025.

b. Capacity-building and advocacy: OBNEs lead training, mentoring, advocacy and awareness-raising work, and may support proponents with request development, observing the conflict of interest guidelines.

c. Networking: OBNEs connect the Secretariat, national liaisons and local communities across levels and sectors.

d. Policy engagement: OBNEs can support the integration of loss and damage considerations into national policies and plans.

e. Monitoring, evaluation and accountability: OBNEs can support monitoring, quality assurance, evaluation and learning.

f. Resource mobilization: OBNEs can assist in fundraising and deploying additional capacities, including through rosters.

It should be noted that the viability of concrete work under some of these areas will require further assessment and the definition of adequate safeguards to avoid potential conflicts of interest and ensure adherence with UNOPS procedures.

12. Section C, criterion 3: In addition to previously allowed exemptions for OBNEs representing local communities, Indigenous Peoples, women and girls, children and youth, persons with disabilities, migrants and people in vulnerable situations, it is suggested that exemptions could also be granted to recently created organizations, bodies or networks that employ or engage individuals with proven technical capacity. This proposal is based on the experience gathered through the approval of over 500 membership EOIs.

13. In paragraph 19, a provision is added to flag that Members who wish to join any roster that may be created under the Santiago Network will need to undergo additional competitive processes and comply with additional membership criteria, as detailed in the *Guidelines for catalysing technical assistance*.

14. Section D: It is proposed to move to an online-only system for submission and processing of EOIs. This is based on the difficulty of keeping the current system, which creates two parallel EOI submission and management systems (through the portal and via email), especially in the face of a rapid uptake in EOI submission and the involvement of regional colleagues in the EOI review and approval process. The online template was reviewed and simplified in March 2026, better highlighting essential information and shortening the time required to apply. Moreover, OBNEs finding it difficult to apply through the online template can still request assistance from the Secretariat.

15. Section D: It is proposed that the Santiago Network Secretariat share written reports on OBNE designation with the Advisory Board twice every year, during its meetings, including the average time taken in processing and designating members, approvals and cases in which the OBNEs did not fully meet the membership criteria, with due consideration of confidentiality requirements.

16. Section E.1. It is suggested that Members be invited to notify the Secretariat of any changes to their membership status to ensure effective outreach and engagement efforts. This formulation substitutes the previous paragraph requiring the Secretariat to find ways to ensure that information is updated. It shifts the responsibility of updates onto Members, who have a direct stake in remaining able to access the Secretariat's communications.

17. Section E.3. It is suggested that a fixed deadline for the automatic review of the Guidelines be removed, and instead move to a model based on a) actual need for review and b) communications from the Secretariat to the SNAB. This is based on the consolidation of processes and learnings gathered throughout the last two years and through the processing of over 450 EOIs, in order to avoid the need for the Secretariat to undertake extensive consultation and review of this document in the absence of identified needs in this sense.

18. Template, Section 1. It is suggested that the disaggregation criteria used previously be expanded to better capture areas of work and constituencies. Initial testing has already taken place on these elements in previous events and activities with members. The proposed tags, to be further aligned with the technical assistance (TA) categories as applicable, are structured as follows:

    a. Areas of expertise of the OBNE:

        - Loss and damage assessments and data collection
        - Risk analysis and risk management
        - Strengthening data, reporting and climate information systems
        - Access to finance, including proposal development and financing frameworks
        - Early warning systems
        - Emergency preparedness
        - Resilience and adaptation planning
        - Non-economic loss and damage
        - Institutional capacity-building
        - Monitoring and impact evaluation
        - Integration into policy and planning frameworks

- Human mobility, including migration, displacement and planned relocation

b. Sector of work *(tags to be provided by OBNEs to complement the above TA categories)*

c. Constituency the OBNE represents *(the list currently in use has been modified to align better with the eleventh preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement, paragraph 122 of the outcome of the global stocktake (1/CMA.5) and the IPCC AR6 findings on global hotspots of high human vulnerability):*

- Children and youth
- Indigenous Peoples
- Local communities
- Migrants, displaced persons and refugees
- Persons with disabilities
- Women and girls
- People in vulnerable situations.

