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Addendum

Annual report of the Santiago network 2026

1. The terms of reference of the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change¹ provide that its secretariat will prepare an annual report, for consideration and approval by the Advisory Board of the Santiago network, on the activities of the Santiago network and its secretariat and on the performance of their respective functions and submit it to the Advisory Board for its consideration and approval, and that the approved report will be forwarded to the UNFCCC secretariat for inclusion in a joint annual report of the Santiago network and the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts submitted to the governing body or bodies through the subsidiary bodies.²

2. Accordingly, the Santiago network secretariat submitted on 16 October 2026 the report contained in the annex. It is reproduced here as submitted.

¹ Contained in annex I to decision [12/CMA.4](#), endorsed in decision [11/CP.27](#).

² 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.



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Abbreviations and acronyms

CMA	Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement
COP	Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
FRLD	Fund for responding to Loss and Damage
LDC	least developed country
OBNEs	organizations, bodies, networks and experts
SIDS	small island developing State(s)
ToRs	terms of reference
UNDRR	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
WIM	Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

I. Introduction

A. Mandate

1. The terms of reference of the Santiago Network¹ provide that the Santiago Network Secretariat will prepare an annual report on activities of the Santiago Network and submit it to the Santiago Network Advisory Board for its consideration and approval. The approved report will be forwarded to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat for inclusion in the joint annual report of the Santiago Network and the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (WIM) Executive Committee submitted to the governing body or bodies through their subsidiary bodies.²

B. Scope of the report

2. This report is an addendum to the joint annual report of the WIM Executive Committee and the Santiago Network for 2026. It contains substantive information on the implementation of the Santiago Network and key achievements from 7 September 2025 to 1 October 2026.

3. It includes information on the following points, in line with paragraph 18 of Annex I to decision 12/CMA.4 endorsed by Annex I to decision 11/CP.27:

- (a) Requests received and activities carried out by the Santiago Network and their outcomes;
- (b) Responses to requests;
- (c) Ongoing work, lessons learned and best practices derived from that work;
- (d) Support delivered in regions, finance disbursed and administrative costs;
- (e) Inclusion of new members in the Santiago Network and their engagement therein;
- (f) Assistance to developing country Parties in identifying, prioritizing and communicating their needs for technical assistance;
- (g) Efforts to reach communities that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;
- (h) Gender considerations, including through the use of gender-disaggregated data, consistent with decision 3/CP.25.

4. The report also includes information on actions undertaken in response to decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30, on the review of the WIM.

5. The report also contains recommendations from the Santiago Network Advisory Board for consideration by the governing body or bodies at the session(s) to be held in November 2026, which take into account lessons learned and challenges encountered in the operationalization of the Santiago Network over the reporting period.

¹ Decision 12/CMA.4, annex I, available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/626571>. This decision was endorsed in decision 11/CP.27, available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/626561>.

² Paragraphs 18–19 of the terms of reference of the Santiago Network. See paragraph 18 of the terms of reference for the full list of information to be included in the annual report.

II. Santiago Network Advisory Board

A. Formal meetings and co-chairing arrangements

(paragraphs 10 and 11, 15, 20–23, 26 and 34 decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30)

6. The Advisory Board held two meetings during the reporting period. The 6th meeting was convened from 24 to 26 March 2026 in Geneva, Switzerland and the 7th meeting from 29 September to 1 October in Tokyo, Japan. Both meetings were held in a hybrid format, allowing for virtual participation of Advisory Board members, and representatives and observers who were unable to participate in person.

7. At its 6th meeting, the Advisory Board elected Ms. Leona Hollasch (Germany) and Mr. Idy Niang (Senegal) to serve as co-chairs of the Advisory Board for a term of one year, pursuant to paragraph 13 of its Rules of procedure.³

8. At its 6th meeting, the Advisory Board agreed to a revised Santiago Network Results Framework; endorsed key messages on complementarity and coherence to support collaboration with the WIM Executive Committee and with the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD); agreed to the road map to prepare the terms of reference (ToRs) for the regular report on loss and damage pursuant to decision 22/CMA.7 endorsed by decision 11/CP.30; and established a drafting group to lead the development of the ToRs.⁴

9. At its 7th meeting, the Advisory Board adopted the terms of reference (ToRs) for the regular report on loss and damage pursuant to decision 22/CMA.7 endorsed by decision 11/CP.30.⁵

B. Informal meetings and intersessional work

(paragraphs 10, 11 and 20–23, decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30)

10. The Advisory Board held three intersessional meetings during the reporting period, respectively on 29 January 2026, to swiftly initiate a discussion on the development of the ToRs for the regular report on loss and damage pursuant to paragraphs 20–23 of decision 22/CMA.7 endorsed by decision 11/CP.30; on 12 February 2026, to agree on the revised Rules of procedure of the Santiago Network Advisory Board and the revised Guidelines on preventing potential and addressing actual and perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the Santiago Network; and on 13 August 2026, to discuss an advanced draft of the ToRs for the regular report on loss and damage.

11. The Advisory Board took six intersessional decisions on an extraordinary basis using the no-objection procedure outlined in its Rules of procedure, including to ensure its smooth functioning through the election of members of its subcommittees.

C. Revised Rules of procedure

(paragraphs 10, 11, decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30)

12. During its exceptional meeting in February 2026,⁶ the Advisory Board agreed to the draft revised Rules of procedure and decided to recommend them to the governing body or bodies through the subsidiary bodies for consideration and adoption at their session(s) in 2026. The Advisory Board further agreed to apply the draft revised Rules of procedure

³ Available at https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/Core/SNAB_2024_3_05.Rev.1-Rules-of-procedure-of-the-Advisory-Board-of-the-Santiago-network-06Sep2024-Adopted.pdf.

