

Answers from the Presidencies to the questions made by the G77 and China about the process to operationalizing the Santiago Network.

- (i) What are the specific next steps that the Presidencies intend to take between June 2021 up to COP26 in relation to this process?

The next steps that have been planned so far are as follows:

- A second version of the paper prepared by the Presidencies will be distributed as soon as possible, before our next informal consultation on June 28.
- An informal consultation with parties and observers will take place on June 28 to exchange views on the paper.
- Presidencies expect to receive written feedback from parties and are open to ideas for further discussion / bilateral meetings.
- A third version of the paper will be prepared, taking into consideration parties' comments and inputs. This paper will be circulated to inform the Head of Delegation meeting on loss and damage.
- Depending on reactions to that proposal, the Presidencies will convene further informal consultations, and bilateral meetings with groups and parties to build consensus over further action needed to develop the network, including at COP 26.

- (ii) What are the Presidencies' views with respect to the role of Parties in such a process?

Operationalizing the SN should be a party driven process. Presidencies will lead the process expecting a full engagement of parties and observers. We invite active participation in the meetings. The presidencies request that views are coordinated as much as possible and, while we understand that coordination is difficult, this informal process allows for more iteration of ideas, so timely feedback would be very much appreciated.

- (iii) How will the Presidencies ensure that such a process is driven by the Parties?

We are consulting now and seeking to reflect back ideas that represent points that will find consensus, including with non-party stakeholders.

This will include a check with Heads of Delegation. We would suggest that COP/CMA might like to take a view on the process so far and endorse further intersessional work to develop the network, if required.

- (iv) What are the modalities that the Presidencies have put in place to ensure that Parties' views are reflected and taken into account?

We can say we have these informal consultations, the opportunity to provide written inputs, and bilateral meetings with those that have commented on the paper.

We are very open to more consultations, together, in groups, bilaterally. Let us see how close we are on the 28th and discuss how best to move forward then.

- (v) What opportunities will be provided in this process for the Parties to be able to provide additional inputs on an iterative basis as the Presidencies' proposal is being defined further?

The door is always open and Presidencies will be happy to receive proposals on how to move forward. We are committed to an open and party driven process that helps to deliver practical help as soon as possible.

- (vi) Noting previous statements from the Presidencies, what is the progress anticipated by or at COP26?

This will depend on the further consultations we plan. If we are able to build a consensus through this process we may be able to collectively go to COP with something exciting. If not, we will have to think together on the best course of action. Presidencies will be happy to suggest a course of action but it is premature to do so now. Let us see how far we get through to our meeting on June 28 and the HODs meeting in end July.

- (vii) How will this process contribute to making operational paragraph 44 of decision 2/CMA.2 with respect to reporting by organizations, bodies, networks and experts in the SNLD to the WIM Executive Committee?

This request to technical agencies will need their cooperation. We expect the network to help support this and help feed information to the ExCom. Presidencies agree that ensuring synergy between the Excom and the network is an important goal.

(viii) What would be the role of the Parties in the SNLD once it has been operationalized?

Parties should be involved in the future in an active manner to ensure that the SN is useful for developing countries. Parties will revise and evaluate the progress of the Network, and will be able to make recommendations and provide more mandate in future CMA/COP decisions through: (i) formal negotiations of the ExCom annual reports, in which the ExCom has been called to include information from the organizations, bodies, networks and experts that have reported on their progress in providing technical assistance to developing countries; and (ii) formal negotiations of future reviews of the WIM, since the SN is established under the WIM. The next WIM review will take place in 2024, according to paragraph 46 of decision 2/CMA.2.