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### **Addendum**

#### **Annual report of the Santiago network 2025**

1. The terms of reference of the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change<sup>1</sup> provide that its secretariat will prepare an annual report, for consideration and approval by the Advisory Board of the Santiago network, on the activities of the Santiago network and its secretariat and on the performance of their respective functions and submit it to the Advisory Board for its consideration and approval, and that the approved report will be forwarded to the UNFCCC secretariat for inclusion in a joint annual report of the Santiago network and the Executive Committee submitted to the governing body or bodies through their subsidiary bodies.<sup>2</sup>

2. Accordingly, the Santiago network secretariat submitted on 17 October 2025 the report contained in the annex. It is reproduced here as submitted.

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<sup>1</sup> Contained in annex I to decision [12/CMA.4](#), endorsed in decision [11/CP.27](#).

<sup>2</sup> Paras. 18–19 of the terms of reference of the Santiago network. See para. 18 of those terms of reference for the full list of information to be included in the annual report.



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#### Abbreviations and acronyms

CMA	Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement
COP	Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
FRLD	Fund for responding to Loss and Damage
LDC	least developed country
OBNEs	organizations, bodies, networks and experts
SIDS	small island developing State(s)
UNDRR	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
WIM	Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

## I. Introduction

### A. Mandate

1. The terms of reference of the Santiago network<sup>1</sup> provide that the Santiago network secretariat will prepare an annual report on activities of the Santiago network and submit it to the Advisory Board of the Santiago network for its consideration and approval. The approved report will be forwarded to the UNFCCC secretariat for inclusion in the joint annual report of the Santiago network and the WIM Executive Committee submitted to the governing body or bodies through their subsidiary bodies.<sup>2</sup>

### B. Scope of the report

2. This report is an addendum to the joint annual report of the WIM Executive Committee and the Santiago network for 2025. It contains substantive information on the implementation of the Santiago network and key achievements from 7 September 2024 to 4 September 2025, including the following:

- (a) Requests received and activities carried out by the Santiago network and their outcomes;
- (b) Responses to requests;
- (c) Ongoing work as well as lessons learned and best practices derived from that work;
- (d) Support delivered in regions, finance disbursed and administrative costs;
- (e) Inclusion of new members in the Santiago network and their engagement therein;
- (f) Assistance to developing country Parties in identifying, prioritizing and communicating their needs for technical assistance;
- (g) Efforts to reach communities that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;
- (h) Gender considerations, including through the use of gender-disaggregated data, consistently with decision 3/CP.25.

3. The report also contains recommendations from the Advisory Board of the Santiago network for consideration by the governing body or bodies at the session(s) to be held in November 2025, which take into account lessons learned and challenges encountered in the operationalization of the Santiago network over the reporting period.

## II. The Advisory Board of the Santiago network

4. The Advisory Board held two meetings during the reporting period. The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was convened from 15 to 17 April 2025 in Geneva, and the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was held from 2 to 4 September 2025 in Geneva. Both meetings were held in a hybrid format, allowing for virtual participation of Advisory Board members and representatives and observers who were unable to participate in person.

5. At its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Advisory Board elected Ms. Angela Rivera (Executive Committee) and Ms. Stella Brożek-Everaert (Executive Committee) to serve as Co-Chairs of the Advisory Board for a term of one year, pursuant to paragraph 13 of its rules of procedure.<sup>3</sup>

6. At its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Advisory Board agreed to establish a budget subcommittee, a conflict of interest subcommittee and a task force on outreach, and invited them to develop terms of reference.<sup>4</sup> The work of the subcommittees and task force was supported by the secretariat, including convening their members and drafting the initial terms of reference.

7. At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Advisory Board adopted the terms of reference of the budget subcommittee, the conflict of interest subcommittee and the task force on outreach.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Decision [12/CMA.4](#), annex I. This decision was endorsed in decision [11/CP.27](#).