⁴ Meeting report available at https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB6/SNAB_2026_06_11-Rev2-Report-of-the-Sixth-Meeting-of-the-Advisory-Board.pdf.

⁵ Available at https://storage.googleapis.com/unops-cpit-santiago-prod-assets/documents/Other-documentsassets/SNAB7/SNAB20260710_ToR-for-the-regular-report-on-loss-and-damage_FINAL.pdf.

⁶ Report of the Exceptional meeting of the Advisory Board of the Santiago Network, held virtually on 12 February 2026. Available at https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/Report-of-the-Exceptional-Meeting-of-the-Advisory-Board_12-Feb-2026.pdf.

immediately on a provisional basis until their adoption by the governing body or bodies. The draft revised Rules of procedure are contained in Annex I to this report.

D. Support from the Secretariat

13. The Santiago Network Secretariat provided comprehensive substantive, logistical and administrative support to Advisory Board members and representatives, including the development of documentation for formal and informal Advisory Board meetings, support to the Advisory Board subcommittees and drafting group, hybrid meeting arrangements, coordination of intersessional work, visa support and travel arrangements for those eligible for financial assistance.

III. Progress in establishing the Santiago Network Secretariat

(paragraph 14, decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30)

14. During the reporting period, and according to the decisions taken by the Advisory Board at its 4th meeting, the Secretariat finalized its transition from interim to permanent arrangements. The Communications Manager was appointed on 1 January 2026, followed by the Country Engagement Specialist & Regional Coordinator for Eastern Europe and the Desk Officer for Least Developed Countries on 9 February 2026; the Regional Coordinator for Asia-Pacific on 14 February 2026; the OBNE and Member Engagement Specialist on 31 March 2026; the Desk Officer for Small Island Developing States on 7 April 2026; the Regional Coordinator for Africa on 8 June 2026; and the Regional Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean on 28 September 2026.

15. Pursuant to the decisions taken at the 4th meeting of the Advisory Board,⁷ Regional Coordinators are hosted in United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) regional and subregional offices in the following locations:

- Regional Coordinator for Africa: Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania (UNOPS);
- Regional Coordinator for Asia-Pacific: Bangkok, Thailand (UNDRR);
- Regional Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean: Panama City, Panama (UNDRR);

(a) The Country Engagement Specialist & Regional Coordinator for Eastern Europe is based in Geneva, Switzerland;

(b) The Desk Officers are hosted in UNDRR or other United Nations regional and subregional offices in the following locations:

- Desk Officer for Least Developed Countries: Dakar, Senegal (UNOPS);
- Desk Officer for Small Island Developing States: Suva, Fiji (UNDRR).

IV. Progress in operationalizing the Santiago Network

A. Technical assistance to countries

(paragraphs 18.a, 18.b, 18.c of Annex I to decision 12/CMA.4 endorsed by Annex I to decision 11/CP.27, and paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30)

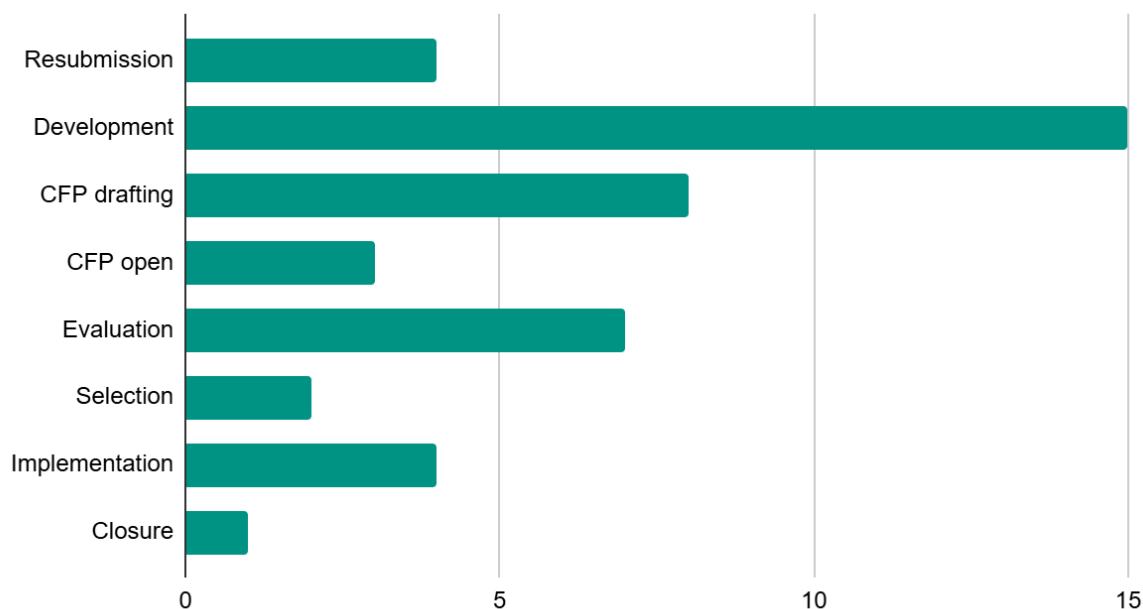
16. This reporting period was characterized by the rapid growth and increased pace of delivery of the Santiago Network's technical assistance pipeline, as well as the initial development of a portfolio of requests under implementation. As of 1 October 2026, more than 40 requests for technical assistance had been submitted, demonstrating the success in outreach and engagement efforts led by the Secretariat, the Advisory Board and its co-chairs.

