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**Review of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage**  
**associated with Climate Change Impacts**

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**2024 review of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss  
and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts**

*Informal note*

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*The Parties expressed their willingness to continue their work in this context - only during the second week of COP30/CMA7 with a view of concluding at COP30/CMA7.*

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*The Parties have noted that nothing in this informal note is agreed until everything is agreed.*

**[ Preamble**

*Placeholder, pending Parties' consultations*

**Procedural**

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*Other placeholders, pending Parties' consultations: guidelines for national L&D plans/NDCs; support to countries estimate/quantify L&D needs and cost; L&D report; scaling up finance; GST-related information*

**Enhancing implementation**

1. Welcomes the progress made by the Warsaw International Mechanism since its last review.

4.2. *Agrees* on the need to enhance the effectiveness of the implementation of the functions<sup>1</sup> of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts;

3.3. *Stresses* the importance of continuing to enhance action for responding to loss and damage to ensure that the work under the Warsaw International Mechanism further serves 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;

3.4. *Expresses appreciation* to the thematic expert groups of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism and the organizations, bodies, networks and experts engaged in providing technical assistance to developing countries through the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change for their progress in furthering the implementation of the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism;

4.5. *Recalls* the recommendation<sup>2</sup> for Parties to establish a loss and damage contact point through their respective UNFCCC national focal point and the invitation<sup>3</sup> for Parties to inform the Santiago network secretariat of their liaison to the Santiago network secretariat, as appropriate;

3.6. *Requests* the UNFCCC secretariat and the Santiago network secretariat to, as appropriate:

(a) *Make* information on the loss and damage contact points and liaisons referred to in paragraph 4 above available on the relevant web pages, for example, including through hyperlinks;

(b) *Disseminate* information on knowledge products and other activities arising from the work under the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism and the Santiago network through the loss and damage contact points and liaisons;

7. *Welcomes and acknowledges* the progress in operationalizing the Santiago network to date, including the catalysation of the first cases of technical assistance to Vanuatu by organizations, bodies, networks and experts thereunder, while highlighting the crucial need to accelerate delivery of technical assistance;

6.8. *Requests* the Santiago network to prioritize enhance its efforts to catalyse the provision of technical assistance by relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts for the implementation of relevant approaches at the local, national and regional level in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, while promoting locally led approaches and other climate related situations//~~taking into consideration as appropriate, other approaches that may be relevant to fragile and conflict-affected situations, ensuring that all actions adhere to a conflict sensitive approach and the do no harm principle, especially in fragile and conflict affected situations;~~

9. *Encourages* developing country Parties ~~and communities~~ that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, to submit requests for technical assistance to the Santiago network in a demand-driven and country-driven nationally-determined manner;

(additional para) also encourages communities that are p y to the adverse effects of climate change to submit requests for ta in a demand driven, inclusive and country-driven manner in line with national policies and priorities, as appropriate;

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 2/CP.19, para. 5.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 4/CP.22, para. 4(d).

<sup>3</sup> Decision 12/CMA.4, para. 25. That decision was endorsed by decision 11/CP.27.

10. ~~Recalls paragraph 27 of decision 6/CMA.5, endorsed by decision 2/CP.28. Reiterates its invitation<sup>4</sup> to 4 which invites the Advisory Board of the Santiago network to provide guidance to the Santiago network secretariat on developing guidelines and procedures for enabling access to and assisting in preparing requests for technical assistance that recognize the significant capacity constraints of the least developed countries and small island developing States;~~

11. ~~Invites the Advisory Board of the Santiago network to consider expediting support for accessing ta and for the preparation of developing similar guidelines and procedures for enabling access to and assisting in preparing requests for technical assistance to developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change, including possible enhancements to existing guidelines and procedures as appropriate;~~

~~7-12. Recalls the commitment of governing body or bodies to incorporate gender-responsive and intergenerationally equitable approaches, including through the promotion of disaggregated data and gender statistics, and engagements of gender experts and women-led organizations;~~

~~8-13. Recalls that the Santiago network secretariat will have a lean, cost-efficient organizational structure, led by a director who will manage a small core team of professional and administrative staff, in order to meet its responsibilities and perform its functions efficiently and effectively,<sup>5</sup> while encouraging the Santiago network secretariat to build its capacity;~~

14. ~~Issue of cost effectiveness of secretariat/level of administrative costs/maximising resources for TA~~Emphasizes that the SN Secretariat's primary focus should be on delivering timely, high-quality technical assistance that enables developing countries to access finance, technology, and expertise, and calls on the secretariat to exercise fiscal prudence to ensure the largest possible proportion of resources directly supports technical assistance and country-driven implementation;