<sup>2</sup> Paras. 18–19 of the terms of reference of the Santiago network. See para. 18 of the terms of reference for the full list of information to be included in the annual report.

<sup>3</sup> Available at [https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/Core/SNAB\\_2024\\_3\\_05.Rev.1-Rules-of-procedure-of-the-Advisory-Board-of-the-Santiago-network-06Sep2024-Adopted.pdf](https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/Core/SNAB_2024_3_05.Rev.1-Rules-of-procedure-of-the-Advisory-Board-of-the-Santiago-network-06Sep2024-Adopted.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> Available at <https://santiago-network.org/fourth-advisory-board-meeting>.

<sup>5</sup> Available at <https://santiago-network.org/fifth-advisory-board-meeting>.

8. During the reporting period, the Advisory Board held three intersessional meetings on 11 December 2024, 20 February 2025 and 11 March 2025. These intersessional meetings addressed the regional presence of the Santiago network secretariat and the date and venue of the next Advisory Board meeting.
9. Two informal meetings were also held on 16 May 2025 and 29 July 2025. These informal meetings addressed the regional presence of the Santiago network secretariat, the minimum percentage of technical assistance funded directly by the network directed to communities particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, and the development of the Santiago network strategy.
10. The Advisory Board took several intersessional decisions on an extraordinary basis using the non-objection procedure outlined in the rules of procedure of the Advisory Board, including providing feedback and guidance on the development of strategic documents.
11. The Santiago network secretariat provided comprehensive logistical and administrative support to Advisory Board members and representatives, including hybrid meeting arrangements, visa support and travel arrangements for those eligible for financial assistance.

### III. Progress in establishing the Santiago network secretariat

12. During the reporting period, the secretariat continued to transition from interim to permanent secretariat arrangements. The Director was appointed on 1 November 2024, followed by the Programme Support and Operations Manager on 3 February 2025, the Programme Support and Operations Associate on 1 July 2025, and the Senior Programme Manager on 7 July 2025.
13. At its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Advisory Board approved the continuation of the interim secretariat team until the end of 2025, to ensure continuity and a structured handover process.
14. The Advisory Board decided to proceed with the recruitment of three positions to be based in the head office, including the Communications Manager, Country Engagement Specialist and Regional Coordinator for Eastern Europe, and OBNE and Member Engagement Specialist.
15. The Advisory Board also decided to establish regional presence of the Santiago network secretariat to, inter alia, increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the secretariat's operations, as follows:
  - (a) Regional Coordinators located in UNDRR or other United Nations regional and subregional offices in the following locations:
    - (i) Dar es Salaam, Tanzania to serve the Africa region;
    - (ii) Bangkok, Thailand to serve the Asia-Pacific region;
    - (iii) Panama City, Panama to serve the Latin American and Caribbean region;
  - (b) The Santiago network secretariat head office in Geneva, Switzerland to serve the Eastern European region;
  - (c) Full-time Santiago network Desk Officers located in UNDRR or other United Nations regional and subregional offices in the following locations:
    - (i) Dakar, Senegal to serve LDCs;
    - (ii) Suva, Fiji to serve SIDS;
  - (d) Four Designated Contact Points located in UNDRR regional and subregional offices in the following locations:
    - (i) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;
    - (ii) Bridgetown, Barbados;
    - (iii) Brussels, Belgium;
    - (iv) Cairo, Egypt.
16. The Advisory Board also decided to review the regional presence of the Santiago network in 2028, and periodically thereafter, in line with the technical assistance needs and demands identified by developing countries

that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, with a view to ensuring a more effective, coordinated and context-specific response.

## IV. Implementation

### A. Development of strategic documents

17. At its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Advisory Board agreed to continue its work on the development of the first Santiago network strategy (2026–2028). Informal Advisory Board meetings were convened in May and July 2025 for additional consultations on the draft strategy and interlinkages with other strategic documents.