⁷ Meeting report available at https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB4/SNAB-4-Decision-Points_17-April-2025_AS-ADOPTED.docx.pdf.

17. A total of 17 technical assistance requests are active (see figure 1): three are at the call for proposals (CfP) stage (Haiti, Dominican Republic and Barbados / Grenada); nine are under evaluation or selection (Rwanda, Zambia, Palau, Iraq, Fiji, Bhutan, Nepal, Niue and Kyrgyzstan), four are under implementation (Kenya, the Cook Islands, Yemen and Namibia) and one is in closure (Vanuatu).

Figure 1

Overview of the status of technical assistance requests



18. The regional balance of these technical requests also reflects the work done to diversify outreach and assistance across regions, resulting in an increasingly global pipeline. Fifty-three per cent of the total requests come from Africa, 31 per cent from Asia-Pacific, 11 per cent from Latin America and the Caribbean, and 5 per cent from Eastern Europe. In line with the Santiago Network mandate, most technical assistance focuses on least developed countries (LDCs) (42 per cent) and small island developing States SIDS (18 per cent), including one instance of an LDC SIDS.

19. As the Santiago Network pipeline consolidates, requests for technical assistance are being submitted by increasingly diverse proponents, including civil society organizations, academia and local governments (about 24 per cent of the total), alongside national governments.

20. The implementation of technical assistance to Vanuatu was completed during the reporting period and the Secretariat supported an evaluation mission to gather lessons from it. Following the mission, the Secretariat developed a case study, compiling evidence on key achievements and lessons learned from the delivery of technical assistance in the country.

21. As of 1 October 2026, a total of 62 countries had nominated National Liaisons to the Santiago Network, including 25 from Africa, 20 from Asia-Pacific, 10 from Latin America and the Caribbean, 5 from Western Europe and other groups, and 2 from Eastern Europe (see figure 2). The presence and engagement of National Liaisons is facilitating country-led engagement with the Network and supports more responsive delivery of technical assistance.

(paragraph 18.e of Annex I to decision 12/CMA.4 endorsed by Annex I to decision 11/CP.27)

23. Having achieved increased geographic and thematic representation within the Network, the Secretariat's outreach and engagement work targeting members increasingly shifted towards stimulating collaboration, consortium-building and knowledge exchange. Global Members' meetings were held in October 2025, December 2025 and April 2026 to allow Members to exchange experiences, strengthen collaboration and peer learning, and discuss opportunities for consortium-building, coordination and engagement with the Network. In addition, in order to promote better geographical representation within the Network, a regional membership webinar for organizations, bodies, networks and experts (OBNEs) was held in Latin America and the Caribbean on 30 October 2025, providing guidance on the Santiago Network and the process for becoming a Member.

25. The Secretariat also involved Members of the Network in the development of strategic documents through consultations, including for its revised Guidelines on membership and technical assistance, its approach to the minimum percentage throughout the summer of 2026, and its Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) framework.

26. During the reporting period, the Secretariat also established and leveraged different platforms and tools to facilitate the exchange of information and collaboration among Members of the Network. On 11 December 2025, the Secretariat convened an information session for OBNEs on responding to technical assistance requests through the Santiago Network. Following this first event, and for all the CfPs for the provision of technical assistance that were issued during the reporting period, the Secretariat organized a call and set up tools to allow interested OBNEs to discuss the administrative process for the

submission and to matchmake with other entities interested in building consortia for the submission of proposals.

C. Approval of strategic and operational documents

(paragraphs 18.g and 18.h of Annex I to decision 12/CMA.4 endorsed by Annex I to decision 11/CP.27; paragraphs 15, 16, 31 and 33 of decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30)

27. At its 6th meeting, the Advisory Board considered the Recommendations on the additional procedures for the participation of observers prepared by its Task Force on Outreach, and encouraged the Secretariat to continue to apply an inclusive approach to enable observer participation in Advisory Board meetings.

28. The Advisory Board also approved the revised Santiago Network Results Framework, which complements the Santiago Network Strategy 2026–2028. The Framework includes metrics and indicators on outreach to and support for communities that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, as well as gender considerations, including the use of gender-disaggregated data.

29. At its 6th meeting, the Advisory Board also requested that the Secretariat develop the MEAL Framework. Following work by the Secretariat and further inputs by the Advisory Board, the MEAL Framework was taken note of during the 7th meeting of the Advisory Board. The MEAL Framework operationalizes the Results Framework, supporting the integration of relevant objectives throughout the technical assistance cycle.

30. At its 6th meeting, the Advisory Board agreed to the road map to prepare the ToRs for the regular report on loss and damage pursuant to decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30. It also established a drafting group to lead the development of the ToRs in order to develop the report. The work of the drafting group resulted in a draft text that was finalized with inputs from the Advisory Board and the WIM Executive Committee, and was approved during the 7th meeting of the Advisory Board.

31. At its 7th meeting, the Advisory Board approved the revised Guidelines for catalysing technical assistance and its revised Guidelines on Santiago Network membership.

32. During the reporting period, the Secretariat developed and released a template for accessing the simplified modality for communities. Additionally, the procedures for operationalizing the simplified window were further clarified in the Guidelines for catalysing technical assistance, which were approved at the 7th meeting of the Santiago Network Advisory Board (SNAB7).

