



# LOGISTICS NOTE FOR OBSERVERS

Third Advisory Board Meeting

4 - 6 September 2024

Bonn, Germany

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# 1. Meeting details

The third meeting of the Advisory Board of the Santiago network will take place from 4 - 6 September 2024 in Bonn, Germany. The meeting will open on 4 September at 9:00 a.m. CET.

The meeting will be facilitated in hybrid mode, allowing registered participants to join virtually or in-person. The meeting will also be livestreamed.

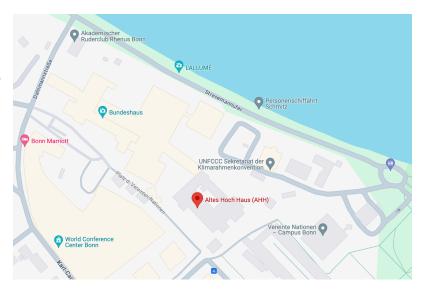
The meeting is open to registered observers and will be facilitated in hybrid mode, allowing registered participants to join virtually or in-person. Registration for observers is now closed. In case of any questions, please contact Ms. Hannah Milde (E-mail: hannahm@unops.org).

For in-person observers, registration will take place at the United Nations Campus in Bonn from 8:00 a.m. CET on Wednesday, 4 September 2024. All registered observers will receive their conference badge for the duration of the meeting at registration. For virtual observers, the meeting link will be shared with all registered participants ahead of the meeting.

#### 2. Meeting Venue

The Advisory Board meeting will be held at the Lower Conference Room of the Altes Abgeordneten-Hochhaus building (AAH) at the United Nations Campus in Bonn.

Altes Abgeordneten-Hochhaus building (AAH) UN Campus Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1 53113 Bonn, Germany



#### 3. Visas

Visa requirements must be met before arrival to Germany. Based on nationality, participants attending the Advisory Board meeting may require a visa to enter Germany. Please see the <u>German visa website</u> for more information.





An invitation letter from UNOPS and UNDRR as co-hosts of the secretariat of the Santiago network will be provided to all registered in-person observers, as needed. Please get in touch with <a href="mailto:HannahM@unops.org">HannahM@unops.org</a> if you require an invitation letter.

## 4. Participant costs

The Santiago network secretariat is not in a position to arrange the travel and cover the costs for in-person observers of the Advisory Board meeting.

## 5. Flights

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#### 6. Accommodation

Participants are requested to arrange their own accommodation for their stay in Germany. Early booking of accommodation is advised. Please see the <u>Bonn hotel list</u> and the <u>Bonn tourism website</u> for further information. Please contact Hannah Milde (<u>Hannah M@unops.org</u>) if you require advice or assistance in booking accommodation.

## 7. Catering

During the meeting, coffee, tea and water will be available for registered in-person observers. A list of nearby restaurants for lunch and dinner options will be available at the reception desk.

## 8. Transportation

Access from the airport: The Cologne Bonn Airport is a 30 minute drive from the UN Campus. There is an Airport express bus (SB 60) available from the bus stop at Terminal 1 of the airport which goes to the Bonn city centre. Public transport options from the airport and to get around the city are available at the <u>public transport</u> <u>website</u>.

#### 9. About Bonn

#### Geography:

One of the oldest cities in Germany, Bonn is located on the banks of the Rhine river. In the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, the city spans across both sides of the river. Bundeskanzlerplatz (Chancellor Square) in Bonn-Gronau is the geographical center of Bonn. The city is easily accessible by train from Düsseldorf (60





minutes) and Frankfurt (40 minutes by high-speed train). Berlin, Brussels and many major European cities are accessible by train.

#### Language:

The official language in Germany is German, with the majority of the population speaking German as their first language.

#### Time:

GMT/UTC +2

#### **Telephone Area Code:**

+49 for Germany and 228 for Bonn

#### **Electricity**

Electricity in Germany is 230 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. Please bring a power plug converter - Germany uses type F power plugs and sockets.

#### **Currency:**

The currency in Germany is the Euro. Check www.xe.com for the most up-to-date exchange rates. ATMs are widely available throughout the city.

#### Climate:

Bonn has moderate climate most of the year. September is usually warm, with occasional rain. For more information, see the website of the <u>German Weather Service</u>.

## **Emergency Numbers:**

The general emergency number in Bonn is 112. You can call this number using a foreign SIM card, or when using a prepaid mobile phone with no remaining credit.

Additional emergency numbers are as follows:

Police	110
Fire service	112
Ambulance	112