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**Joint annual report of the Executive Committee of the
Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage
associated with Climate Change Impacts and the Santiago
network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and
damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change**

Summary

This report contains information on organizational and procedural matters relating to the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts and the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change between September 2024 and June 2025. Substantive information on the progress of work of the Executive Committee and under the Santiago network will be provided in two addenda to be published prior to the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties.

Abbreviations and acronyms

CMA	Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement
COP	Conference of the Parties
ExCom	meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts
NGO	non-governmental organization
WIM	Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

I. Introduction

A. Mandate

1. COP 19 established the WIM to address loss and damage associated with the impacts of climate change, including extreme events and slow onset events, in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and established the Executive Committee to guide the implementation of the functions of the WIM.¹ Article 8, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement provides that the WIM shall be subject to the authority and guidance of the CMA.
2. COP 19 requested the Executive Committee to report annually to the COP through the subsidiary bodies and to make recommendations, as appropriate.²
3. CMA 2 established, as part of the WIM, the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change to catalyse the technical assistance of relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts 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.³
4. The terms of reference of the Santiago network⁴ provide that the Santiago network secretariat will prepare an annual report on activities of the Santiago network secretariat and network and on the performance of their respective functions and submit it to the Advisory Board of the Santiago network for its consideration and approval, and that the approved report will be forwarded to the UNFCCC secretariat for inclusion in the joint annual report of the Santiago network and the Executive Committee submitted to the governing body or bodies through their subsidiary bodies.⁵

B. Scope

5. This report contains information on organizational and procedural matters, including meetings and events, relating to the Executive Committee and its thematic expert groups (three expert groups, a technical expert group and a task force) between 15 October 2024 and 30 June 2025, and to the Santiago network, including its Advisory Board, network of member organizations, bodies networks and experts, and secretariat, between 7 September 2024 and 30 June 2025.
6. Two addenda will follow: one containing substantive information on the progress of work of the Executive Committee, including through the activities of its thematic expert groups, between October 2024 and October 2025, including the outcomes of ExCom 23, scheduled to take place from 30 September to 2 October 2025; and the other containing substantive information on the full operationalization of the Santiago network and the milestones achieved from 7 September 2024 to 4 September 2025. The second addendum will include outcomes of the 4th meeting of the Advisory Board, which took place from 15 to 17 April 2025 and the 5th meeting of the Advisory Board, scheduled to take place from 2 to 4 September 2025.

C. Possible action by the subsidiary bodies

7. The subsidiary bodies may wish to consider the information in this report and its addenda and recommend draft conclusions or draft decisions on the basis of the work of the

¹ Decision [2/CP.19](#), paras. 1–2. The functions of the WIM are set out in para. 5 of that decision.

² Decision [2/CP.19](#), para. 3.

³ Decision [2/CMA.2](#), para. 43. That decision was noted by decision [2/CP.25](#).

⁴ Decision [12/CMA.4](#), annex I. That decision was endorsed by decision [11/CP.27](#).

⁵ Paras. 18–19 of the terms of reference of the Santiago network. See para. 18 of those terms of reference for the full list of information to be included in the annual report.

Executive Committee and under the Santiago network for consideration and adoption by the appropriate body or bodies.⁶

II. Organizational and procedural matters

A. Chairing and membership

1. Executive Committee

8. Tessa Kelly (Australia) and Mohammed Hafijul Islam Khan (Bangladesh) were elected as Co-Chairs of the Executive Committee to serve for a term of one year. At CMA 6, Ana Luisa Aguilar Candanedo (Panama), Paulette Bynoe (Guyana) and James Thonjo (Kenya) were elected as members of the Committee, and Ashley Codner (Jamaica) and Hafiza Humaira Javaid (Pakistan) were re-elected. Sierra Woodruff (United States of America) resigned on 12 March 2025. Kajsa Nåtby (Sweden) and Maude Dufort-Labbe (Canada), who resigned on 27 May 2025 and 9 June 2025 respectively, were replaced on the same day by Paulina Jabczyńska (Sweden) and Emily Vallée Watt (Canada) respectively. As at 30 June 2025, nominations were pending for six positions for which members will remain in office until their successors have been elected, and two positions for members from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention were vacant.⁷

9. The Executive Committee catalyses expert knowledge, technical expertise and support relevant to the five strategic workstreams of its five-year rolling workplan⁸ from under and outside the UNFCCC process, including through five thematic expert groups that operate under the workstreams.⁹ The members of the Committee co-facilitate the work of the thematic expert groups. Further, the Committee is represented on the Advisory Board of the Santiago network by two of its members.

