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**Twenty-fifth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for
Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts**

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Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands**

Note by the Co-Chairs

**Background paper for item 7(b): Synergies with and complementary across the loss and damage support
architecture under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement**

I. Background

1. As part of the outcomes of the 3rd review of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM), completed at COP 30 (Belém, November 2025), the CMA requested the Executive Committee (ExCom) and the Advisory Board of the Santiago network to, inter alia, 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 update them, as needed.¹
2. At its 24th meeting (ExCom 24), ExCom considered approach for responding to this mandate and requested the secretariat to create a document that contains key messages regarding complementarity between the work of the ExCom and the Santiago network, and that with the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD), for consideration by ExCom at its next meeting.²
3. Annex I provides possible key messages that can inform future work of the ExCom, including for communication and outreach activities. The messages derive from ExCom’s presentation during its session at the Climate Week-3 (Yeosu, April 2026) where ExCom explained to Parties and other participants complementary support by the ExCom and the Santiago network under the WIM and based on the discussions between the co-chairs of the ExCom and the Santiago network, held in January 2026, in the context of their regular meetings.
4. As no funding requests are yet to be approved under the Barbados Implementation Modality of the FRLD, the key messages focus on highlighting complementarity between the work under the ExCom and the Santiago network.

II. Next steps

5. ExCom may wish to:
 - (a) Use the key messages to inform its future activities and guide the work of its thematic expert groups in implementing their respective plans of action and/or preparing new activities.
 - (b) Exchange views on complementarity between the work of the ExCom and that of the FRLD, to inform further iteration of key messages; and
 - (c) Provide feedback to the secretariat on the current set of key messages as contained in the annex for future iterations, noting progress of work under the ExCom and its thematic expert groups, the Santiago network, and the FRLD.

¹ Decision 22/CMA.7, para 34(b), endorsed by the COP in its decision 10/CP.30.

² ExCom 24 [decision point](#) 13.b.4.

Annex I

Compilation of key messages that highlight complementary support by the ExCom and Santiago network, as of August 2026

Areas of complementary support

1. **Strengthening national and local capacities** through analytical and policy guidance from ExCom and targeted technical assistance delivered via the Santiago Network to help countries assess, understand, and finance action for loss and damage.
2. **Enhancing access to technical support** by linking ExCom-driven knowledge outputs with the Santiago Network's operational network of technical assistance providers to ensure countries receive timely, fit-for-purpose assistance.
3. **Improving data, analytics, and risk information** where ExCom advances methodologies, knowledge products, and gap analyses, while the SN facilitates their application through in-country technical support to develop context-specific response measures.
4. **Advancing implementation of effective response measures** informed by ExCom's analytical and policy work and supported by the SN's hands-on technical assistance to translate recommended approaches into tailored solutions.
5. **Strengthening capacity to access and utilize finance**, with ExCom identifying strategic needs, options, and barriers, and navigating funding arrangements, and the SN catalysing technical assistance to countries to prepare funding requests and proposals.

Generic

6. The Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM), with its policy arm and technical assistance facility, helps countries facing unavoidable and irreversible impacts and guides collective understanding of L&D across the international system.
 7. The Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM) comprise two distinct yet complementary institutional arrangements: The Executive Committee (ExCom) and the Santiago Network – with the former serving as its policy and knowledge pillar, while the latter was established as its technical assistance facility.
 8. Technical guides under the WIM are designed to turn complex climate risks into clear, practical guidance that policymakers can use. This knowledge base helps countries understand cascading impacts, irreversible thresholds, and multi hazard risks, and anticipate losses, manage risks, and connect to technical and financial support.
 9. Many organizations that serve as members of ExCom's thematic expert groups are also those working under the Santiago Network. This overlap reinforces coherence across the work of the two and ensures that the knowledge produced under the ExCom is directly relevant to the technical assistance the Santiago Network catalyses.
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