33. Throughout the reporting period, the Secretariat continued work to operationalize its minimum percentage approach, including by embedding relevant indicators in its updated Santiago Network Results Framework and the forthcoming MEAL Framework. Early lessons from this experience informed the approach to measuring the minimum percentage of assistance provided to vulnerable communities under the managing funding Guidelines, which was shared for consideration by the Advisory Board at SNAB7.

34. The Santiago Network Advisory Board considered a zero draft of the Gender and Inclusion Action Plan (GIAP) at its 7th meeting. A stakeholder consultation process was launched during SNAB7, which will continue throughout the remainder of 2026, with submission of the GIAP for consideration by the Advisory Board at SNAB8.

35. The Secretariat also started work on preparing the commissioning of an independent review of the performance of the Santiago Network. The Santiago Network Secretariat plans to begin the commissioning process in early 2027 and conclude the exercise in mid-2028 in order to produce a first assessment that can be both rigorous and informative, and which can support strategic decisions at COP32 in 2028.

36. Key operational guidance documents, including the technical assistance and membership Guidelines and the MEAL Framework, were revised to enable more comprehensive, consistent integration of gender and inclusion considerations across the technical assistance cycle and other work under the Network, including through the use of gender-disaggregated data, consistent with decision 3/CP.25.

37. All guidelines, policies and frameworks were developed through consultations with the Santiago Network Advisory Board, the Santiago Network Secretariat co-hosts and its growing Network of OBNEs, including organizations representing local communities and vulnerable groups in all regions, as well as partners in the loss and damage architecture.

38. The implementation of these policies and guidelines will provide a solid foundation for understanding and measuring the success of efforts under the Santiago Network in delivering on its mandate, including in reaching communities and groups that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

D. Collaboration with relevant bodies

(paragraphs 20–23, 25, 26, 27, 32 and 34 of decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30)

39. During the reporting period, the Secretariat supported increased engagement by the Santiago Network with key actors and developments in the loss and damage action and support landscape. This included in-person participation in the 24th and 25th meetings of the WIM Executive Committee, as well as the 7th and 8th meetings of the Board of the FRLD, and remote participation in its 9th meeting. The Santiago Network invited the FRLD Secretariat to present updates during the complementarity and coherence agenda item at SNAB6.

40. In keeping with decision 6/CMA.5, endorsed by decision 2/CP.28, the Santiago Network Secretariat and its co-chairs engaged in continued outreach and coordination with their counterparts under the FRLD in order to support developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change by enhancing complementarity and coherence between the two bodies. Both the respective Secretariats and co-chairs met periodically during the reporting period. The co-chairs of the Santiago Network Advisory Board met with the co-chairs of the FRLD on 11 September 2025, 3 March 2026 and 16 September 2026. The Director of the Santiago Network met with the Executive Director of the FRLD on 23 September 2026 during the New York Climate Week.

41. On 13 November 2025, at the United Nations Climate Conference in Belém, Brazil, the Secretariats of the Santiago Network, WIM Executive Committee and FRLD organized a joint side event to provide updates and highlight progress on collaboration across the loss and damage architecture from the respective co-chairs. At its 6th meeting, the Santiago Network Advisory Board considered a set of key messages to be used when engaging with the WIM Executive Committee, the FRLD Board and other relevant entities, with the support of the Santiago Network Secretariat.

42. The Santiago Network Secretariat attended the 24th and 25th meetings of the WIM Executive Committee, held respectively in Bonn, Germany from 28 April to 1 May 2026 and Majuro, Marshall Islands, from 14 to 18 September 2026. These meetings provide regular opportunities to coordinate relevant work, including through updates by the WIM Executive Committee liaisons to the SNAB and the Secretariat on the progress achieved on key elements that support complementarity and coherence between the two bodies, namely: progress on technical assistance and membership; use of the guidance developed under the WIM Executive Committee to support the development of technical assistance requests and the implementation of relevant action and support; and the development of knowledge products, including the ToRs for a regular report on loss and damage (see below). During the reporting period, both the WIM Executive Committee and SNAB developed key messages on complementarity and coherence between the two bodies, to provide clarity on the current loss and damage architecture.

43. The SNAB, its co-chairs and the Santiago Network Secretariat also involved WIM Executive Committee members in joint activities. On 23 March 2026, the SNAB and the WIM Executive Committee met informally prior to SNAB6, to consider jointly the paper “Considerations for the development of Terms of Reference for the regular loss and damage report, 17 March 2026”. Moreover, on 16 June 2026, the Santiago Network co-chairs convened a joint consultation with SNAB and WIM Executive Committee members to provide feedback on the first draft of the ToRs for a regular report on loss and damage.

Following this event, a window for written inputs was opened for representatives of both bodies to contribute perspectives towards the finalization of the ToRs.

44. Relevant joint work resulted in the preparation of ToRs for a regular report on loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, as mandated by decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30. The document was approved by the Advisory Board at its 7th meeting.

45. Responding to the invitation issued by the co-chairs of the WIM Executive Committee, the Santiago Network Secretariat became a member of the Action and Support Expert Group (ASEG) under the WIM Executive Committee. In this capacity, the Santiago Network Secretariat contributed to the development of the ASEG Plan of Action that was approved by the WIM Executive Committee at its 25th meeting, identifying several deliverables that it will support and co-lead in order to ensure that lessons learned from the implementation of technical assistance can foster improved action and support across regions and contexts.