10. As at 30 June 2025, 61 experts, including representatives of relevant organizations, were engaged as members of the thematic expert groups through the Executive Committee (see table 1), 8 of which were also members of the Santiago network. The members comprise individual experts and representatives of UNFCCC constituted bodies and external organizations, many of which are accredited observers in the UNFCCC process.

Table 1

Number of experts engaged as members of the thematic expert groups of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism as at 30 June 2025

<i>Thematic expert group</i>	<i>Representatives of United Nations and intergovernmental organizations</i>	<i>Representatives of admitted NGOs and NGO constituency groups</i>	<i>Representatives of UNFCCC constituted bodies</i>	<i>Individual experts and representatives of non-admitted external entities</i>
Expert group on action and support	3	1	4	5
Expert group on non-economic losses	3	3	3	6
Expert group on slow onset events	0	0	0	7
Technical expert group on comprehensive risk management	4	2	0	10
Task force on displacement	5	3	2	0
Total	15	9	9	28

⁶ Nothing in this report, including its issuance, prejudices Parties' views or prejudices outcomes on matters related to the governance of the WIM.

⁷ A list of the current members of the Executive Committee is available at <https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/constituted-bodies/wim-excom/members>.

⁸ See <https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/constituted-bodies/executive-committee-of-the-warsaw-international-mechanism-for-loss-and-damage-wim-excom/workplan>.

⁹ For more information on the expert groups, see <https://unfccc.int/wim-excom#Expert-Groups>.

2. Santiago network

11. At its 4th meeting, the Advisory Board of the Santiago network elected Angela Rivera (Executive Committee) and Stella Brožek-Everaert (Executive Committee) as its Co-Chairs to serve for a term of one year.

12. At CMA 6, Eneida Rabdishta (Albania) and Voskehat Isakhanyan (Armenia) were elected as members of the Advisory Board. During the reporting period, the composition of the Advisory Board changed. Voskehat Isakhanyan, who resigned on 28 February 2025, was replaced by Valentina Grigoryan (Armenia) on the same day. Eazaz Aslam Dar (Pakistan) was replaced by Zulfiqar Younas (Pakistan) on 20 September 2024, and Zulfiqar Younas, who resigned on 10 December 2024, was replaced by Aisha Humera (Pakistan) on the same day. Sierra Woodruff, who resigned on 13 February 2025, was replaced by Matthias Bachmann (Switzerland), who was nominated on 7 April 2025. In accordance with the rotation arrangements for membership of Latin American and Caribbean States on the Advisory Board, on 15 April 2025 Ide Sosa (Belize) succeeded Kenel Delusca (Haiti), and Gladys Santis (Chile) succeeded Belen Reyes (Uruguay). The current membership of the Advisory Board can be found on the web pages of the Santiago network.¹⁰

13. At its 4th meeting, the Advisory Board established the budget subcommittee, the conflict of interest subcommittee and the task force on outreach, to assist the Advisory Board in executing its work.

14. The Director of the Santiago network secretariat was appointed on 1 November 2024.

15. Following the approval of the guidelines for the designation of organizations, bodies, networks and experts as members of the Santiago network¹¹ at the 2nd meeting of the Advisory Board, the Santiago network welcomed its first members in October 2024. The membership base has since expanded, encompassing technical capacities in a wide range of topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage and representing global, regional, national and local level experience.

16. As at 30 June 2025, the Santiago network comprised 57 members, namely 34 organizations, two bodies, six networks and 15 experts, who contribute to the network's growing reach (see table 2).¹²

Table 2

Composition of Santiago network membership as at 30 June 2025

	<i>Organizations</i>	<i>Bodies</i>	<i>Networks</i>	<i>Experts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Members joining in 2024	11	0	2	9	22
Members joining in 2025	23	2	4	6	35
Total	34	2	6	15	57

17. Since 12 May 2025, a consortium of four members of the Santiago network has been implementing the first technical assistance request received and processed by the Santiago network secretariat, which was submitted by the Government of Vanuatu.

