

Executive Summary

Submission Title

Proposal to host the Santiago network secretariat: Joint Submission by UNDRR and UNOPS

Partners

- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

Background and Motivation

The Santiago network for loss and damage was established in 2019 to “catalyse the technical assistance of relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts (OBNEs) 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.”

The Santiago network is a unique mechanism that will help bridge the gap between efforts to avert, minimize and address existing and projected loss and damage and the capacity required to do so. Such a mechanism requires the support of global entities that have the length and depth of experience and expertise in coordinating technical assistance to countries and managing this across countries and communities, partnering with organisations, bodies, networks, and experts.

Hence, responding to the call for proposals to manage the Santiago network secretariat, UNDRR and UNOPS are forming a consortium and submitting a joint proposal. The combined strengths of the two UN entities - technical expertise of UNDRR and implementation effectiveness and efficiencies of UNOPS, combined with the overall rules of procedure of the United Nations - speaks to Santiago network's ambition to maximise synergies and accelerate action.

This is further strengthened by support from organisations like FAO, IOM, UNDP, and the ALL ACT Alliance (represented by ICCAD and IIED) who will provide substantive guidance and expertise, relevant to their organisations' unique mandates, to the functioning of the secretariat through a Technical Working Group attached to the secretariat.

Nairobi (Kenya), subject to further consultation with Parties

Proposed Location

Proposed Staff

- 1) Director
- 2) Chief Technical Expert
- 3) Programme Officer (Country engagement)

- 4) Programme Officer (OBNE engagement)
- 5) Communications Officer (Knowledge management and outreach)
- 6) Programme Support & Operations Manager
- 7) Administrative Assistant

Estimated Budget and in-kind support

US\$ 10.7 million over 5 years (Administrative cost of the secretariat)

The hosting consortium will provide technical advice and expertise and facilitate stronger linkages with OBNEs. The consortium will also provide communication support to the functioning of the Santiago network for better knowledge management and advocacy. Logistic support to meetings and office can be explored.