46. Closer collaboration between Santiago Network components and the WIM Executive Committee is also translating into more systematic use of the knowledge products developed under the WIM Executive Committee and its Expert Groups in support of the development and implementation of technical assistance requests. Notably, Executive Committee knowledge products have been included in the guidance provided to proponents of technical assistance requests as well as technical assistance providers, including through Cfp documents, outreach events and engagement of National Liaisons.

E. Outreach

(paragraph 18.f of Annex I to decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed by Annex I to decision 11/CP.27; paragraph 27 of decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30)

47. Outreach to developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change was prioritized during the reporting period, focusing specifically on underrepresented regions, to increase knowledge and awareness of the process for requesting technical assistance through the Santiago Network, particularly in keeping with the demand- and country-driven approach.

48. Notably, on 5–7 May 2026, the Santiago Network co-hosted a workshop for LDCs and SIDS in the Caribbean, in collaboration with the Government of Barbados, UNDRR, UNOPS and the Caribbean Development Bank. The workshop brought together representatives from 12 Caribbean countries to advance demand-driven technical assistance aimed at averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse impacts of climate change.

49. Outreach and engagement activities also included:

(a) COP30 and related sessions, 10 to 21 November 2025, in Belém, Brazil. The Santiago Network Secretariat organized three side events during the conference, as well as holding bilateral meetings with Parties, Network Members and partners, and OBNEs.

(b) SB64 and related sessions, 8 to 18 June 2026, in Bonn, Germany. The Santiago Network Secretariat participated in bilateral meetings with Parties, Network Members and OBNEs, and organized briefings with regional groups and constituencies, including the G77 Group Africa Group of Negotiators, the LDC Group, the Eastern Europe Group, and the Indigenous People, Women and Gender, and Youth non-governmental organization constituencies. The Secretariat also held bilateral meetings with countries to stimulate and advance technical assistance requests.

(c) NAP Expo 2026, held in Kigali, Rwanda from 18 to 21 May 2026. The Santiago Network Secretariat held engagements with LDC representatives to raise awareness of the Network's technical assistance offer on loss and damage, and discuss country needs and potential areas for support.

(d) Dedicated briefing to Permanent Missions in Geneva. On 18 June 2026, the Santiago Network Secretariat was hosted by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office in Geneva, for a session bringing together representatives from

countries that have supported the Network since its establishment, to discuss the Network's fast-growing, demand-driven pipeline and its expanding role in catalysing technical assistance for developing countries facing climate-induced loss and damage.

(e) Pacific Innovation Forum on Climate and Environment, 1 to 3 July 2026. The Santiago Network Secretariat participated in the event at the invitation of the Government of Vanuatu, showcasing work to turn evidence and knowledge on loss and damage into actionable policy and finance.

(f) At the invitation of UNDRR, the Santiago Network Secretariat participated in the UNFCCC Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) regional gathering in Nadi from 18 to 21 August 2026.

(g) Climate Weeks: the Santiago Network Secretariat engaged in Climate Weeks events, including in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 7 to 11 September 2026; in Nadi, Fiji, on 9–10 September 2026, and in New York, United States of America, from 21 to 25 September 2026. All these events represented opportunities for bilateral meetings with countries and OBNEs to advance technical assistance support.

F. Communications and visibility

(paragraph 18.c of Annex I to decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed by Annex I to decision 11/CP.27)

50. The Santiago Network's visual identity was renewed with the roll-out of a new logo during the reporting period, marking the transition from an interim to a permanent Secretariat. Subsequently, the website was redesigned and expanded, integrating additional resources and updated guidance on accessing technical assistance and expressing interest in membership, as well as individual Members' pages.

51. All operational guidelines have been made available in all United Nations languages. Moreover, the Secretariat has been working to ensure the availability of translated versions of its revamped website, and to enable multilingual member engagement efforts.

52. Regular communications content highlighting milestones, events, Advisory Board activities and outreach was made available on the Santiago Network website and social media platforms, as well as on the channels of the co-hosts, Members and partners.

53. Media engagement included press releases, web articles and regular communications with Members. The Secretariat also worked with partner governments to engage national and international media outlets and circulate digital content to give visibility to relevant work and milestones.

54. The Santiago Network held three events at COP30 to provide updates on the progress of work and engage with government partners, members and other OBNEs, with a view to accelerating work under the Network. Notably, on 12 November 2025, together with UNOPS, it hosted an event on "Bridging Commitments and Communities: Accelerating Loss and Damage Action through NDCs". Also on 12 November 2025, together with UNDRR, it hosted an event on "The Santiago Network in Action". On 20 November 2025, it hosted an event on "The Santiago Network: Shaping action on loss and damage".

55. On 24 September 2026, during the New York Climate Week, the Santiago Network Secretariat hosted a side event on "Driving inclusive action for climate-induced loss and damage", with the involvement of partner governments and Network Members.

V. Financial management system

(paragraph 18.d of Annex I to decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed by Annex I to decision 11/CP.27; paragraph 39 of decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30)

56. Financial management continued to be supported by the established UNOPS and UNDRR systems, ensuring compliance with United Nations financial regulations, fiduciary standards and contributor agreements.

57. The adherence of the Secretariat's efforts to robust accountability standards throughout its different areas of work was evidenced by the 2025 annual financial audit,

which was concluded on 27 June 2026 and resulted in an unmodified opinion. The 2025 financial documentation was endorsed by the Advisory Board on 30 June 2026, in accordance with established practices.