B. Meetings and events

1. Executive Committee

18. ExCom 22 took place from 13 to 15 May 2025¹³ in hybrid format and was webcast live and open to observers. ExCom 23 is scheduled to take place in September and October 2025.

¹⁰ See <https://santiago-network.org/about/advisory-board>.

¹¹ Available at https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/Core/SNAB_2024_2_06.Rev.2-Guidelines-Designation-of-OBNE-4-July-2024-FINAL.pdf.

¹² A list of the members of the Santiago network is available at <https://santiago-network.org/about/members>.

¹³ See <https://unfccc.int/event/WIMExCom22>.

19. The Executive Committee convened nine meetings of its thematic expert groups during the reporting period:¹⁴

(a) The 16th, 17th and 18th meetings of the expert group on slow onset events, held on 17 October 2024, 3 December 2024 and 8 May 2025 respectively, were aimed at advancing the implementation of its second plan of action;¹⁵

(b) The 7th, 8th and 9th meetings of the expert group on non-economic losses, held on 5 November 2024, 23 January 2025 and 23 April 2025 respectively, were aimed at concluding the implementation of its first plan of action and commencing the development of its second;

(c) The 5th meeting of the technical expert group on comprehensive risk management, held on 28 April 2025, was aimed at commencing the development of its third plan of action;

(d) The 11th and 12th meetings of the task force on displacement, held on 26 February and 5 May 2025 respectively, were aimed at commencing the development of its fourth plan of action.

20. The Executive Committee and the COP 29 Presidency co-organized a side event, held at COP 29, on the loss and damage landscape.¹⁶ The aim of the event was to enhance understanding of the global support system for loss and damage, with a particular focus on the roles of the Committee and its thematic expert groups, the Santiago network and the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage in providing comprehensive support to developing countries to assist them in effectively responding to loss and damage.

21. At the sixty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies, the Executive Committee held a stakeholder consultation¹⁷ on the voluntary guidelines under preparation by the Committee, for enhancing the collection and management of data and information relevant to loss and damage to inform the preparation of biennial transparency reports.¹⁸ The event was aimed at facilitating the exchange among Parties of experience and challenges pertaining to reporting on loss and damage in their first biennial transparency report and at gathering inputs for the voluntary guidelines with a view to informing further work of the Committee on this matter.

22. In addition, the Executive Committee held two sessions of a webinar, to accommodate different time zones, aimed at summarizing key findings from its technical guide on sea level rise,¹⁹ on 13 June 2025.²⁰

2. Santiago network

23. To advance the work of the Santiago network, during this reporting period the Advisory Board held six informal meetings, five in virtual format and one in person, ahead of the 4th meeting of the Advisory Board.

24. The 4th meeting of the Advisory Board took place from 15 to 17 April 2025²¹ in Geneva in hybrid format and was webcast live and open to observers. The Advisory Board made advancements on establishing regional presence, extending the continuation of interim

¹⁴ Further details are available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/loss-and-damage/workshop-and-meetings>.

¹⁵ See the implementation monitor for the second rolling plan of action of the expert group on slow onset events for 2024–2026, available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/646289>.

¹⁶ See <https://unfccc.int/event/unpacking-the-loss-and-damage-landscape-wim-excom-and-cop-29-presidency-event>.

¹⁷ See <https://unfccc.int/event/stakeholder-consultation-on-draft-voluntary-guidelines-for-loss-and-damage-information-to-inform-the>.

¹⁸ Decision 1/CMA.5, para. 133.

¹⁹ UNFCCC. 2025. *Technical guide on sea level rise*. Bonn: UNFCCC. Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/645572>.

²⁰ See <https://unfccc.int/event/navigating-rising-seas-insights-from-the-wim-executive-committee-s-technical-guide-on-sea-level-rise>.