18. The Advisory Board also agreed that the secretariat advance work on a communications strategy, an outreach and engagement strategy, and a resource mobilization strategy, all aligned with the interim results framework adopted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Advisory Board.

19. At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Advisory Board adopted the Santiago network strategy for 2026–28,<sup>6</sup> the Santiago network communications strategy for 2026–2028,<sup>7</sup> the Santiago network outreach and engagement strategy for 2026–2028,<sup>8</sup> and Santiago network resource mobilization strategy for 2026–2028.<sup>9</sup>

20. At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Advisory Board approved the work programme for 2026–2027,<sup>10</sup> the revised budget for 2025 and the annual budget for 2026.

21. Decision 12/CMA.4, paragraph 17,<sup>11</sup> endorsed in decision 11/CP.27, decided that the managing funding guidelines should make provisions to ensure that technical assistance funded directly by the Santiago network is made available to communities 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. The Advisory Board considered the proposed approach to determine the minimum percentage directed to these communities.

22. At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Advisory Board approved the decision on the approach to determine the minimum percentage of technical assistance funded directly by the Santiago network directed to communities particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

### B. Membership of the Santiago network

23. Following the approval of the guidelines for the designation of OBNEs as members of the Santiago network at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Advisory Board, the Santiago network welcomed its first members in October 2024. The membership base has since expanded, encompassing technical capacities in a wide range of topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage and representing global, regional, national and local level experience and expertise.

24. As at 4 September 2025, the Santiago network comprised 62 members, namely 36 organizations, two bodies, seven networks and 17 experts. Outreach focused on inclusivity, with dedicated calls for OBNEs representing Indigenous Peoples, women and gender equality, and children and youth.

25. The first meetings of members of the Santiago network, held in two virtual sessions to accommodate different time zones, were convened by the Santiago network secretariat on 19 and 20 March 2025. Approximately 60 participants representing network members attended the meetings, which provided an opportunity to advance members' understanding of the Santiago network guidelines and processes, and facilitate networking of members to build a community of practice.

<sup>6</sup> Available at [https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB5/FINAL-ADOPTED-SNAB\\_2025\\_05\\_05\\_Rev.1-Santiago-network-strategy-2026-2028.pdf](https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB5/FINAL-ADOPTED-SNAB_2025_05_05_Rev.1-Santiago-network-strategy-2026-2028.pdf).

<sup>7</sup> Available at [https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB5/FINAL-ADOPTED-SNAB\\_2025\\_05\\_06\\_Rev.1-Santiago-network-communications-strategy-2026-2028.pdf](https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB5/FINAL-ADOPTED-SNAB_2025_05_06_Rev.1-Santiago-network-communications-strategy-2026-2028.pdf).

<sup>8</sup> 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](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).

<sup>9</sup> Available at [https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB5/FINAL-ADOPTED-SNAB\\_2025\\_05\\_08\\_Rev.1-Santiago-network-resource-mobilization-strategy-2026-2028.pdf](https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB5/FINAL-ADOPTED-SNAB_2025_05_08_Rev.1-Santiago-network-resource-mobilization-strategy-2026-2028.pdf).

<sup>10</sup> Available at [https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB5/FINAL-APPROVED-SNAB\\_2025\\_05\\_09\\_Rev.1-Santiago-network-work-programme-2026-2027.pdf](https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB5/FINAL-APPROVED-SNAB_2025_05_09_Rev.1-Santiago-network-work-programme-2026-2027.pdf).

<sup>11</sup> Decision [12/CMA.4](#), paragraph 17. This decision was endorsed in decision [11/CP.27](#).

26. On the margins of the eighth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, the secretariat convened an in-person gathering with members in attendance on 5 June 2025 in Geneva, fostering knowledge exchange on the Santiago network.

### C. Technical assistance to countries

27. Following the approval of the guidelines and procedures for responding to requests for technical assistance at the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Advisory Board (September 2024), the first request for technical assistance was received from the Government of Vanuatu. Subsequently, the first call for proposals in response to the request was issued, and a consortium of four members of the Santiago network was selected.