Annex I: Draft guidelines on Santiago Network membership

A. Background

1. A key element of the Santiago Network, established in 2019, is its network of diverse organizations, bodies, networks and experts (OBNEs), from all geographical regions and with expertise in all topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage. These OBNEs become Members of the Network and support its functions, notably by:
    a. Delivering demand-driven technical assistance;
    b. Allowing the Santiago Network to consider a wide range of topics and hazards;
    c. Promoting synergy, coordination, and cooperation among stakeholders;
    d. Producing knowledge and enhancing dissemination of, and access to, information;
    e. Facilitating access to finance, technology, and capacity-building;
    f. Supporting the work of the Santiago Network Secretariat in key domains and in conformity with the conflict of interest guidelines.

2. These guidelines outline the diverse roles OBNEs can play in support of the Santiago Network. They define the criteria OBNEs need to meet and the procedure they need to follow to become a Member.[3]

3. These guidelines are approved by the Santiago Network Advisory Board (henceforth referred to as: "the Advisory Board") and implemented by the Santiago Network Secretariat ("the Secretariat").

B. OBNEs as Members of the Santiago Network

<u>B.1 Functions of Santiago Network Members</u>

4. The network of Member OBNEs is key to fulfilling the Santiago Network's role to catalyse technical assistance in an effective and efficient manner. By becoming Members of the Santiago Network, OBNEs are able to support its core function, submitting proposals against calls for technical assistance, thereby offering their support to contribute to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage responses at local, national and regional levels in developing countries that are

[3] These guidelines revise and substitute the existing Guidelines for the designation of organizations, bodies, networks and experts as Members of the Santiago Network (SNAB/2024/2/06.Rev.2), based on their paragraphs 5.1 and 5.3. In turn, the Guidelines for the designation of organizations, bodies, networks and experts as Members of the Santiago Network were developed in accordance with Paragraph 17 of Decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed by decision 11/CP.27, mandating the Santiago Network Secretariat to elaborate modalities and procedures for the Santiago Network under the guidance of and by approval of the Advisory Board.

particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, individually or through consortia that benefit from diverse thematic expertise across the Network.

5. The Santiago Network, however, is also a knowledge and coordination network on loss and damage. As such, through their expertise, capacities and resources, its Members can contribute to:

    a. Developing knowledge, tools and products, and approaches that help guide and inform action and support to avert, minimize and address loss and damage;

    b. Helping governments, communities and other stakeholders assess, identify and prioritize assistance needs, elaborate requests for technical assistance, and explore and select effective action and support approaches, consistently with the Guidelines on conflict of interests[4]

6. Moreover, consistently with the indications from the Santiago Network outreach and engagement strategy 2026–2028,[5] and with due consideration of the Guidelines on preventing potential and addressing actual and perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the Santiago Network, Members can directly support the Secretariat's functions, by:
    a. Contributing to knowledge-sharing, learning and dissemination of information relevant to the work of the Santiago Network and its membership;[6]
    b. Sharing advice, promoting joint approaches to implementation and providing specialized services (e.g. monitoring and evaluation, coordination and capacity-building) in support of the work of the Santiago Network and its Secretariat;[7]

[4] Paragraph 33 of the Guidelines on preventing potential and addressing actual and perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the Santiago Network, available at: https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/Core/Santiago-Network-Conflict-of-Interest-Guidelines-Updated-28-February-2026.pdf, state that: "Members may provide technical support for the development of technical assistance requests to prospective proponents. Members must disclose the technical support they provided to become eligible to respond to the request for technical assistance they supported."

[5] The Santiago Network Outreach and Engagement Strategy was adopted by the Advisory Board at its fifth meeting and is available at: https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB5/FINAL-ADOPTED-SNAB_2025_05_07_Rev.1-Santiago-network-outreach-and-engagement-strategy-2026-2028.pdf.

[6] Paragraph 32 of the Guidelines states that "Members providing support to the Secretariat in developing, providing and disseminating knowledge and information on averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage may offer to respond to technical assistance requests without any limitation."