A. Funding overview

58. By 1 October 2026, total contributions to the Santiago Network had reached approximately⁸ USD 47.9 million, provided by nine bilateral donors including Austria (via the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management), Denmark (via the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), the European Union (via the Directorate-General for Climate Change), Germany (via the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development), Ireland (via the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade), Luxembourg (via the Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity), Spain (via UNFCCC), Switzerland (via the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation) and the United States (via UNFCCC). A further contribution initially pledged by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was withdrawn during the reporting period. The total contribution amount includes co-financing contributions from the Government of Switzerland for one-off costs for each secretariat member based in Geneva (see paragraph 61 below for details).

59. As per the contribution agreements, actual cash instalments are received on a predetermined schedule, subject to receipt and acceptance by contributors of the annual audited financial report issued by the Secretariat. By 1 October 2026, total cash remittances amounted to USD 36.8 million.

60. The Secretariat is now preparing for the implementation of the Resource Mobilization Strategy approved by the Advisory Board at its 5th meeting. Relevant efforts will be scaled up in upcoming reporting periods.

B. In-kind and other forms of support

61. The Government of Switzerland provides co-financing support for office rent, utilities and equipment at the head office in Geneva. The value of this support is estimated at USD 57,369 annually for the rental subsidy starting from 1 November 2024, and a one-time settlement contribution of USD 83,243 for office equipment.

62. In accordance with the memorandum of understanding on the hosting of the Santiago Network Secretariat, as contained in the annex to decisions 6/CMA.5 and 2/CP.28, UNDRR and UNOPS provide in-kind and other support for the Santiago Network Secretariat to carry out its roles and responsibilities, as set out in the terms of reference of the Santiago Network, and to provide periodic updates on matters regarding the Santiago Network Secretariat and make this available for the annual report to Parties.

63. The support provided by UNDRR under the current agreement and the stipulated financial conditions includes:

(a) Technical backstopping and expertise to the Santiago Network Secretariat in the area of averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, including expert review of technical assistance requests and proposals;

(b) Review of technical documents, including strategic and operational documents of the Santiago Network and background documents for the Advisory Board, including the Results Framework, revised Guidelines for managing technical assistance and membership, and the MEAL Framework;

(c) Establishment of the Santiago Network's regional presence, including hosting of the Regional Coordinator for Asia-Pacific based in Bangkok, Thailand; the Regional Coordinator for Latin America and Caribbean, based in Panama City, Panama; and the Desk

⁸ Current contribution agreements are signed in CHF, EUR and USD. The total contributions amount presents contributions received and future payments by using the United Nations operational rate of exchange of 15 July 2026 for CHF and EUR currencies. Given that future payments are subject to exchange rate fluctuations, the current total amount is considered approximate.

Officer for SIDS, based in Suva, Fiji, as well as designated contact points in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Cairo, Egypt; Brussels, Belgium; and Bridgetown, Barbados;

(d) Enhancing outreach to governments and other stakeholders, particularly at regional level and including the workshop for Caribbean SIDS mentioned above (paragraph 48);

(e) Knowledge management, including sharing expertise and experience of relevant information processes managed by UNDRR.

64. The support provided by UNOPS under the current agreement and the stipulated financial conditions includes:

(a) Provision of the operational framework, including fund administration, grant management and financial operations for the Santiago Network.

(b) Shared support services provided by UNOPS on a daily basis to handle essential administrative, financial and operational tasks. On a cost-share basis, UNOPS already provides direct support for functions such as human resources, procurement, grant management, financial reporting, administration, and information and communications technology.

(c) Establishment of the Santiago Network's regional presence, including hosting of the Regional Coordinator for Africa based in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, and the Desk Officer for LDCs, based in Dakar, Senegal.

(d) Additionally, UNOPS supported the Santiago Network Secretariat by co-hosting a dedicated event at COP30 (November 2025).

VI. Recommendations for consideration by the governing body or bodies

65. The Advisory Board recommends that the governing body or bodies may wish to consider the following recommendations, which take into consideration progress and lessons learned during the reporting period, at the session(s) to be held in November 2026:

Progress:

(a) *Welcomes* the progress made in the ongoing operationalization of the Santiago Network, including on:

(i) growing the demand-driven pipeline of technical assistance requests from a diverse range of proponents and the number of active responses in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, in an increasingly balanced manner across regions;

(ii) increasing the number of Members of the Santiago Network, enhancing their geographic and thematic diversity;

(iii) increasing the number of National Liaisons nominated by countries across all regions;

(iv) adopting key operational frameworks, procedures and reporting arrangements, including the revised Results Framework, Guidelines on technical assistance and membership, and the ToRs for the regular report referred to in paragraph 20 of decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30;

(v) providing information in an accessible, inclusive and simple manner, including by making information and guidelines available in the official languages of the United Nations, updating the Network's website, and simplifying its processes and templates; and encouraging the Secretariat to continue to enhance these efforts;

(vi) contributing to collaboration and coherence across the loss and damage architecture, including through ongoing engagement with the WIM Executive Committee and its expert groups, the FRLD and other relevant bodies and organizations within and outside the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement;

(vii) enhancing the regional presence of the Secretariat through its regional coordinator positions and its SIDS and LDCs Desk Officers;

(b) *Adopts* the revised Rules of procedure of the Advisory Board of the Santiago Network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, as contained in Annex I to this document.