15. Requests the Advisory Board to review the Secretariat's organisational structure and regional presence to enhance cost-effectiveness and ensure that at least sixty per cent of the annual budget for 2026 is directed to technical assistance and capacity-building activities;

14+15 alt Call on the AB of the sn to ensure that all budgetary decisions are guided by the aim of maximizing impact, through the preparation of ta requests and delivery of \ta and capacity-building initiatives

~~9-16. Acknowledges the decision of the Advisory Board on the approach to determine the minimum percentage of technical assistance funded directly by the Santiago network directed to developing communities that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change (footnote on the decision), and requests the secretariat to develop a proposal on a minimum percentage to be presented to the Advisory Board for consideration and adoption by its seventh meeting. Requests the Santiago network to ensure that technical assistance funded directly by the Santiago network is made available to developing countries and communities that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, including through levels of minimum percentage of technical assistance funded directly by the Santiago network directed to communities particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;~~

~~14-17. Recalls that the Santiago network secretariat will commission one independent review of the performance of the Santiago network, including sustainability and sources of funding, adequacy of funding levels relative to technical assistance requests, timeliness, effectiveness, engagement, gender-responsiveness and delivery of technical assistance to communities particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, in a timely manner so that the findings of this review can feed into the subsequent review of the Warsaw International Mechanism, for determining the need for further independent reviews of the performance of the Santiago network;<sup>6</sup>~~

<sup>4</sup> Decision 6/CMA.5, para. 27. That decision was endorsed by decision 2/CP.28.

<sup>5</sup> Decision 12/CMA.4, annex I, para. 13.

<sup>6</sup> Decision 12/CMA.4, annex I, para. 20.

11-18. Requests the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism to:

(a) Include activities in the upcoming plan of action of the expert group on action and support that inform the Executive Committee's work ~~to assist in assisting~~ developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change in ~~better~~ accessing technical assistance and finance for responding to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;

(b) Update the terms of reference, membership and plan of action of the expert group on action and support in light of the ~~change~~evolving- the loss and damage landscape, and noting the cross cutting nature of action and support, by its twenty fifth meeting; ~~and in view of its plan of action referred to in paragraph 193(a) above;~~

(c) Collaborate with the Advisory Board of the Santiago network and the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage in undertaking the work referred to in paragraph 193(a) above;

~~Endorse/~~Finalize the plan of action referred to in paragraph 193(a) above by its 25th meeting the X date;

(d) Facilitate the work of the expert groups as well as enhance efforts to attract and maintain the engagement of experts;

(e) Enhance its work on non-economic losses, including through its expert group on non-economic losses, by implementing the second plan of actions with a view to assisting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change in seeking technical assistance under the Santiago network ~~and by implementing the second plan of actions;~~

New para/ on economic losses

(f) Develop knowledge products focused on enhancing understanding of approaches to managing compound risks and impacts associated with climate change and responding to loss and damage arising from cascading impacts associated with the adverse effects of climate change;

(g) Develop knowledge products on existing methodologies and approaches for assessing the economic and non-economic impacts of loss and damage for the purpose of informing the development of context-specific national methodologies and approaches to national loss and damage response and supporting developing countries to prepare technical assistance and funding requests; ~~Develop a knowledge product on the methodologies available for quantifying and qualifying the economic and non-economic costs of the impacts of loss and damage, inter alia, to support countries in their planning processes and for preparing technical and funding proposals;~~

(g-alt) Enhance work on CRM by the development of a knowledge product, engaging relevant experts to compile and share methodologies for integrating long-term risk assessments, including risk quantification for economic and non-economic loss and damage, into comprehensive climate risk management approaches to inform national planning and the development of national response systems

(h) Strengthen support for the collection and management of data, including gender- and age-disaggregated data, for assessing the risk of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including the monitoring of trends for differentiated impacts of both extreme and slow-onset events;

(h) Enhance coordination across its thematic expert groups with a view to strengthening synergies in their work;

(i) Develop voluntary // ~~voluntary~~ guidance on how to integrate // develop loss and damage considerations in a nationally determined manner// on how to //promote//integrate loss and damage considerations into the instruments of the Convention and the Paris Agreement including // into national climate plans and strategies and response systems // national loss and damage response plans and systems // loss and damage plans

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Develop guidance for national loss and damage response plans

*Acknowledges the progress made by the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism, its expert groups, technical expert group and task force, in preparing the voluntary guidelines for enhancing the collection and management of data and information to inform the preparation of biennial transparency reports;*

*Encourages the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism to expedite the completion of the voluntary guidelines referred to in paragraph X above;*

*Further encourages the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism to ensure that the information provided in these guidelines are relevant to Parties in their preparation of biennial transparency reports;*

