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Matters relating to the Santiago network under the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

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1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the report on the hosting of the secretariat of the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change¹ prepared by the evaluation panel.²

2. The SBSTA and the SBI expressed appreciation to the Governments of Canada, Japan and Spain for their financial contributions to the work of the Santiago network.

3. The SBSTA and the SBI welcomed the pledges that have been already made for the Santiago network amounting to approximately **xx** as at 15 June 2023.³

4. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled decision 12/CMA.4, paragraph 4.

5. The SBSTA and the SBI also recalled decision 12/CMA.4, paragraph 5, which urged developed country Parties to provide funds for the operation of the Santiago network and technical assistance as set out in decision 19/CMA.3, paragraph 9.

6. The SBSTA and the SBI further recalled decision 12/CMA.4, paragraph 6, which encouraged others to provide support for the operation of the Santiago network and technical assistance.

7. The SBSTA and the SBI noted that two proposals were received in response to the call for proposals for hosting the Santiago network secretariat,⁴ the executive summaries of which are available on the UNFCCC website.⁵

8. The SBSTA and the SBI welcomed the efforts of the proponents in responding to the call for proposals, the evaluation panel⁶ in assessing the proposals and preparing the report referred to in paragraph 1 above, and the secretariat in providing support for the selection process, all within a limited time frame.

9. The SBSTA and the SBI considered the report referred to in paragraph 1 above, which includes the shortlist of two proposals for hosting the Santiago network secretariat and information on how the evaluation panel assessed the proposals against the evaluation criteria.⁷

10. The SBSTA and the SBI recommended a draft decision selecting **xx** to host the Santiago network secretariat, which was found to have best met the criteria referred to in paragraph 9 above, for an initial term of five years, with five-year renewal periods⁸ for consideration and adoption at the session(s) of the governing body or bodies to be held in November–December 2023 (for the text of the draft decision, see document **FCCC/SB/2023/L.X/Add.X**). In addition, the SBSTA and the SBI agreed to take into account

¹ FCCC/SB/2023/1.

² Further details on the evaluation panel and selection process are available at <https://unfccc.int/SNevalpanel>.

³ They noted that this does not set a precedent for future pledges to the Santiago network.

⁴ The call for proposals issued on 31 December 2022 is available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/624794>.

⁵ <https://unfccc.int/proposalsSNhost>.

⁶ The evaluation panel comprised four members of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, two members of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network, and two members of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building.

⁷ Set out in annex II to decision 12/CMA.4.

⁸ Pursuant to decision 12/CMA.4, annex I, para. 21.

the elements of a draft decision⁹ on matters relating to the Santiago network during deliberations at their fifty-ninth sessions (November–December 2023) with a view to recommending a draft decision thereon for consideration and adoption at the session(s) of the governing body or bodies to be held in November–December 2023.

11. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled the request¹⁰ for the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, to develop a draft host agreement (memorandum of understanding) with ~~xx~~ recommended by the subsidiary bodies at their fifty-eighth sessions with a view to recommending it for consideration and adoption at the session(s) of the governing body or bodies to be held in November–December 2023.

12. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to take into account the following considerations in drafting the host agreement (memorandum of understanding):

a. The roles and responsibilities of the Santiago network secretariat, including that it shall be accountable to and operate under the guidance of an Advisory Board, recognizing the different mandates of the host and the Santiago network, and that the Advisory Board will provide guidance and oversight to the Santiago network secretariat on the effective implementation of the functions of the network;

b. The broad regional presence of the host, and how it can enable access to the Santiago network in all United Nations geographic regions with developing countries particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, with no region left behind;

c. The mandate of the Santiago network and its functions,¹¹ including on facilitating the consideration of a wide range of topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage approaches, including but not limited to current and future impacts, priorities and actions related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, pursuant to decisions 3/CP.18 and 2/CP.19, the areas referred to in Article 8, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement and the strategic workstreams of the five-year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts;

