

# SANTIAGO NETWORK: GLOBAL WEBINAR ON MEMBERSHIP

Building a network of organizations, bodies, networks and experts (OBNEs)

2 October 2024

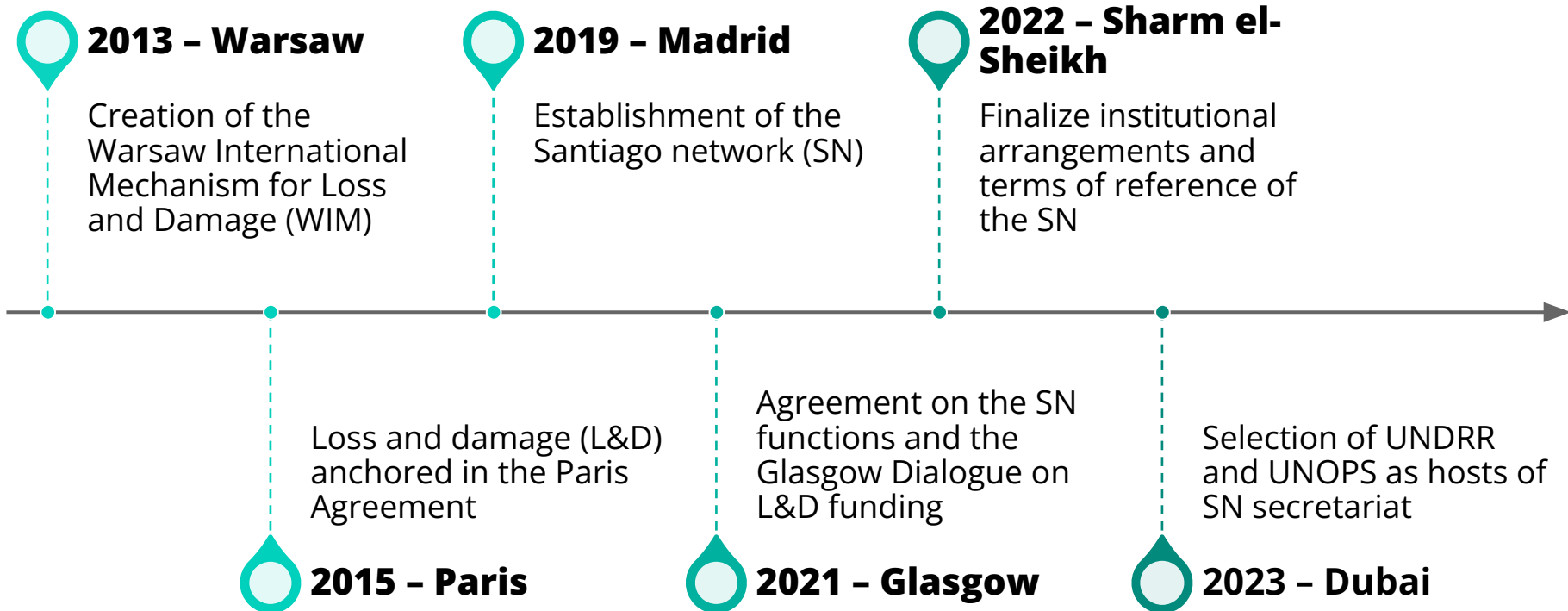
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# INTRODUCTION AND PROGRESS TO DATE

- Santiago network mandate, goals and functions
- Positioning in the wider landscape on loss and damage
- Key milestones and progress in operationalizing the network