Technical assistance and membership

(c) *Encourages* the Santiago Network Secretariat to:

(i) continue to streamline and strengthen the Network's operational model, including through the exploration of efficiency measures and options for responding rapidly to urgent technical assistance needs;

(ii) further operationalize the Network's functions through targeted engagement with OBNEs, the establishment of thematic and regional rosters, enhanced knowledge-sharing and collaboration and leveraging financial, technological and capacity-building support;

(iii) continue its efforts on outreach, engagement and capacity-building of National Liaisons to the Santiago Network Secretariat and UNFCCC national focal points;

(iv) strengthen engagement with national and subnational actors, and build capacities to facilitate access to technical assistance;

(v) continue to enhance engagement with communities that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change by implementing the simplified modality to access technical assistance;

(vi) expedite the implementation of the guidelines and procedures for enabling access to and assisting in preparing requests for technical assistance that recognize the significant capacity constraints of LDCs and SIDS;

(vii) operationalize and further strengthen gender-responsive and inclusive approaches throughout its governance, operations and technical assistance pipeline;

(viii) strengthen learning by implementing and further developing the MEAL Framework and by analysing lessons learned and case studies, to enhance impact and support resource mobilization;

(ix) undertake the first independent review of the performance of the Santiago Network, in accordance with paragraph 20 of annex I to decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed by decision 11/CP.27.

Coherence and complementarity

(d) *Encourages* the Santiago Network Advisory Board and Secretariat to:

(i) further elaborate the Santiago Network's value proposition within the evolving loss and damage architecture to demonstrate its comparative advantage;

(ii) continue collaborating with the WIM Executive Committee, including through the ASEG;

(iii) work to strengthen collaboration with their respective FRLD counterparts, participating in relevant meetings and exploring the development of an operational cooperation framework;

(iv) continue engaging in international and regional forums that promote coordination, collaboration and complementarity, including disaster risk reduction, humanitarian, development and climate actors, such as the High-level Dialogue.

Finance

(e) *Expresses* appreciation to the Government of Switzerland for its continued financial support for hosting the Santiago Network Secretariat;

(f) *Welcomes* the contributions made to date and looks forward to the fulfilment of existing pledges and additional contributions to support the sustainability of the Network's operations;

(g) *Recognizes* the increasing scale and frequency of loss and damage, and the need for urgent and enhanced action and support, including finance, technology and capacity-building to avert, minimize and address loss and damage;

(h) *Encourages* the Santiago Network Secretariat to accelerate the implementation of its resource mobilization strategy and facilitate the timely transfer of contributions.

Annex

Rules of procedure of the Advisory Board of the Santiago Network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change

I. Scope

1. These Rules of procedure shall apply to the Santiago Network Advisory Board in accordance with decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed by decision 11/CP.27, and decision 6/CMA.5, endorsed by decision 2/CP.28, as well as any other relevant decisions of the governing body or bodies.

II. Definitions

2. For the purpose of these rules:

- (a) The “Advisory Board” means the Santiago Network Advisory Board;
- (b) The “Co-Chairs” means the members of the Santiago Network Advisory Board elected as Co-Chairs of the Santiago Network Advisory Board;
- (c) The “Secretariat” means the secretariat referred to in paragraph 3(a) of decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed by decision 11/CP.27, as a hosted secretariat, and also in the terms of reference of the Santiago Network, in Annex I of the same decisions;
- (d) “UNFCCC” means the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
- (e) The “WIM Executive Committee” means the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.

III. Membership

3. The Advisory Board, with the aim of achieving fair and balanced representation, shall be composed of the following, taking into account the need for gender balance in accordance with decisions 36/CP.7, 23/CP.18 and 3/CP.25:¹

- (a) Two members from each of the five recognized United Nations regional groups;
- (b) One member each from the least developed countries and small island developing States;
- (c) Two members of the WIM Executive Committee, nominated by the WIM Executive Committee from among its members.

4. The Advisory Board will also have three representatives nominated by the relevant UNFCCC observer constituencies: one from the women and gender constituency, one from Indigenous Peoples organizations, and one from the children and youth non-governmental organizations, who may actively participate in the deliberations of the Advisory Board.

5. Members elected to and representatives of the Advisory Board shall serve a term of two years and shall be eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms of office.

6. Half of the members elected in 2023 shall serve a term of three years and half of the members shall serve a term of two years, after which time the governing body or bodies shall elect half of the members every year for a term of two years.

7. The members and representatives of the Advisory Board shall remain in office until their successors have been elected.

¹ Decision 12/CMA.4, para. 10, endorsed by decision 11/CP.27.

8. The term of office of members referred to in paragraph 3(a–b) and representatives referred to in paragraph 4 shall start at the first meeting of the Advisory Board in the calendar year following their election or nomination, as applicable, and shall end immediately before the first meeting of the Advisory Board in the calendar year in which their term ends.

9. If a member or representative of the Advisory Board resigns or is otherwise unable to complete their term of office, the relevant regional group or constituency – or the WIM Executive Committee, for members nominated by it – may decide, bearing in mind the proximity of the next session of the governing body or bodies, to appoint another member or representative from the same regional group, constituency or the WIM Executive Committee for the remainder of the term, in which case the appointment shall count as one term.

10. If a member is temporarily unable to serve on the Advisory Board, the Advisory Board shall, at the request of that member, invite the relevant regional group, constituency or the WIM Executive Committee, to replace said member in an ad interim capacity for a period of up to one year from the date of that request. Only members can be temporarily replaced.