19. Acknowledges the progress made by the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism, its expert groups, technical expert group and task force, in preparing the voluntary guidelines for enhancing the collection and management of data and information to inform the preparation of biennial transparency reports, and requests the ExCom to expedite such work with a view to completing it no later than its twenty-fifth meeting;

20. Further encourages the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism to ensure that the information provided in these guidelines are relevant to Parties in their preparation of biennial transparency reports, and with a view to making the process of preparing biennial transparency reports more accessible and less burdensome, taking into account national contexts and circumstances;

12-21. Encourages the Executive Committee to implement paragraphs relevant to loss and damage in integrate the relevant outcomes of the first global stocktake mentioned in decision 1/CMA.5 paras 133, 134 and 186, in the development of future rolling work plans of actions and Plans of Action of its expert groups, technical expert group and task force.,

22. Decides to prepare a regular report, with a multi-year frequency to be decided by Parties at the cop cma immediately following the publication of the first report, taking into consideration parties views and the value added of the report, which frequency shall be decided by Parties at the COP/CMA immediately following the publication of the first report (biennial report) for the purpose of synthesising information from Parties and other stakeholders on critical issues and lessons learned and providing best practices, solutions, and policy advice on loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, in an accessible and user friendly manner by:

(a) providing regular, concrete information of scientific, policy, financial and technical work in the global response to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage; and

(b) establishing a comprehensive centralized source of information on loss and damage under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;

(c) showcasing promoting case studies, best practices, practical and pragmatic lessons learned, projection, scenarios and solutions on risk analysis capturing loss and damage occurrences, typologies and costs at national levels in all regions and across all types of climate-related hazards;

(d) Showcasing national and community-level experiences and promoting understanding of integrating cross-cutting vulnerability [and human rights] analyses<sup>7</sup> in averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;

13-23. Further decides that the report should be informed by, inter alia:

<sup>7</sup> Taking into consideration the 11<sup>th</sup> preambular paragraph of the PA

The policies, plans and strategies of Parties and any other information provided related to loss and damage, including those outlined in their national plans;

(a) Information provided by Parties related to AMA LD in relevant national policies, plans, strategies and frameworks, particularly loss and damage response plans, including multi-hazard disaster risk reduction strategies, as well as in their biennial transparency reports, nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans; (BTRs) in accordance with decision 18/CMA.1, Annex, paragraph 11.5;

(b) Best available science, including inputs and information from the IPCC relating to loss and damage;

(c) Indigenous Peoples knowledges and the knowledge systems of local communities;

(d) Reports and publications from Santiago network members OBNEs;

(e) Joint Annual Reports of the ExCom and Santiago network;

(f) Knowledge products of the ExCom and the Santiago network;

(g) UNFCCC secretariat's synthesis report on loss and damage in BTRs;

(h) SCF's biennial assessments and needs determination reports

(i) Voluntary submissions from Parties and any relevant regional documents

~~(j)~~ Annual report of the FRLD

24. Requests the Santiago network Advisory Board, in consultation with the ExCom in preparing to prepare, no later than at its seventh SNAB meeting SNAB6, terms of reference, including the modalities, budget, timeline and engagement and involvement of OBNEs, for the development of the report to commission the preparation of this report to by the Santiago network's member organisations, bodies, networks and experts;

25. Further requests the SNAB and the OBNEs engaged in preparing the report to present the draft of the report to Parties through an appropriate event at the SB session prior to its finalisation and publication

#### Enhancing complementarity and coordination

26. Recognizes the importance of enhancing complementarity and coordination across the work of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism, the Advisory Board of the Santiago network and the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage;

44.27. Collaborate with the Advisory Board of the Santiago network and the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage in undertaking the work referred to in paragraph 193(a) above;

15.28. Encourages the Executive Committee and the Santiago network Advisory Board, in collaboration with the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage, to enhance the coherence and complementarity of their work, including by:

(a) Holding regular meetings between the Co-Chairs of the bodies

(b) Enhancing collaboration of the secretariats, including through regular meetings and the respective secretariats;

(c) Developing letters of intent between the secretariats to enhance collaboration

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(c) Considering to holding back-to-back meetings of the bodies, particularly for meetings of the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board, taking into consideration the value-added and budgetary implications;

(b)(d) Considering identifying ways to enhance coordination and to promote best practices. Considering identifies ways to enhance coordination to develop guidelines to enhance coordination between national contact points, liaisons and/or national authorities.

16.29 Also encourages the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board to collaborate in the development inform the development of each other's knowledge products and other technical products, and to develop knowledge products together collaborate into the development of KPI.

