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Sixth meeting of the Board

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Cebu, Philippines

Provisional agenda item 8

Report of the Co-Chairs

Expected actions by the Board

The Board will be invited to take note of the report.

I. Background and mandate

1. Pursuant to paragraph 23 of the Governing Instrument the Board is chaired by two Co-Chairs, elected by the Board from within its membership, with one from a developed country and one from a developing country.
2. The Board at its first meeting (B.1) elected Mr. Jean-Christophe Donnellier (France) and Mr. Richard Sherman (South Africa) as its Co-Chairs. At B.4, the Board decided that the next Co-Chairs will be elected at B.7.
3. In decision B.5/D.5 the Board requested the Co-Chairs to conduct a performance evaluation for the Executive Director from November 2024 to June 2025. The Co-Chairs plan to update the Board at B.6 on the evaluation process, which is conducted in conjunction with the Vice President for the Planet Vice Presidency at the World Bank (i.e. the Host VP).
4. In relation to the workplan with a view to achieving full operationalization of the Fund by 2027, the Board requested the Co-Chairs to provide guidance to the Secretariat regarding its work on developing a range of options and propositions including but not limited to the documents listed in the workplan contained in the annex to decision B.4/D.3¹ and, in synergy with those, as relevant, on the development of the operational elements and processes for the implementation of the Barbados Implementation Modalities (to be known as the BIM) (decision B.5/D.4, para. (m)).
5. The Board requested the Co-Chairs to provide coordination support to the Secretariat on the arrangements for establishing and operationalizing the annual high-level dialogue (HLD).

II. Activities of the Co-Chairs during the period between the meetings of the Board

6. The Co-Chairs undertook a number of activities between the meetings of the Board pursuant to the mandates outlined in paragraphs 3–5 above, and in accordance with their role under the rules of procedure of the Board. The following paragraphs provide a high-level summary of these activities.

A. Performance evaluation of the Executive Director for November 2024 to June 2025

7. The Co-Chairs engaged with the World Bank’s Vice President for the Planet to evaluate the Executive Director’s performance for the performance cycle from November 2024 to June 2025. The evaluation period is from November 2024 to June 2025 and is expected to be concluded by end of August 2025. The evaluation is being conducted in line with World Bank regulations which apply in the matter,
8. The Co-Chairs plan to update the Board at B.6 on the progress made since the approval by the Board of the evaluation process applicable for the performance period November 2024 to June 2025.

B. High-level dialogue

9. The Co-Chairs provided ongoing guidance to the Secretariat regarding the organization of the first annual HLD with the theme “Complementarity, coherence, and coordination”, which took place on the margins of the 2025 Spring Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund, on 25 April, 2025 in Washington, D.C., United States of America. The Co-Chairs participated actively in the discussions at the HLD

¹ See document FRLD/B.4/14, annex III.

and gave opening and closing remarks. In addition, they engaged in several bilateral meetings with participants of the HLD.

C. Barbados Implementation Modalities

10. The Co-Chairs have guided the development of the papers regarding the operationalization of the BIM since B.5. An inception meeting between the Co-Chairs and the Secretariat took place on the sidelines of the 2025 Spring Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund and an action plan with timelines was prepared by the Secretariat. The Co-Chairs participated in weekly meetings with the Secretariat to review progress on the development of the B.6. papers, including the framing paper, and shared additional guidance accordingly. The Co-Chairs also met with the Secretariat and the consulting firm Dalberg to discuss and provide guidance on the development of the FRLD resource mobilization strategy. The Co-Chairs chaired the consultations with the Board on the framing paper and guided the finalization of the papers requested in decision B.5/D.4, para. (m)).

D. Relations with other entities

11. The Co-Chairs engaged in meetings with:

- (a) The Co-Chairs of the two entities under the Warsaw International Mechanisms in the margins of the sixty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies (see summary in the annex);
- (b) The leadership of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Annex

Summary of the informal meeting of the co-chairs of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage and the Advisory Board of the Santiago network

I. Background

1. On 5 June 2025, the co-chairs of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (WIM) sent a letter inviting the co-chairs of the Santiago network Advisory Board (SNAB) and the co-chairs of the Board of the FRLD with a view to initiating an informal discussion among the co-chairs of the three bodies to jointly explore ways forward on how to approach the issue of collaboration to promote coordination and complementarity among the bodies, given the respective roles and responsibilities in supporting loss and damage.

Participants

FRLD Board: Mr. Richard Sherman, Mr. Jean-Christophe Donnellier (online)

SNAB: Ms. Angela Rivera, Ms. Stella Brozek-Everaert

WIM Executive Committee: Mr. Mohammed Hafijul Islam Khan, Ms. Tessa Kelly

Secretariat present

Santiago network secretariat: Ms. Carolina Fuentes Castellanos

UNFCCC secretariat: Mr. Paul Desanker, Ms. Miwa Kato, Ms. Manon Robin

II. Next steps agreed

2. Recognizing the different contexts, including the varying state/stages of operationalization of respective institutions and mandates for which each of the three bodies is accountable, the general consensus was as follows:

(a) Initially, keep activities at the co-chair level rather than as constituted bodies, and also at the secretariat level;

(b) The secretariats to develop their own pathways for activities that do not require ExCom or Board approvals;

(c) Task the respective secretariats to work together to propose some joint activities for consideration of the co-chairs, including:

(i) Design a one-page diagram that portrays the loss and damage landscape and explains the respective roles, for use in communication efforts;

(ii) A joint side event at COP 30 to present on areas of common interest and provide an update the collaborations between the co-chairs;

(iii) Ideas on how the Santiago network and the WIM Executive Committee can support the development of the Barbados Implementation Modalities;

(d) Each to invite the co-chairs of the other bodies to regular meetings, including for virtual inputs;

(e) Each body to ensure the other secretariats can be invited to meetings as observers, in case this is not the case already;

- (f) Organize regular informal exchanges between the co-chairs.