[7] Paragraph 24 of the Guidelines states that: "The Hosts and Members may provide technical support in the domain of averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage as needed, ensuring the independent nature of the Secretariat.". Paragraph 31 states that: "Members engaged in providing technical support to the Secretariat in relation to a request for technical assistance will not be eligible to respond to the request for technical assistance in question."

c. Providing support to prospective proponents for the development of technical assistance requests.

7. Delivering the mission and strategic objectives of the Santiago Network depends on building a membership that is active and engaged in technical assistance, knowledge development and sharing, and support to operations.[8] Different OBNEs can support different functions to different extents. Building a diverse, balanced Network is key to ensuring that all these roles can be fulfilled effectively.

B.2 Benefits of joining the Network

1. By joining the Santiago Network, Members become eligible to respond to requests for technical assistance under the purview of the Santiago Network. Additionally, Members will be able to:

   a. Benefit from networking opportunities with other OBNEs to facilitate collaboration on loss and damage responses, including for the formation of consortia for responding to technical assistance calls for proposals;
   b. Benefit from expertise and experience developed through the Santiago Network;
   c. Be able to showcase and share knowledge, capacities, tools and learnings with other Members of the Santiago Network;
   d. Contribute to and benefit from the wider landscape of action and support on loss and damage associated with climate change.

B.3 Membership categories

8. Different categories of OBNEs can be designated as Members of the Santiago Network provided they meet the criteria listed in Section C. The diversity of its membership is a key part of the inclusive nature of the Santiago Network. Entities that can become Members include:

   a. Organizations: independent legal entities;
   b. Bodies: groups that are not necessarily independent legal entities;
   c. Networks: interconnected groups of organizations or individuals that collaborate, share resources or coordinate activities to achieve common goals. Networks can vary in structure, purpose and scope but do not necessarily have legally established arrangements such as consortia;

[8] In line with paragraph 23 of the Santiago Network outreach and engagement strategy 2026–2028.

d. Experts: individuals who are recognized specialists in a specific field.

9. All these categories of OBNEs can be providers of technical assistance, in line with their capacity and expertise. Moreover, they can all contribute to the establishment of a knowledge and coordination network under the Santiago Network, by developing, providing and disseminating knowledge and information on averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, and establishing partnerships to support countries, communities and other Members.

10. In order to promote a composition that is representative of the diverse ecosystem of actors working on averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage around the world, and in accordance with its Outreach and Engagement Strategy 2026–2028, the Santiago Network takes proactive efforts to engage a balanced representation of OBNEs, including from diverse categories and different regions, and working on different sectors of loss and damage responses.

11. In addition, the Santiago Network strives to build collaboration among its Members, through consortia-building and coordination opportunities (e.g. virtual and in-person exchanges, and matchmaking tools) to fully leverage the diverse, inclusive nature of the Network.

C. Designation of OBNEs

12. In order to become a Member and be able to contribute meaningfully to the functions listed in section B.1 and to the work of the Santiago Network, and to support the objectives of averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, OBNEs must meet a number of criteria, outlined below:

13. *Criterion 1: Proven expertise in topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage*

    OBNEs will be required to demonstrate expertise in a topic relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change.

14. *Criterion 2: Demonstrated experience in providing technical assistance in topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage*

    OBNEs will be required to demonstrate a minimum of three years' experience in providing technical assistance in a topic relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change. However, the Director of the Santiago Network Secretariat could make exemptions for specific

OBNEs, particularly those representing local communities, Indigenous Peoples, women and girls,[9] children and youth, persons with disabilities, migrants and people in vulnerable situations. In addition, the Director could grant exemptions to recently established organizations, bodies or networks that engage individuals with demonstrated technical capacity and expertise on topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage. Exemptions by the Director shall be communicated to the Advisory Board.