²¹ See <https://santiago-network.org/fourth-advisory-board-meeting>.

arrangements and guiding the further development of the draft Santiago network strategy and other key strategic documents.

25. The 5th meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled to take place from 2 to 4 September 2025 in Geneva.²²

26. At COP 29 and CMA 6, the Santiago network secretariat held four events aimed at providing updates on the progress of work under the network and engaging with representatives of developing countries and vulnerable communities adversely affected by climate change impacts, as well as with potential members, with a view to accelerating work under the network.²³

(a) A high-level event hosted by the COP 29 Presidency on scaling up climate action on loss and damage through the full operationalization of the Santiago network was held to emphasize the network's critical role in catalysing technical assistance and fostering coordination across the loss and damage ecosystem. The event panel included the COP 29 President, the Co-Chairs of the Santiago network Advisory Board, the Director of the Santiago network secretariat, the Co-Chairs of the Executive Committee, a Co-Chair of the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage and representatives of Vanuatu, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and the United Nations Office for Project Services. The event served as a platform for showcasing the network's progress and reinforcing its role as a key provider of technical assistance to avert, minimize and address loss and damage, and highlighted the importance of coherence and complementarity across the loss and damage landscape for effectively supporting developing countries;

(b) Three Santiago network focused side events were held to increase awareness of the operationalization of the Santiago network and engage with representatives of developing countries and vulnerable communities, as well as potential members of the network.

27. At the sixty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies, the Santiago network held a special event on operationalizing the network through advancing a critical pillar of the loss and damage architecture.²⁴ The event was opened by the Co-Chairs of the Santiago network Advisory Board, and the panel included the Director of the Santiago network secretariat, Co-Chair of the Executive Committee and Deputy Executive Director of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage. The event marked a significant step in enhancing coherence and complementarity in approaches to avert, minimize and address loss and damage. Following the event, the Santiago network secretariat held a stakeholder consultation to inform the development of the Santiago network strategy.

28. The first meetings of members of the Santiago network, held in two virtual sessions to accommodate different time zones, were convened by the Santiago network secretariat on 19 and 20 March 2025. Approximately 60 participants representing network members attended the meetings, which provided an important opportunity to strengthen collaboration, advance members' understanding of the Santiago network guidelines and processes, and engage with members on their priorities, expertise and experience.

29. In May and June 2025, three information sessions were held for national liaisons to the Santiago network secretariat and UNFCCC national focal points to introduce them to the goals, purpose and functions of the Santiago network and to the relevant guidelines and procedures, and to provide an overview of their roles and responsibilities. The information sessions allowed for sharing recommendations on how the Santiago network secretariat can support requesters of technical assistance within developing countries.

30. The Santiago network secretariat, in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, organized a briefing session for national delegates and focal points for disaster risk reduction on the margins of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction that was held in Geneva from 2 to 6 June 2025. As part of the Global Platform, a special

²² See <https://santiago-network.org/fifth-advisory-board-meeting>.

²³ For more information on the events, see <https://santiago-network.org/santiago-network-at-cop29>.

²⁴ See <https://unfccc.int/event/full-operationalization-of-the-santiago-network-advancing-a-critical-pillar-of-the-loss-and-damage>.

session on comprehensive approaches to reducing loss and damage by bridging climate action and disaster risk reduction was convened to highlight progress in loss and damage mechanisms, including funding arrangements and technical support. Speakers included the Minister of Climate Change, Adaptation, Meteorology and Geo Hazards, Energy, Environment and Disaster Management of Vanuatu, the Executive Director of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage and the Director of the Santiago network.

31. The first workshop under the Santiago network for the least developed countries and small island developing States was held on 26 and 27 September 2024 during Pacific Resilience Week in Suva. The workshop was designed to support the identification of technical assistance needs, introduce the Santiago network guidelines for requesting technical assistance and provide information on the process for becoming a member of the Santiago network. The next Santiago network workshops for the least developed countries and small island developing States will be held from 22 to 24 July 2025 in Saly, Senegal, and in December 2025 in the Caribbean.

32. Substantive information on the progress of work of the Santiago network will be detailed in the addenda to this document, including in relation to institutional strengthening, full operationalization, and resourcing and positioning.