28. The Santiago network secretariat conducted outreach activities for developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, including liaisons to the Santiago network secretariat and UNFCCC national focal points, to increase knowledge and awareness of the process for requesting technical assistance through the Santiago network, particularly in keeping with the demand- and country-driven approach. See section D on outreach below for more information.

29. In keeping with decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed in decision 11/CP.27, Parties were invited to nominate liaisons to the Santiago network secretariat to support the alignment of technical assistance through the Santiago network with national priorities. The guidelines adopted for technical assistance further invite these liaisons, or UNFCCC focal points (where liaisons are not identified) to endorse requests on a no-objection basis for a period of 21 days. As at 4 September 2025, 30 countries nominated liaisons to the Santiago network secretariat. See section D below for information on outreach to these liaisons.

30. Seven formal requests for technical assistance have been received as of 4 September 2025, from three regions including from LDCs and SIDS. These requests are at varying stages and the secretariat is providing targeted support to finalize the requests.

31. An additional number of draft requests and indications of request preparation with the secretariat have been received, including from a range of LDCs, SIDS and four regions. The secretariat is also engaging bilaterally with countries to support them with initiating and developing requests.

### D. Outreach

32. During the reporting period, outreach to developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change was prioritized. In May and June 2025, three information sessions were held for national liaisons to the Santiago network secretariat and UNFCCC national focal points to introduce or update them on the mandate and functions of the Santiago network, the relevant guidelines and procedures for accessing technical assistance, and to provide an overview of their roles and responsibilities.

33. Outreach and engagement also included:

(a) The first workshop under the Santiago network for the LDCs and SIDS, held on 26 and 27 September 2024 during Pacific Resilience Week in Suva, Fiji. The workshop was designed to support the identification of technical assistance needs, introduce the Santiago network guidelines for requesting technical assistance and provide information on the process for becoming a member of the Santiago network;

(b) Santiago network secretariat representation at COP 29 and related sessions from 11 to 22 November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan;

(c) A workshop for LDCs and SIDS in Africa, held from 22 to 24 July 2025 in Saly, Senegal, which was organized by the Santiago network secretariat in collaboration with UNDRR. This workshop was attended by over 60 participants from 34 countries, to build the capacity of participating countries in preparing requests for technical assistance;

(d) A briefing session for national delegates and focal points for disaster risk reduction organized by the Santiago network secretariat in collaboration with UNDRR on the margins of the eighth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, held in Geneva from 2 to 6 June 2025;

(e) Outreach to stakeholders at regional platforms for disaster risk reduction organized by UNDRR and the respective Governments of the Philippines (October 2024) for Asia-Pacific countries,<sup>12</sup> Namibia (October 2024) for African countries,<sup>13</sup> and Kuwait (February 2025) for Arab States;<sup>14</sup>

<sup>12</sup> For more information, see <https://www.undrr.org/implementing-sendai-framework/regional-platforms/apmcdrr>.

<sup>13</sup> For more information, see <https://afrp.undrr.org/>.

<sup>14</sup> For more information, see <https://rp-arabstates.undrr.org/>.

(f) A special event held by the Santiago network on operationalizing the network through advancing a critical pillar of the loss and damage architecture at the sixty-second session of the subsidiary bodies, held from 16 to 26 June 2025 in Bonn, Germany. The event was opened by the Co-Chairs of the Santiago network Advisory Board, and the panel included the Director of the Santiago network secretariat, the Co-Chair of the Executive Committee and the Deputy Executive Director of the FRLD;

(g) A stakeholder consultation following the event, held by the Santiago network secretariat to inform the development of the Santiago network strategy, bringing together national liaisons to the Santiago network secretariat, UNFCCC national focal points, Santiago network members, UNFCCC-accredited non-governmental organization constituencies, and representatives of other key stakeholders in the loss and damage ecosystem;

(h) Santiago network secretariat participation in the Pacific Loss and Damage Dialogue and Pacific Climate Change Roundtable, held from 11 to 15 August 2025 in Apia, Samoa.

