

## **SB 62 Event / UN Climate Change Conference - Bonn**

### **Full operationalization of the Santiago network: Advancing a critical pillar of the loss and damage architecture**

**25 June 2025 from 12:00 to 13:30 CEST in Room Addis Abeba**

#### **Context**

The Santiago network was established in 2019 under the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM) to catalyse technical assistance of diverse organizations, bodies, networks and experts (OBNEs) for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, in developing countries. Technical assistance is designed to be delivered in a demand-driven manner at the local, national and regional levels, and developed through an inclusive and country-driven process, considering the needs of vulnerable people, Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Since its establishment, the Santiago network has made considerable progress, including the Advisory Board approval of all operative guidelines. These achievements position 2025 as a pivotal year for the Santiago network, as it transitions from its foundational phase to becoming fully operational. This shift signals a breakthrough in the delivery of the network's catalytic mandate by enabling the provision of technical assistance in developing countries, growing and managing the network of Members, and advancing a critical pillar of the loss and damage architecture.

This event will provide an update on the Santiago network's progress and positioning within the broader loss and damage landscape and offer participants practical information on the development of demand-driven technical assistance requests.

#### **Objectives of the event**

The objectives of the event are to:

- Provide updates on the operationalization of the Santiago network and its positioning within the wider loss and damage landscape.
- Deep dive into the process for accessing technical assistance and offer practical information on the development of demand-driven technical assistance requests, with a view to increasing engagement with developing countries.
- Share views on the acceleration of technical assistance, its catalytic nature to build resilience and complementarity with related mechanisms and agendas.

## Target Audience

The event will target:

- Country delegations, including UNFCCC National Focal Points, national liaisons to the Santiago network
- OBNEs and Members of the Santiago network
- UNFCCC observers
- Non-party stakeholders

## Provisional Agenda

12:00	<b>Welcome and opening</b> Moderator: <i>Mr Animesh Kumar, Head of Bonn Office, UNDRR</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and scene setting by the moderator</li> <li>• Remarks: Co-Chairs of the Advisory Board of the Santiago network</li> </ul>
12:05	<b>Progress updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operationalizing the Santiago network: <i>Ms Carolina Fuentes Castellanos, Director of the Santiago network Secretariat</i></li> <li>• Roll-out of the FRLD and complementarity with the Santiago network: <i>Ms Mathilde Laurans, Deputy Executive Director of the FRLD Secretariat</i></li> <li>• Updates from the WIM Executive Committee and collaboration with the Santiago network: <i>TBC</i></li> </ul> <b>Interaction with the audience</b>
12:25	<b>Tapping into the Santiago network for loss and damage support</b>  <b>World Cafés:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Capacity gaps:</b> What are some of the capacity gaps and priority needs relating to loss and damage in developing countries that technical assistance from the Santiago network can support? <i>Table host: Youth NGOs representative (TBD)</i></li> <li>2. <b>Challenges:</b> What are some of the barriers for countries to submit requests for technical assistance, and how can these barriers be overcome? <i>Table host: Representative from the Government of Vanuatu (TBD)</i></li> <li>3. <b>Good practices:</b> What are good examples of technical assistance that had a catalytic impact, including in</li> </ol>

	community-centric approaches? <i>Table host: Santiago network Secretariat and co-hosts</i>
13:05	Report-back on World Café
13:25	Closing remarks and wrap-up <i>Moderator &amp; Carolina</i>
13:30	Close of session