17.30 Requests the Executive Committee, including through its thematic expert groups, and the Advisory Board, in undertaking their work, to enhance collaboration with constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement within their respective mandates, as well as relevant organizations and other stakeholders outside the UNFCCC process, including those engaged in the / climate-induced/ DRR under the SF and the humanitarian system drawing on the best available information and expertise relevant to their work, including by forming partnerships for collaborative work;

#### Enhancing accessibility and outreach

18.31 Recognizes the need to enhance the relevance, usefulness and dissemination of the outputs of the Warsaw International Mechanism to enable Parties and other stakeholders to easily make use of them in planning and implementing approaches to responding to loss and damage;

19.32 Welcomes the efforts of the Executive Committee and its thematic expert groups to make technical guides and knowledge products developed under the Warsaw International Mechanism available in languages other than English and encourages the Executive Committee and organizations engaged under the Warsaw International Mechanism to continue such efforts, as appropriate;

20.33 Requests the Executive Committee to improve the user-friendliness, relevance and dissemination of its technical products to practitioners working, including at the local level, on averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;

21.34 Also requests the Santiago network secretariat to ensure that its guidelines are widely accessible and updated as necessary;

35. Further requests the Santiago network to make use of the outputs of the Warsaw International Mechanism when catalysing the provision of technical assistance to developing countries for responding to loss and damage;

22.36 Requests the Executive Committee and the Santiago network to enhance the meaningful involvement of Indigenous Peoples, local communities and local governments, women, and youth and children and displaced population in the development and dissemination of knowledge products, including through increased outreach, while recognizing that the ongoing work of the Santiago network to implement its that the Santiago network's outreach and engagement strategy can respond to some of this request;

23.37 Requests the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board to:

(a) Develop joint communication and outreach activities, including by leveraging the Santiago network's capacity to reach out to stakeholders outside of the UNFCCC process;

(b) Develop 'explainers' that include key messages on the mandate for and work under the Warsaw International Mechanism, including on its institutional arrangements, to use them as communication tools and to update them, as needed;

(c) Undertake joint outreach to UNFCCC national focal points, loss and damage contact points and national liaisons to the Santiago network liaisons secretariat and FRLD designated authorities to promote synergies among them;

(d) Work together with the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage to ensure its uptake of knowledge products, including technical guides, available under the Warsaw International Mechanism;

Make information on the loss and damage contact points and liaisons referred to in paragraph 4 above available on the relevant web pages, for example, including through hyperlinks;

(d) Disseminate information on knowledge products and other activities arising from the work under the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism and the Santiago network through the loss and damage contact points and liaisons;

38. Requests the UNFCCC secretariat and the Santiago network secretariat to, as appropriate:

(a) Make information on the loss and damage contact points and liaisons and other information referred to in paragraph 36 above available on the relevant web pages, for example, including through hyperlinks;

(e)(b)

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## Enhancing finance and other support

39. Welcomes the additional pledge made to the Santiago network by Switzerland, amounting to CHF 1 million;

40. Urges the scaling up of action and support, as appropriate, including finance, technology and capacity building, for developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change for averting, minimising, and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change

41. Recalling previous decisions that Welcomes the financial contributions of Parties for the implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism, including for the work of the Executive Committee and for operationalizing the Santiago network, and encourages Parties to continue to provide such contributions

*Alt. 38 & 39. Welcomes new pledges made to the Santiago Network by Switzerland, amounting to CHF 1 million taking note of the role of these financial contributions of Parties for the implementation of the WIM including for the work of the ExCom and for operationalising the SN, and encourages relevant Parties to continue to provide such contributions in a manner that is predictable, adequate and sustainable;*

24.42. Requests the Advisory Board with the support of the secretariat to expedite the operationalization of its resource mobilization strategy aimed at securing ongoing, predictable, adequate and sustainable funding, and to set a regular fundraising target and report on actions taken and resources mobilized in support of the Santiago Network's mandate;

25.43. Acknowledges the significant gaps that remain in responding to the increased scale and frequency of loss and damage, and the associated economic and non-economic losses and recognizes the need for urgent and enhanced action and support for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts; ~~(from NCQG-1/CMA.6 para 19)~~

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*44. [placeholder on additional finance language: scaling up loss and damage finance; adequate resources for WIM (ExCom+SN); scaling up innovative financial instruments]*

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*and requests the ab with the support of the see to expedite the operationalisation of its rms which aim is to ensure predictable, adequate and sustainable funding, consider identifying a fundraising target, and report on actions taken and resources mobilised in support of the sn mandate*

*26-45. Requests the Warsaw International Mechanism to continue to catalyse capacity-building for developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, including by publishing knowledge products that facilitate access to support, including finance, for responding to loss and damage, especially through the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage;*

*27-46. Takes note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs x-y above;<sup>8</sup>*

*28-47. Requests that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources. ]*