34. Dedicated outreach to OBNEs continued, including simplified guidance and translations into multiple United Nations languages, as requested by the Advisory Board at the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Advisory Board.

## **E. Collaboration with relevant bodies**

35. During the reporting period, the secretariat supported the increased profiling and engagement of the Santiago network with key actors and developments in the loss and damage and climate action landscape. This included participation in the first High-Level Dialogue on Strengthening Response(s) to Loss and Damage through Complementarity, Coherence, and Coordination; the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the WIM Executive Committee; the sixth meeting of the Board of the FRLD; and other key events in the multilateral climate agenda.

36. In keeping with decision 6/CMA.5, endorsed in decision 2/CP.28, for the Santiago network secretariat and the secretariat of the FRLD in supporting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and contributing to coherence and complementarity with the FRLD, the Director of the Santiago network and the Executive Director of the FRLD convened several bilateral meetings, including on the margins of major events, such as COP 29 in Baku, Azerbaijan (November 2024), the inaugural High-Level Dialogue on Loss and Damage in Washington, D.C., United States of America (April 2025), and the sixth meeting of the Board of the FRLD in Cebu, Philippines (July 2025).

37. Both secretariats signed a Letter of Intent on 7 February 2025 to collaborate on key areas, including:

- (a) Supporting countries in accessing the FRLD through technical assistance provided via the Santiago network;
- (b) Coordinating and collaborating with relevant stakeholders;
- (c) Enhancing knowledge management and information sharing.

38. Following an invitation from the WIM Executive Committee, Santiago network Advisory Board members and representatives, as well as the Santiago network secretariat participated and engaged in the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the WIM Executive Committee held in Bonn from 13 to 15 May 2025. The meeting facilitated discussion on potential areas for collaboration between the two bodies.

## **F. Communications and visibility**

39. During the reporting period, the network's website was further developed with additional resources, guidance on accessing technical assistance and expressing interest in membership, as well as a dedicated members page to showcase the current network of members.

40. Communications content highlighting network milestones, events, Advisory Board activities, and targeted outreach to underrepresented groups, including OBNEs for women, Indigenous Peoples, and youth and children, was made available on the Santiago network website and social media platforms, as well as on the channels of co-hosts, members and partners.

41. Media engagement included press releases, web articles and membership campaigns. The secretariat worked with the Government of Vanuatu to engage national and international media outlets and circulate digital content, including a video statement from the Prime Minister of Vanuatu, to mark the milestone of the Santiago network's first technical assistance in Vanuatu and serve as outreach to developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

42. The workshop for LDCs and SIDS in Africa achieved significant media coverage in collaboration with the Government of Senegal, with a particular focus on raising awareness about the network in Africa.

43. At COP 29 and CMA 6, the Santiago network held four events aimed at providing updates on the progress of work and engaging with representatives of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and vulnerable communities adversely affected by climate change impacts, as well as with potential members, with a view to accelerating work under the network;

(a) A high-level event hosted by the COP 29 Presidency on scaling up climate action on loss and damage through the full operationalization of the Santiago network was held to emphasize the network's critical role in catalysing technical assistance and fostering coordination across the loss and damage ecosystem. The event showcased the network's progress and reinforced its role as a key provider of technical assistance to avert, minimize and address loss and damage;

(b) Three events co-hosted by the Santiago network were held at COP 29 to increase awareness of the operationalization of the Santiago network and engage with representatives of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and vulnerable communities, as well as potential members of the network.

## V. Financial management system

44. Financial management was undertaken through the established UNOPS and UNDRR systems, ensuring compliance with United Nations financial regulations, fiduciary standards and contributor agreements.