# KEY MILESTONES



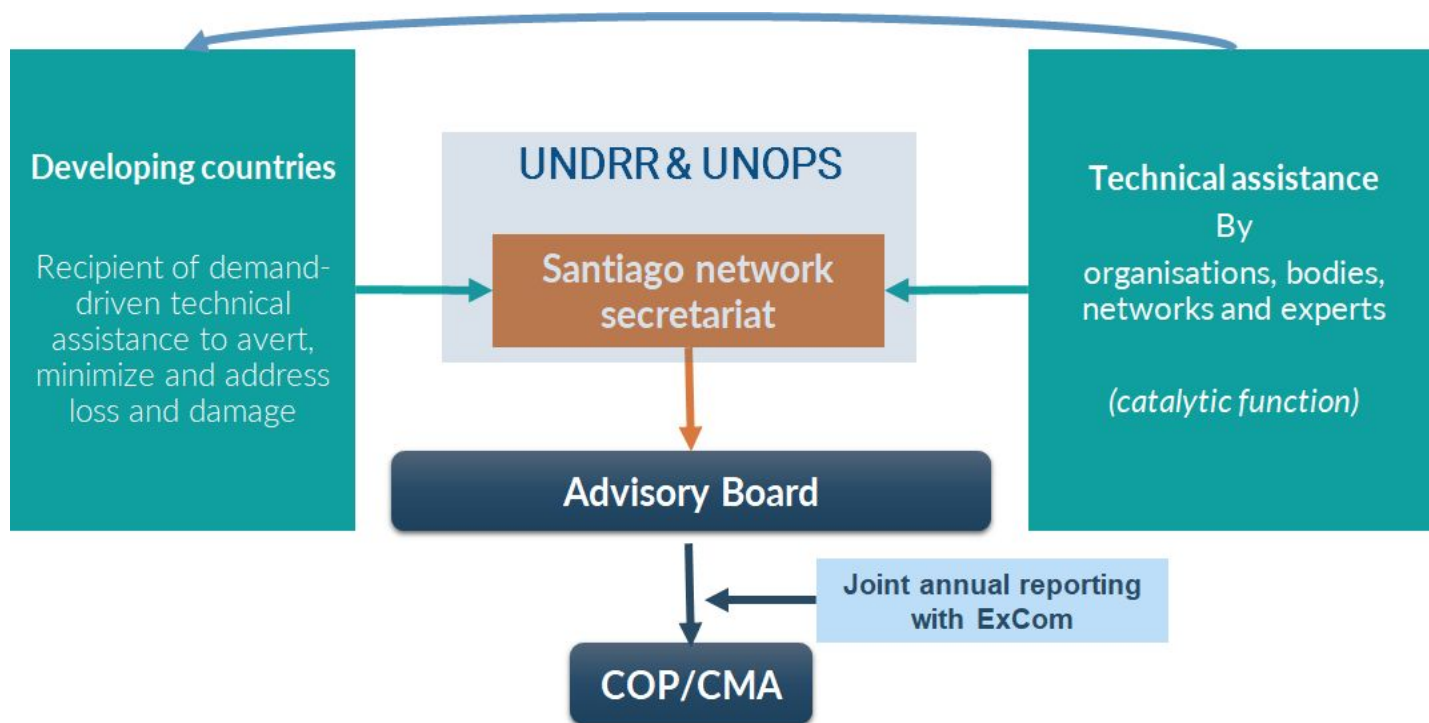
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# AIM AND STRUCTURE

- The Santiago network was established **to catalyze technical assistance** of organizations, bodies, networks, and experts (OBNEs), to avert, minimize and address loss and damage at the local, national, and regional levels.
- **Structure:**
  - **Advisory Board** – to provide oversight and guidance to the SN secretariat
  - **Hosted secretariat** – to facilitate the work of the network
  - **Organizations, bodies, networks and experts (OBNEs)** – to provide technical assistance covering a wide range of topics relating to loss and damage
- Santiago network was established under the **Warsaw International Mechanism for loss and damage (WIM)**
  - Also under the WIM is the Executive Committee (ExCom) policy arm to guide the implementation of the functions of the WIM
  - ExCom and Santiago network prepare joint reports annually

# HOW IS THE SANTIAGO NETWORK DESIGNED TO WORK?



# CONNECTING THE DOTS



# PROGRESS

- Following UNGA authorization, MOU on hosting of the Santiago network has been signed (between UNDRR-UNOPS and UNFCCC ES on behalf of Parties)
- Establishment of start-up arrangements to kick-off operationalization
- Advisory Board established; three meetings conducted:
  1. 18-20 March 2024, Geneva
  2. 4 July 2024, Geneva
  3. 4-6 September 2024, Bonn

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3 December 2023

**UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and UNOPS will host the secretariat of the Santiago network which aims to avert, minimize and address loss and damage from the impacts of climate change**

Source(s): United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, United Nations Office for Project Services



# PROGRESS

- Geneva selected as the head office for the SN secretariat
- Draft rules of procedure for the Advisory Board adopted (to be approved by Parties in Baku, 2024)
- Guidelines on preventing potential and addressing actual and perceived conflicts of interest approved
- Work programme approved
- Annual budgets for 2024 and 2025 approved
- Interim Result Framework developed
- First Annual Report prepared





# NEXT STEPS

- Complete onboarding of director of the Santiago network secretariat (1 November 2024)
- Recruitment of other staff of the Santiago network secretariat
- Conduct other workshops for LDCs and SIDS
- Creation of website to receive technical assistance requests
- Translation of all operative guidelines into UN languages
- Communications and branding
- Advocacy and outreach
  - Global and regional webinars
  - Sessions at Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction and other relevant events