15. *Criterion 3: Commitments*

    In order to be designated as Members of the Santiago Network, OBNEs must commit to the following:

    a. Take into consideration the cross-cutting issues referred to in the eleventh preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement,[10] in paragraph 122 of the outcome of the global stocktake (1/CMA.5),[11] and in the IPCC findings on global hotspots of high human vulnerability;

    b. Adhere to the conflict of interest guidelines of the Santiago Network;

    c. Adhere to applicable environmental and social safeguards and integrity standards, including, inter alia, the prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment, and the prevention of fraud and corruption.

16. Members who participate in selection processes for the delivery of technical assistance and will receive financial resources from the Santiago Network to implement activities in response to requests from proponents will need to comply with additional criteria as part of the Secretariat's due diligence process, including in relation to financial management, as specified in the Santiago Network Guidelines for managing funding[12] and in other UNOPS regulations, as applicable.

17. Furthermore, depending on technical assistance needs, calls might be issued in alignment with existing mechanisms available under UNOPS rules and regulations to identify sub-sets of Members with specific expertise (e.g. rosters).

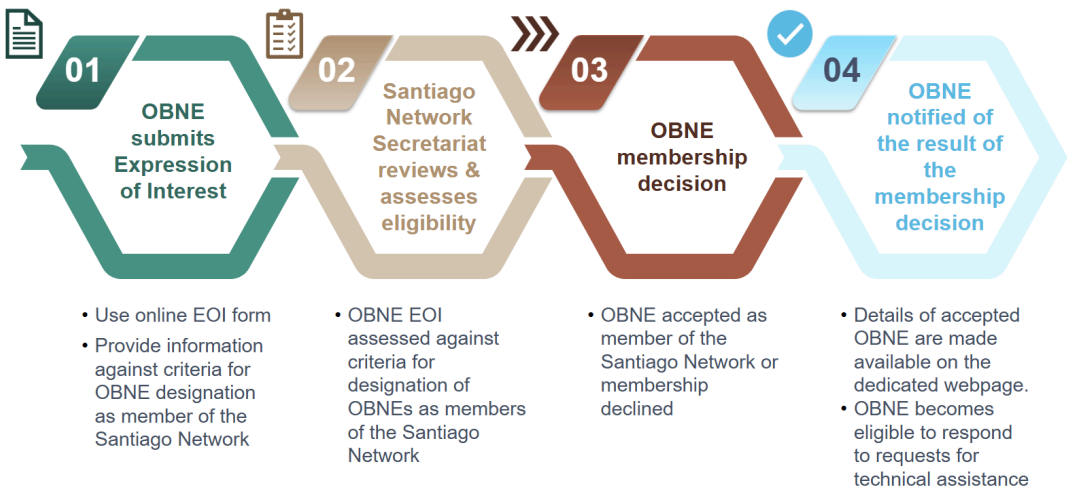
[9] UNFCCC, decision 7/CP.30, Belém gender action plan, document FCCC/CP/2025/12/Add.1, third preambular paragraph.
[10] "...respect, promote and consider [Parties] respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity."
[11] Paragraph 122 in Decision 1/CMA.5, on the outcome of the global stocktake on loss and damage "recognizes the importance of particularly vulnerable developing countries and segments of the population that are already vulnerable owing to geography, socioeconomic status, livelihood, gender, age, minority status, marginalization, displacement or disability, as well as the ecosystems that they depend on, in responding to loss and damage associated with climate change impacts".
[12] https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/Core/Guidelines-for-managing-funding-EN.pdf.

Members who wish to respond to such calls will need to undergo dedicated competitive processes and evaluations, in accordance with the indications of the Revised Guidelines on Technical Assistance (SNAB/2026/07/05), and any instruction contained in the relevant calls.

D. Process for designation of OBNEs as Members of the Santiago Network

18. Interested OBNEs will submit an expression of interest to become a Member using a standard online form available through the Santiago Network Portal, in fulfilment of required criteria. The Santiago Network Secretariat, including through its staff based in the regions, will provide adequate support to OBNEs, especially local and community-based organizations in developing countries, that may not have access to communication services to submit the expression of interest.