### A. Funding overview

45. By September 2025, total contributions to the Santiago network reached approximately<sup>15</sup> USD 40.7 million, provided by nine bilateral donors including Austria, the European Union (via the Directorate-General for Climate Change (DG CLIMA)), Germany, Ireland (via the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade), Luxembourg, Spain (via UNFCCC), Switzerland and the United States (via UNFCCC). Furthermore, the total contribution amount includes co-financing contributions from the Government of Switzerland for one-off costs for each secretariat member based in Geneva (see paragraph 47 below for details).

46. As per contribution agreements, actual cash instalments are received on a pre-determined schedule, subject to receipt and acceptance by contributors of the annual audited 2024 financial report issued by the secretariat. By September 2025, total cash remittances amounted to USD 26.4 million.

### B. In-kind and other co-financing support

47. The Government of Switzerland provides co-financing support for office rent, utilities and equipment at the head office in Geneva. The value of this support is estimated at USD 55,302 annually for rental subsidy starting from 1 November 2024, and a one-time settlement contribution of USD 83,062 for office equipment.

48. Decisions 6/CMA.5 and 2/CP.28 requested UNDRR and UNOPS to provide in-kind and other support for the Santiago network secretariat to carry out its roles and responsibilities, as set out in the terms of reference of the Santiago network, and to provide periodic updates on matters regarding the Santiago network secretariat and make this available for the annual report to Parties.

49. The in-kind and other support provided by UNDRR includes:

(a) Regular technical backstopping and expertise to the Santiago network secretariat in the domain of averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, including advice for managing technical assistance requests and membership to the network;

(b) Development and review of technical documents, including strategic and operational documents of the Santiago network and background documents for the Advisory Board. UNDRR supported the collaboration of the Santiago network secretariat with formal entities relevant to loss and damage, while strengthening engagement with relevant stakeholders;

(c) Enhancing outreach to governments and other stakeholders through facilitating, co-organizing and engaging in outreach and capacity-building events. This included a workshop for LDCs and SIDS convened in Senegal (from 22 to 24 July 2025), for which UNDRR also provided co-financing support. UNDRR also supported the organization of dedicated events of the Santiago network at the sixty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2025). Outreach events at the regional level were also

<sup>15</sup> Current contribution agreements are signed in CHF, EUR and USD. The total contributions amount presents received and future payments by using the United Nations operational rate of exchange of 1 September 2025 for CHF and EUR currencies. Given that future payments are subject to exchange rate fluctuations, the current total amount is considered an approximate amount.



facilitated, including in liaison with regional intergovernmental and other organizations and networks, and targeting diverse stakeholders at the regional, national and subnational levels;

(d) Enhancing the outreach of the Santiago network at the eighth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, which brought together over 3,500 participants from 177 countries (Geneva, Switzerland from 2 to 6 June 2025),<sup>16</sup> and regional platforms in the Philippines (October 2024), Namibia (October 2024) and Kuwait (February 2025). These global and regional platforms featured special events on the Santiago network, including a briefing session for national delegations to build awareness of the Santiago network at the Global Platform. The outcome of the Global Platform, the “Geneva Call for Disaster Risk Reduction”,<sup>17</sup> reflects the role of the Santiago network in capacity-building and as an enabler in aligning climate action and disaster risk reduction.

50. UNOPS is a self-financing organization with an operating model based on full-cost recovery. UNOPS covers its costs through the services and projects it delivers on behalf of partners. In line with its operating model, UNOPS is not able to provide in-kind support.

