Santiago Network Workshop: ExCom inputs

Friday 28 April 2022

The ExCom at its 15th meeting decided to provide input to the technical workshop on the Santiago Network organized under the guidance of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies (SBs) on 4-6 May 2022. The ExCom suggests a set of questions that could guide the discussion around the five elements of the call for submissions and thereby help facilitate an early operationalization of the Santiago Network. These questions are put forward for the consideration of the SBs Chairs in their preparatory work ahead of the technical workshop.

(questions not in any order)

Operational modalities;

- What lessons learned from existing programmes and experiences could inform the operational modalities of the Santiago Network?

- What modalities should the Santiago Network use to fulfil its functions?

- What modalities could ensure that the technical assistance catalyzed to vulnerable developing countries is demand-driven and needs-based?

- What could be modalities for monitoring and evaluation of technical assistance catalysed?

- Where capacity and resource limitations inhibit engagement with the Santiago Network, how would the network facilitate access to technical assistance?

- What should the modalities for management of funds provided for technical assistance under the Santiago Network and the terms for their disbursement be? (as in Decision 1/CMA3, paragraph 68)

- How should the Santiago Network be funded and how should those funds be governed?

Structure;

- How should the Santiago Network be structured to fulfil its functions?

- Is an advisory body/bodies needed to support the functioning of the Santiago Network, and if so, how would it support the functions of the Santiago Network? What would be the structure of such a body/bodies?

- Where can the potential convening or coordinating body of Santiago Network be placed to ensure robust, transparent, and Party-driven support in vulnerable countries?

The role of the Ex Com and its expert groups, task force and technical expert group;

- What role, if any, should the ExCom, and its expert groups, technical expert group and task force, have in fulfilling the functions of the Santiago Network?
- How can the Santiago Network build on the knowledge and expertise of the ExCom and its expert groups?

The role of L&D contact points and other relevant stakeholders;

- What role, if any, should the L&D contact points play in fulfilling the functions of the SN? How would this role be fulfilled in countries that do not have a designated L&D contact point?
- What role, if any, should other relevant stakeholders, under and outside the UNFCCC, at the local, subnational, national, regional and international level play in the functioning of the Santiago Network?

Possible elements for the terms of reference of a potential convening or coordinating body that may provide secretarial services to facilitate work under the Santiago Network;

- What could be the criteria for selecting a potential convening or coordinating body of the network?
- What should be the process for selecting a potential convening or coordinating body of the network?
- What elements should the terms of reference for a potential convening body include (e.g. mandate, functions, structures, governance, reporting, etc.)?

Process and next steps

- How do you envision the next steps to operationalize the Santiago Network?
- What should happen between now and COP27 to advance as much as possible the operationalization of the Santiago Network?
- What needs to be included in the SB56 outcome to operationalize the Santiago Network?