d. Assurances that the host will enable the Santiago network and its secretariat to receive the required financial and other support from a wide variety of sources and through all parts of the consortium¹² to carry out its terms of reference;¹³

e. Information on the commitment from the host to provide financial, in-kind and other support for the Santiago network secretariat for the term of the memorandum of understanding to contribute to the ability of the Santiago network secretariat to carry out its roles and responsibilities as set out in the terms of reference;

f. For the Santiago network secretariat to have a lean, cost-efficient organizational structure consistent with decision 1/CMA.4, annex I, paragraph 13;

g. Provisions for discussions on further arrangements for the implementation of the memorandum of understanding in line with future decisions by the governing body or bodies.

13. The SBSTA and the SBI also requested the secretariat to develop draft guidelines on preventing potential and addressing actual and perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the Santiago network, including any conflicts of interest that may arise when organizations, bodies, networks and experts are engaged in providing technical support services to the Santiago network secretariat while responding to technical assistance requests, or when the host of the Santiago network secretariat is responding as an organization, body, network or expert to technical assistance requests. These guidelines will be reviewed and approved by the Advisory Board at its first meeting.

⁹ Insert URL of the elements of a draft decision.

¹⁰ Decision 12/CMA.4, para. 24.

¹¹ Decision 19/CMA.3, para. 9.

¹² Insert footnote on consortium members.

¹³ See decision 12/CMA.4 and annex I.

14. The SBSTA and the SBI encouraged Parties to nominate members with technical experience and knowledge¹⁴ to serve on the Advisory Board¹⁵ by 15 November 2023 for consideration at their election at the session(s) of the governing body or bodies to be held in November–December 2023.

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*The governing body or bodies,*¹⁶

Recalling the Paris Agreement and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the completion of the selection process for the host of the secretariat of the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, which was supported by an evaluation panel comprising four members of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, two members of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network, and two members of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building and involved the participation of the two proponents that responded to the call for proposals for hosting the Santiago network secretariat;¹⁷

2. *Selects xx* as the host of the Santiago network secretariat for an initial term of five years, with five-year renewal periods.¹⁸

Elements of a draft decision on matters relating to the Santiago network under the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts¹⁹

[1. *Placeholder text for adoption of the memorandum of understanding between the governing body or bodies and host of the Santiago network secretariat;*

2. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to sign, on behalf of the governing body or bodies, the host agreement between the governing body or bodies and xx regarding the hosting of the Santiago network secretariat;

3. *Placeholder text for election of the members of the Advisory Board of the Santiago network;*

4. *Placeholder for potential invitation to the Advisory Board:*

(a) *Placeholder for conflict of interest with regard to engagement of organizations, bodies, networks and experts;*

(b) *Placeholder for report on in-kind support from the host and other parts of the network;*

¹⁴ See decision 12/CMA.4, para. 10.

¹⁵ Pursuant to decision 12/CMA.4, para. 10.

¹⁶ Nothing in this document prejudices Parties' views or prejudices outcomes on matters related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.

¹⁷ Further details on the evaluation panel and selection process are available at <https://unfccc.int/SNevalpanel>.

¹⁸ See decision 12/CMA.4, annex I, para. 21.

¹⁹ Nothing in this document prejudices outcomes of the session(s) of the governing body or bodies to be held in November–December 2023.

(c) Placeholder to request Advisory Board to take up issues related to having a broad regional presence and ensuring [balanced] accessibility to the technical assistance catalysed by the Santiago network in all United Nations geographic regions with developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, with no region left behind;

5. *Placeholder for requests to the Santiago network secretariat;*
6. *Placeholder on endorsement of the appointment of the director for the Santiago network secretariat at the first meeting of the Advisory Board;*
7. *Placeholder for funding the Santiago network;*
8. Requests the Santiago network secretariat to facilitate the first meeting of the Advisory Board, to take place in 2024;
9. Takes note that the host of the Santiago network secretariat is to ensure that the necessary arrangements are in place for the meetings of the Advisory Board, including privileges and immunities for members of the Board.]]