## VI. Recommendations for consideration by the governing body or bodies

51. The Advisory Board recommends that the governing body or bodies may wish to consider the following recommendations, which take into consideration lessons learned and challenges encountered, at the session(s) to be held in November 2025:

(a) Progress:

(i) *Welcomes* the progress made in the ongoing operationalization of the Santiago network, including the:

a. Adoption of the Santiago network strategy and the sub-strategies for communications, outreach and engagement, and resource mobilization;

b. Approval of the Santiago network work programme for 2026–2028, the revised budget for 2025 and the annual budget for 2026;

c. Decision on the approach to determine the minimum percentage of technical assistance funded directly by the Santiago network directed to communities particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;

d. Decision to establish the regional presence of the Santiago network secretariat and *encourages* the secretariat to finalize the recruitment processes as soon as possible, with flexibility to continue with interim arrangements until the permanent positions are in place;

e. Establishment of the budget subcommittee, the conflict of interest subcommittee and the task force on outreach, and the adoption of the terms of reference for each;

f. Progress made in supporting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change in preparing their requests for technical assistance;

g. Intersessional work of the Santiago network Advisory Board and the secretariat to advance their work, including the use of intersessional meetings and decisions in keeping with the rules of procedures of the Santiago network;

(ii) *Also welcomes* the increase in the number of members of the Santiago network, and of expressions of interest in membership, and *expresses appreciation* to OBNEs for their engagement;

(iii) *Expresses appreciation* to UNDRR and UNOPS for supporting the Santiago network, including in-kind and other support provided to the Santiago network secretariat to carry out their roles and responsibilities;

(b) Technical assistance:

(i) *Encourages* the Santiago network secretariat to:

<sup>16</sup> For more information, see <https://globalplatform.undrr.org>.

<sup>17</sup> For more information, see <https://globalplatform.undrr.org/quick/95049>.

- a. Explore ways to enhance private sector engagement with the network in delivering technical assistance;
  - b. Promote country ownership and demand-drivenness in delivering technical assistance at the local, national and regional levels;
  - c. Foster collaboration with regional initiatives, centres and other stakeholders in catalysing technical assistance;
  - d. Evaluate ways to share lessons learned, recommendations and case studies from processing technical assistance requests;
  - e. Embed gender and inclusion in its operations, including through the participatory development and implementation of a Gender and Inclusion Action Plan;
- (c) Collaboration:
- (i) *Encourages* the Advisory Board to continue exploring modalities of collaboration with the WIM Executive Committee with a view to enhancing synergies under the WIM;
  - (ii) *Welcomes* the participation of the Santiago network secretariat in the FRLD Board meetings and *encourages* the Santiago network secretariat to continue engaging with the FRLD secretariat, in line with their Letter of Intent, to build synergies and avoid duplication of efforts;
  - (iii) *Encourages* the Santiago network secretariat to continue engaging in international and regional fora that promote coordination, collaboration and complementarity among relevant actors in the loss and damage landscape, such as the High-level Dialogue on Loss and Damage and the Global and Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction;
- (d) Finance:
- (i) *Expresses appreciation* to the Government of Switzerland for its continued financial support for the hosting of the Santiago network secretariat;
  - (ii) *Appreciates* the contributions made to the Santiago network totalling USD 40.7 million as of the date of this report. *Recognizes* the increased scale and frequency of loss and damage and the need for continued support and enhanced action. *Looks forward* to additional pledges and contributions in order to enable the Santiago network to fulfil its mandate effectively;
  - (iii) *Requests* the secretariat to facilitate the relevant processes to ensure contributions are promptly transferred to the Santiago network;
  - (iv) *Encourages* the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy for the operations of the Santiago network to materialize further contributions;
- (e) Outreach and accessibility:
- (i) *Acknowledges* the efforts of the Santiago network secretariat in providing information in an accessible, inclusive and simple manner, including making information available in the official languages of the United Nations and updating the digital platforms to enhance transparency on membership expertise and location, and *encourages* the secretariat to continue to enhance these efforts;
  - (ii) *Reiterates* the invitation and *encourages* Parties to inform the Santiago network secretariat of their liaison to the Santiago network secretariat, as appropriate for their national circumstances, to support alignment of technical assistance with national priorities;
  - (iii) *Encourages* the Santiago network secretariat to continue its efforts on outreach, engagement and capacity-building of national liaisons to the Santiago network secretariat and UNFCCC national focal points.
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