Figure 1: Summary of the process for designating OBNEs as Members of the Santiago Network



19. Once an expression of interest has been received, the Santiago Network Secretariat will review and assess its eligibility against the criteria in a timely manner. The Santiago Network secretariat may verify the information provided, or seek additional information before the OBNE's designation as Member.

20. Based on the result of the assessment, an OBNE will either be included as a Member of the Santiago Network or membership will be declined. Once accepted, the OBNE will be notified by the Santiago Network Secretariat and will receive any relevant guidance related to engaging in the Network.

21. The Santiago Network Secretariat will share written reports on OBNE designation with the Advisory Board twice a year during its regular meetings. Information on

average time taken in processing and designating Members, approvals, unsuccessful applications and exceptions to the approval process, and other key elements, as needed, will be included in the Report on the activities of the Secretariat, and shared in accordance with confidentiality requirements.

E. Modalities of membership

E.1 Duration of membership and termination

22. No time limit is placed on the duration of membership. Members are requested to notify the Secretariat of any changes affecting their membership status, in order to ensure that member outreach and engagement efforts can take place in the most effective manner possible.

23. Membership can be terminated by the Santiago Network Secretariat on account of fraud, misconduct, violation of commitments made as part of Santiago Network membership under criterion 3, including conflict of interests, etc. The Advisory Board will be advised of such instances for any further guidance to be provided, including through the Conflicts of Interest Subcommittee for relevant cases.

24. A Member can also voluntarily withdraw as a Member of the Santiago Network after notifying the Secretariat. The Member will receive confirmation of its withdrawal from the Santiago Network Secretariat once the request is processed.

E.2 Transparency

25. Information on Members will be shared publicly on the Santiago Network's dedicated virtual platforms to enable outreach and coordination among OBNEs, while respecting privacy and confidentiality.

26. In submitting the expression of interest, the OBNE agrees that the Santiago Network Secretariat can share relevant information publicly. Information about an OBNE made available may include: name of organization, body, network or expert, summary of expertise related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, basic contact information and link to web page where applicable.

E.3 Amendments to the criteria

27. Under the guidance of the Advisory Board, the Santiago Network Secretariat will continue to compile lessons and feedback on the designation and engagement of Members from the implementation of its work.

28. If needed, the Santiago Network Secretariat might request that the Advisory Board consider revisions to the membership criteria. Any such modification would need to be approved by the Advisory Board.

E.4 Requests for reconsideration of declined expressions of interest for membership

29. In the event that the Secretariat has declined membership of an OBNE because it does not meet the eligibility criteria, which may include omissions or concerns with the information provided, the respective OBNE may wish to make a request for reconsideration in accordance with the following process:

    a. An OBNE may submit a request for the membership decision to be reconsidered, and provide additional information based on the reasons given for declining the membership.

    b. The Secretariat will review the expression of interest for membership in light of the additional information and, if required, consult with the OBNE for any additional clarification. Where applicable, the Secretariat may make recommendations which, if implemented by the respective OBNE, may make it eligible for membership. In this case, the OBNE would be encouraged to update and re-submit their expression of interest once the recommendations have been addressed.

30. The Advisory Board will be informed of any unsuccessful applications and further actions taken by the Santiago Network Secretariat for information and necessary guidance.

Annex II: Template for expression of interest – Santiago Network membership

Organizations, bodies, networks and experts (OBNEs) that can provide technical assistance for relevant approaches for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage are invited to become a Member of the Santiago Network. Interested OBNEs can submit the information requested below through the Santiago Network portal, or reach out to members@santiago-network.org for any assistance.