# SANTIAGO NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

- Overview of the guidelines for the designation of organizations, bodies, networks and experts as members of the Santiago network
- Benefits of Santiago network membership
- Process for becoming a member of the Santiago network

# DEFINING OBNEs

O

## Organizations

Independent legal entities

B

## Bodies

A broader term that can refer to groups that are not necessarily independent legal entities

N

## Networks

Interconnected groups of organisations or individuals that collaborate, share resources or coordinate activities to achieve common goals

E

## Experts

Individuals who are recognized specialists in a specific field

# OVERVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Guidelines on the designation of OBNEs as members of the Santiago network - approved at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advisory Board (July 2024)

- Outline the **modalities and procedure** for OBNEs to become members of the Santiago network
- Define the **criteria** to be applied for a prospective OBNE to become a member of the Santiago network
- Ensure **diverse OBNE membership** from all geographic regions and covering a wide range of topics relevant to averting, minimising and addressing loss and damage
- Assure **relevance and quality of expertise** and services by OBNEs

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## SANTIAGO NETWORK

Guidelines for the designation of organizations, bodies, networks and experts as members of the Santiago network

Adopted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advisory Board meeting  
04 July 2024

# OVERVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Members of the network will have the opportunity to:

- Respond to calls for technical assistance requests from countries
- Showcase their services in the areas of loss and damage
- Benefit from and share knowledge and expertise with other members of the network
- Participate in networking opportunities with other members to facilitate collaboration
- Contribute to and benefit from work being done in the area of loss and damage (e.g. Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism and the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage)

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# OVERVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP

## CRITERION 1

**Proven expertise in topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage**

Potential members will be required to demonstrate 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 provided.

## CRITERION 2

**Demonstrated experience in providing technical assistance in topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage**

Potential members will be required to demonstrate a minimum of three years of experience in a topic relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change. Exemptions may be made in specific cases, particularly for potential members representing vulnerable groups, including children, indigenous peoples, local communities and youth.

## CRITERION 3

### **Commitments**

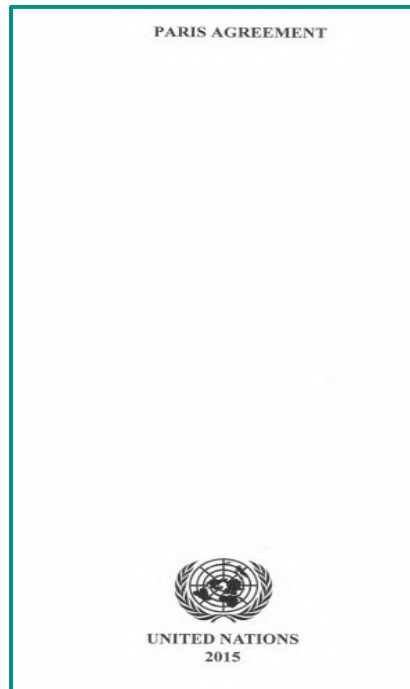
For interested organizations, bodies, networks and experts to be designated as members of the Santiago network, irrespective of the level of engagement, they must commit to the following:

- Consider the cross-cutting issues referred to in the eleventh preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement in their work.
- Adhere to the conflict of interest guidelines of the Santiago network.
- Adhere to appropriate environmental and social safeguards.

# OVERVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Members commit to:

- Considering the **11th preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement** – “...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.”
- General **environmental and social safeguards**.



# OVERVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Members commit to comply with the [conflict of interest guidelines](#)

- Conflict of interest occurs when members are in a circumstance or have a **personal or financial interest** which could impair their ability to carry out their duties and responsibilities in the interest of the Santiago network or that creates an unfair advantage
- **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.
- Members may provide technical support for the development of technical assistance requests. Members **must disclose the technical support they provided** to become eligible to respond to the request for technical assistance they supported.
- When a request for technical assistance is **submitted by a member**, that member will **not be eligible** to respond to that request.

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## SANTIAGO NETWORK

Guidelines on preventing potential and addressing actual and perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the Santiago network

Approved at the 3rd Advisory Board meeting

06 September 2024



# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MEMBERSHIP – TEMPLATE

## OUTLINE OF THE TEMPLATE



Contact Information



Statement of motivation (optional)



Criteria for membership - expertise



Criteria for membership - experience



Additional information



Commitments



Declaration and Signature

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MEMBERSHIP – TEMPLATE



## Contact Information

- Name of the OBNE
- Mailing Address
- Primary contact
- Website
- Email address

## Supplementary information (optional)

- Logo
- Bio
- Geographical scope

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MEMBERSHIP – TEMPLATE



## Statement of motivation (optional)

- OBNEs may provide a statement of motivation and value addition in keeping with the functions of the Santiago network and area(s) of expertise
- Not more than 300 words