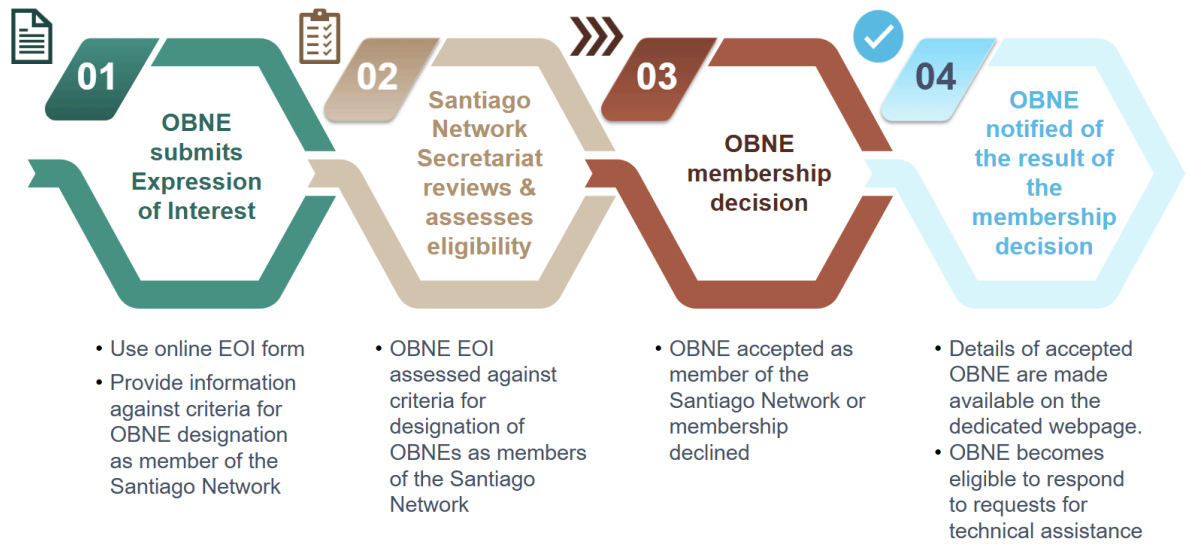
The Santiago Network was established in 2019 to catalyse the technical assistance of relevant OBNEs for the implementation of relevant approaches for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change at the local, national and regional level in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.[13] Technical assistance will be country- and demand-driven, and delivered according to the functions of the Santiago Network.[14]

By joining the Santiago Network, Members become eligible to respond to calls for technical assistance published through the Network. Additionally, they are able to:

- Benefit from networking opportunities with other OBNEs to facilitate collaboration on loss and damage responses;
- Benefit from expertise and experience developed through the Santiago Network;
- Showcase knowledge, capacities, tools and learning with other Members of the Network;
- Advance knowledge and responses on loss and damage;
- Contribute to and benefit from the wider landscape of action and support on loss and damage associated with climate change.

This expression of interest is designed for all OBNEs. The relevant sections should be completed using the standard online form available through the Santiago Network Portal. Once the information is processed, the Santiago Network Secretariat will formally advise the applicant of the decision and any other relevant information. The process for membership is as follows:

[13] Decision 2/CMA.2; noted in 2/CP.25; 12/CMA.4 and 11/CP.27, Annex 1 paragraph 1.
[14] Ibid.



For further details, please contact members@santiago-network.org, or visit the website https://santiago-network.org/membership.

Disclaimer: Completing this expression of interest does not guarantee that an OBNE will become a Member of the Santiago Network or be selected to respond to technical assistance requests. Due process will be followed according to the relevant guidelines approved by the Advisory Board of the Santiago Network. Once approved as a Member, information on the OBNE will be made public, while respecting the privacy and confidentiality of sensitive information provided to the Santiago Network Secretariat.

Contact information	
Name of the organization, body, network or expert (OBNE)	
Mailing address	
Primary contact for organizations and networks (name, position/role, department (if applicable), phone)	
Website	
Email address	
Statement of motivation and value addition for joining the Santiago Network	

OBNEs may provide a statement of motivation and value addition in keeping with the functions of the Santiago Network and area(s) of expertise (no more than 300 words) – *optional*

Additional details	
Biographical information/mandate	
OBNE logo or headshot	
Is the OBNE a(n):	• Organization • Body • Network • Expert

Criteria for membership for all OBNEs

Standard criteria for membership for all interested OBNEs:

1. Proven expertise in topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage *To assure relevance and quality of expertise and services delivered by OBNEs, information on current expertise in a topic relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change and types of activities for which technical assistance can be supported must be provided. OBNEs are required to provide the professional profiles of the experts or information on the relevant teams/departments/branches in Appendix A.*
Please select up to three areas that best describe the core expertise of the OBNE: • ___Loss and damage assessments and data collection • ___Risk analysis and risk management • ___Strengthening data, reporting and climate information systems • ___Access to finance, including proposal development and financing frameworks • ___Early warning systems • ___Emergency preparedness • ___Resilience and adaptation planning • ___Non-economic losses • ___Institutional capacity-building • ___Monitoring and impact evaluation • ___Integration into policy and planning frameworks • ___Human mobility, migration and planned relocation

Please mention up to three areas that best describe the sector in which the OBNE works: • • •
Does the OBNE directly represent any of these specific constituencies? • Children and youth • Indigenous Peoples • Local communities • Migrants • Persons with disabilities • Women and girls • *People in vulnerable situations (including situations under paragraph 122 of the outcome of the global stocktake (1/CMA.5)*[15] or *in the IPCC AR6 findings on global hotspots of high human vulnerability).*
2. Demonstrated experience in providing technical assistance in topics and activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage *OBNEs must demonstrate a minimum of three years' experience in providing technical assistance in a topic relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change. Supporting documents can be placed in an appendix or attached to the email when making the application. Information on a maximum of the 10 most relevant initiatives or projects should be provided, with supporting documentation in Appendix B.* *NB: The Director of the Santiago Network Secretariat could make exemptions for specific OBNEs, particularly those of local communities, Indigenous Peoples, women and girls, children and youth, persons with disabilities, migrants and people in vulnerable situations. In addition, the Director could make exemptions for recently established organizations, bodies or networks that engage individuals with demonstrated technical capacity and expertise on topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage.*

Project/initiative 1 Title: Duration: Partners: Location (country/communities): Topic/focus area:	Project description (max 200 words): ☐Appendix with supporting documents _____
Project/initiative 2	Project description (max 200 words):

[15] Paragraph 122 in Decision 1/CMA.5, on the outcome of the global stocktake on loss and damage "recognizes the importance of particularly vulnerable developing countries and segments of the population that are already vulnerable owing to geography, socioeconomic status, livelihood, gender, age, minority status, marginalization, displacement or disability, as well as the ecosystems that they depend on, in responding to loss and damage associated with climate change impacts".

Title: Duration: Partners: Location (country/communities): Topic/focus area:	☐Appendix with supporting documents _____

Additional information: Geographical scope

Indicate where the OBNE works on topics relevant to loss and damage	
Global/regional level (select all that apply)	
Country level	

Additional information: Organizations

Year of registration	
Country/countries of registration	
Location of main office and other offices	
Mandate	
Type of organization (select all that apply)	☐Government (national) ☐Government (local) ☐Private sector ☐Academic/research ☐Non-governmental organization (NGO) ☐Community-based organization (CBO) ☐ Organization representing Indigenous Peoples, children and youth, migrants, persons with disabilities, women and girls, or other people in vulnerable situations ☐United Nations organization ☐International organization

	☐Financial institution ☐Other _____
Is the OBNE based in:	31. A Small Island Developing State (SIDS) 32. A Least Developed Country (LDC)

Additional information: Bodies

Year of registration, if applicable	
Country/countries of registration	
Location of main office and other offices	
Size and composition	
Mandate	
Type of body (select all that apply)	☐Government (national) ☐Government (local) ☐Private sector ☐Academic/research ☐Non-governmental organization (NGO) ☐Community-based organization (CBO) ☐ Organization representing Indigenous Peoples, children and youth, migrants, persons with disabilities, women and girls, or other people in vulnerable situations. ☐Financial institution ☐Multisectoral ☐Other _____
Is the OBNE based in:	33. A Small Island Developing State (SIDS) 34. A Least Developed Country (LDC)

Additional information: Networks

Please note that only the entity submitting the EOI will become a Member of the Santiago Network. If they are interested in membership in the Santiago Network, other OBNEs that are part of the network will need to submit a separate EOI.