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MEMBERSHIP – TEMPLATE



## Criteria for membership - expertise

- 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
- Required information in the expression of interest:
  - Topics (e.g. slow-onset events, early warning systems, innovative financing, etc.)
  - Activities (e.g. assessments, development of proposals, data-related activities, training, etc.)
  - NB: Professional profiles and other supporting documents are required (appendix)

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## Criteria for membership - expertise

Nature/forms of technical assistance	Areas of work	Climate risks addressed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Loss and damage assessments</li><li>• Loss and damage databases, including data management and disaggregation of data</li><li>• Risk assessments</li><li>• Gap analysis</li><li>• Plans and planning frameworks</li><li>• Comprehensive risk management / integrated planning</li><li>• Development of loss and damage financing frameworks and proposal development</li><li>• Monitoring</li><li>• Training and other forms of capacity development that could include study/exchange programmes, study visits, secondments, peer review and exchanges</li><li>• Curriculum development, literacy and risk communication at all levels</li><li>• Targeted assistance to vulnerable communities and populations, and civil society, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early warning systems</li><li>• Emergency preparedness</li><li>• Averting, minimizing and addressing non-economic losses (e.g. individual, environmental, social)</li><li>• Risk transfer mechanisms</li><li>• Innovative financing, including risk insurance facilities, climate risk pooling and other insurance solutions</li><li>• Recovery, rehabilitation, build back better</li><li>• Resilience of communities, human mobility, including migration, displacement and planned relocation.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Slow onset events</li><li>• Extreme events / Sudden onset events</li><li>• Events that may involve irreversible and permanent loss and damage</li><li>• Multi-hazard</li><li>• Complex hazards/ compound events.</li></ul>
<p><i>*This is a <b>non-exhaustive, indicative list</b> and will be expanded based on consultations and feedback. The Santiago network may not provide technical assistance for activities like support for intergovernmental negotiations.</i></p>		

Source: Annex 1 of the Guidelines and procedures for responding to requests for technical assistance (approved September 2024)

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MEMBERSHIP – TEMPLATE



## Criteria for membership - experience

- **Three** years of experience in a topic relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change
- The director of the Santiago network may make exemptions for specific OBNEs, particularly those of local communities, Indigenous Peoples, youth and children, etc.
- Supporting documents required to demonstrate meeting this criterion
  - Information and documents for a maximum 10 of the most relevant initiatives or project should be provide

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MEMBERSHIP – TEMPLATE



## Additional information

Specifically for organizations, bodies and networks:

- Organizations:
  - Registration details, mandate, type of organization
- Bodies:
  - Registration details, size and composition, mandate, type of body
- Networks
  - Registration details, composition (list of all members with option to add documents), mandate, type of network

- ☐ Government (national)
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ Private sector
- ☐ Academic/research
- ☐ Non-governmental organization (NGO)
- ☐ Community-based organization (CBO)
- ☐ Indigenous peoples organizations (IPO)
- ☐ United Nations organization
- ☐ International organization
- ☐ Financial institution
- ☐ Multi-sectoral
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MEMBERSHIP – TEMPLATE



## Commitments

- ☐ Take into consideration the cross-cutting issues referred to in the 11<sup>th</sup> preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement
- ☐ Adhere to the conflict of interest guidelines of the Santiago network
- ☐ Adhere to appropriate environmental and social safeguards



## Declaration and Signature

I confirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date (day-month-year):

Signature:

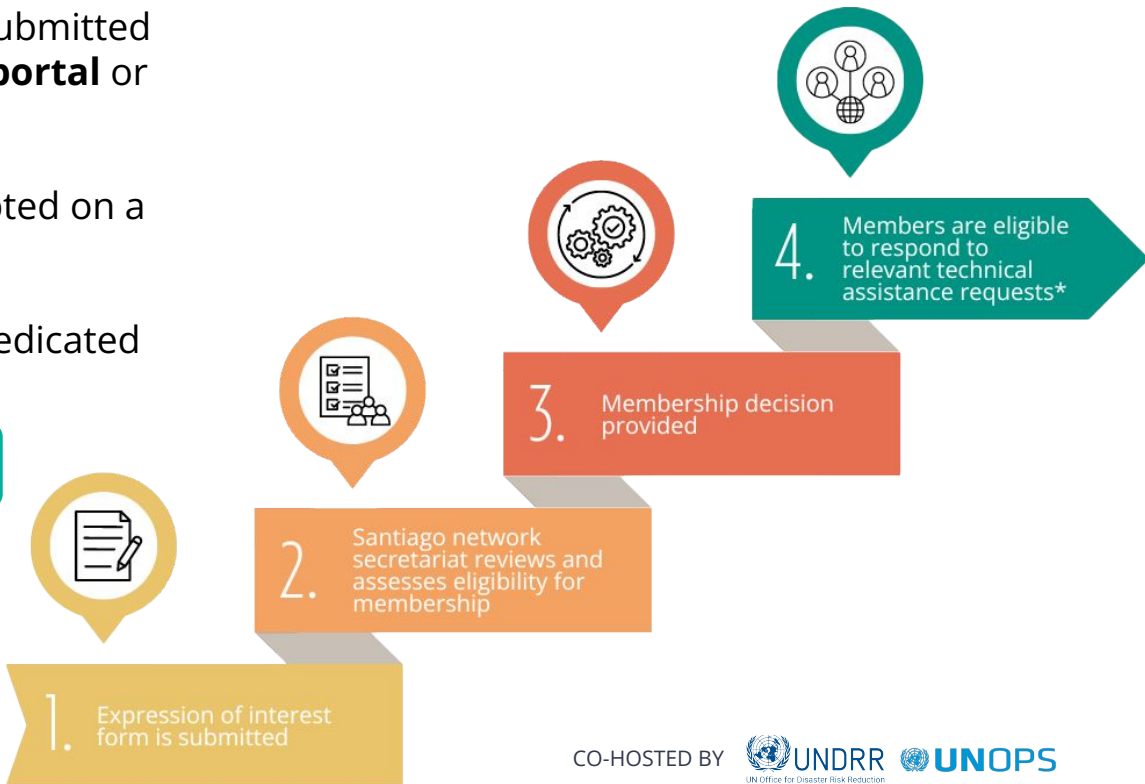
Authorizing Officer



# THE PROCESS FOR DETERMINING MEMBERSHIP

- Expressions of interest may be submitted through the **Santiago network portal** or by **email**.
- Expressions of interest are accepted on a rolling basis.
- Information is available on the dedicated membership page:

[santiago-network.org/membership](https://santiago-network.org/membership)



# SANTIAGO NETWORK PORTAL

- The Santiago network portal was launched on 1 October 2024. The portal serves as a platform to match organizations, bodies, networks and experts (OBNEs) with those seeking technical assistance and expertise in the areas of loss and damage.
- We are currently accepting expressions of interest for membership to the network. You can apply for membership through the [Santiago network portal](https://santiago-network.org) or the pdf form on our [website](#).
- *Coming soon:* additional features, including requests for technical assistance

[portal.santiago-network.org](https://portal.santiago-network.org)

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## SANTIAGO NETWORK PORTAL

Welcome to the Santiago network portal.

The Santiago network catalyzes technical assistance to support developing countries in averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse impacts of climate change. Our mandate includes facilitating access to knowledge, resources, and technical assistance to address climate risks comprehensively. For more information on the Santiago network, please refer to our website: <https://santiago-network.org>

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# USEFUL INFORMATION

## Duration of membership and termination

- No time limit for membership (regular updates of OBNE information)
- Termination in the event of fraud, misconduct, violation of commitments
- Voluntary withdrawal

## Transparency

- Publicly available database of Santiago network members (e.g. OBNE name, logo, bio, etc.)

## Amendments of criteria

- Based on lessons learned and feedback
- Guided by the Advisory Board of the Santiago network

## Request for reconsideration of declined expressions of interest

- An OBNE whose membership was declined may submit a request for reconsideration and provide additional information as required

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CHECKLIST

## CHECKLIST

### Confirm your eligibility for membership:

- ☐ Review the [guidelines for the designation of organizations, bodies, networks and experts as members of the Santiago network](#) and consult the [Santiago network webpage](#)
- ☐ Ensure you meet the criteria for membership as detailed in the guidelines.

### Compile the information needed for the form:

- ☐ Proven expertise (topics and activities)
- ☐ Proven experience
- ☐ Statement of motivation and value addition for joining the Santiago network (300 words)

### Compile the relevant supporting documents:

- ☐ Proof of expertise
- ☐ Proof of experience
- ☐ Fill out and sign the provided commitments and declarations form
- ☐ For networks only - a full list of network members

### (Optional supplementary information) Compile communications and visibility material:

- ☐ Logo (hi-res png file)
- ☐ Biographical note (75-100 words)

### Complete the expression of interest form:

- ☐ Fill out all required sections of the form
- ☐ Attach all supporting documents
- ☐ Submit the form

Link:

<https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/OBNE-Expression-of-interest-Checklist.pdf>

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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