Year of registration, if applicable	
Country/countries of registration	
Location of main office and other offices	
Composition of network (list key Members)	Member 1: Name: Mandate/Focus areas: Location(s): ☐Lead entity (select if applicable) -- Member 2: Name: Mandate/Focus areas: Location(s): ☐Lead entity (select if applicable) -- Member 3: Name: Mandate/Focus areas: Location(s): ☐Lead entity (select if applicable)
Other relevant network details	☐Appendix (select if additional documents provided)
Mandate of the network	
Type of network (select all that apply)	☐Government (national) ☐Government (local) ☐Private sector ☐Academic/research ☐Non-governmental organization (NGO) ☐Community-based organization (CBO) ☐ Network of organizations representing Indigenous Peoples, children and youth, migrants, persons with

	disabilities, women and girls, or other people in vulnerable situations ☐United Nations organization ☐International organization ☐Financial institution ☐Multisectoral ☐Other _____
Is the OBNE based in:	35. A Small Island Developing State (SIDS) 36. A Least Developed Country (LDC)

Commitments

Each OBNE is required to make commitments in order to be considered a Member of the Santiago Network. Please note that failure to adhere to or comply with these criteria will result in a refusal of the EOI or in the termination of membership, as per paragraphs 17 and 25 of the Guidelines on membership.

The _____ [insert OBNE name] commits to the following (required):

☐Take into consideration the cross-cutting issues referred to in the eleventh preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement,[16] in paragraph 122 of the outcome of the global stocktake (1/CMA.5),[17] and in the IPCC findings on global hotspots of high human vulnerability;

☐ Adhere to the Guidelines on conflicts of interests of the Santiago Network[18]

☐ Adhere to appropriate environmental and social safeguards[19]

Declaration and signature

Declaration

[16] "...respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity".

[17] Paragraph 122 in Decision 1/CMA.5, on the outcome of the global stocktake on loss and damage "recognizes the importance of particularly vulnerable developing countries and segments of the population that are already vulnerable owing to geography, socioeconomic status, livelihood, gender, age, minority status, marginalization, displacement or disability, as well as the ecosystems that they depend on, in responding to loss and damage associated with climate change impacts".

[18] https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/Core/Santiago-Network-Conflict-of-Interest-Guidelines-Updated-28-February-2026.pdf.

[19] Further details are included in all calls for proposals published by the Santiago Network.

I confirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.	
Date (day-month-year):	Signature: Authorizing Officer

Annex III: Key resources used to orient this revision

- Santiago Network Strategy 2026–2028: https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB5/FINAL-ADOPTED-SNAB_2025_05_05_Rev.1-Santiago-network-strategy-2026-2028.pdf
- Santiago Network Results Framework: https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB6/SNAB_2026_06_06-Santiago-Network-Results-Framework.pdf
- Santiago Network Outreach and Engagement Strategy 2026–2028 https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB5/FINAL-ADOPTED-SNAB_2025_05_07_Rev.1-Santiago-network-outreach-and-engagement-strategy-2026-2028.pdf
- Santiago Network Membership Engagement Event 2025 – Visioning Exercise Visioning exercise_09052025.pptx
- Santiago Network Membership Engagement Event 2025 – Brainstorming ProcessMembership brainstorming_October 14.pptx
- Proposed approaches to filtering Members on the portal:
    - 2025 Filtering Members expertise/types_tags
    - 2026 Updated THEMATIC TAGS OBNEs
- Internal Discussion note on Member Engagement 2025 Internal Discussion Note on Member Engagement - June 2025.docx
- Draft Members Engagement Plan 2026 Santiago Network Members Draft Engagement Plan
- Synthesis of members' inputs Conceptual tree
- Outcomes of July 2026 Consultation of members, OBNEs and National Liaisons: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KZqc4WZQGf4PTH27MXgPwmvlK59l7ot3vxqnPqEh_yU/edit?usp=sharing
- The Proposal 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, under the guidelines for managing funding (SNAB/2026/07/07)
- The Revised Guidelines on Technical Assistance (SNAB/2026/07/05)