IV. Conflict of interest and confidentiality

11. Members of the Advisory Board must promptly disclose any actual, potential and perceived conflict of interest and recuse themselves from any deliberations or decision-making where their personal, professional or financial interests may be affected, in order to avoid a conflict of interest or the appearance of one.

12. Representatives of the Advisory Board must promptly disclose any actual, potential and perceived conflict of interest and recuse themselves from any deliberations where their personal, professional or financial interests may be affected, in order to avoid a conflict of interest or the appearance of one.

13. Members and representatives of the Advisory Board should not disclose any confidential information they receive in the course of their duties, even after leaving the Advisory Board, except as required by national law.

V. Chairing arrangements

14. The Advisory Board shall elect annually two Co-Chairs from among its members to serve for a term of one year.

15. If one or both Co-Chairs are absent from a particular meeting, any other member or members designated by the Advisory Board shall temporarily serve as Co-Chair or Co-Chairs.

16. If a Co-Chair is unable to complete the term of office, the Advisory Board shall elect a replacement to complete that term of office.

17. The Co-Chairs shall collaborate in chairing the meetings of the Advisory Board and related intersessional work. The Co-Chairs shall, inter alia, declare the opening and closing of meetings, ensure the observance of these Rules of procedure, accord the right to speak and announce decisions. The Co-Chairs shall rule on points of order and, subject to these Rules of procedure, shall have complete control over the proceedings of meetings and the maintenance of order at meetings.

18. The Co-Chairs shall share and allocate between themselves responsibility for chairing the meetings of the Advisory Board.

19. The Co-Chairs or any member designated by the Advisory Board shall report to the governing body or bodies on behalf of the Advisory Board.

20. The Co-Chairs or any member designated by the Advisory Board shall represent the Advisory Board in external meetings and shall report back to the Advisory Board on those meetings.

21. The Co-Chairs may also jointly delegate tasks to members and representatives of the Advisory Board in the interest of expediting and advancing the work of the Advisory Board.

22. The Advisory Board may further define additional roles and responsibilities for the Co-Chairs.

23. The Co-Chairs, in the exercise of their functions, remain under the authority of the Advisory Board.

VI. Subcommittees, panels, working groups and task forces

24. The Advisory Board may establish subcommittees, panels, working groups or task forces, if required, to undertake specific tasks assigned by it, that are within the mandated role and responsibilities of the Advisory Board per decision 12/CMA.4, annex I, paragraph 7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.27, or to provide expert advice in order to assist the Advisory Board in executing its work.

25. In establishing subcommittees, panels, working groups or task forces, the Advisory Board will determine an appropriate number of participants and ensure that participants have appropriate expertise in the relevant field of work.

VII. Secretariat

26. The Director of the Santiago Network Secretariat shall serve as Secretary to the Advisory Board.

27. The Secretariat shall be responsible for facilitating and providing support for:

(a) Making the necessary arrangements for the meetings of the Advisory Board, including announcing meetings, issuing invitations and making available the documents for meetings;

(b) Maintaining meeting records and arranging for the storage and preservation of documents of the meetings;

(c) Making documents for the meetings of the Advisory Board available to the public, unless otherwise determined by the Advisory Board;

(d) Tracking the implementation of decisions and actions taken by the Advisory Board and reporting on the progress of these actions.

28. In addition, the Secretariat shall facilitate support that the Advisory Board may require or that the governing body or bodies may direct with respect to the Advisory Board.

VIII. Meetings

29. The Advisory Board shall meet at least twice a year, where possible in connection with meetings of the WIM Executive Committee, while retaining its flexibility to adjust the number of meetings to suit its needs.

30. The Advisory Board shall hold its meetings at the location of the Santiago Network Secretariat head office, unless otherwise decided by the Advisory Board and subject to the necessary arrangements being made, and may hold meetings in hybrid (in person and virtual) format. Decisions on the location of meetings other than at the location of the Santiago Network Secretariat head office shall take into account the costs and benefits of venue rotation, particularly in developing countries and with respect to facilitating the participation of key stakeholders, as well as the location of meetings of the WIM Executive Committee.

31. The Advisory Board may decide to hold meetings virtually on an exceptional basis, as proposed by the Co-Chairs after consultation with the Advisory Board.

32. In arranging virtual meetings in accordance with paragraphs 31 and 56, the Advisory Board shall consider the working modalities of such meetings, including the fair and balanced choice of timing in the light of the time zones of members and representatives, with the aim of ensuring inclusive and effective participation of all members. The provisions contained in sections IX–XI shall apply to virtual meetings. For extraordinary meetings, the Co-Chairs, acting jointly, shall determine the date by which the agenda and meeting documentation must be transmitted.

33. At the first Advisory Board meeting of each calendar year, the Co-Chairs shall propose a schedule of meetings for that calendar year.

34. At each meeting, the Advisory Board will confirm the dates, duration and venue of the following meeting.

35. If changes to the scheduled or additional meetings are required, the Co-Chairs shall, after consultation with the Advisory Board, request the Secretariat to give notice of any changes in the dates of scheduled meetings and/or of the dates of additional meetings to members, representatives and observers. To the extent possible, notice of a meeting shall be given at least four weeks before the opening of that meeting.

IX. Quorum

36. At least 10 members of the Advisory Board, as laid out in paragraph 3, must be present at a meeting to constitute a quorum. Members participating in meetings virtually will count towards a quorum. A quorum shall be established prior to the commencement of each meeting.

37. A quorum shall be confirmed by the Co-Chairs immediately prior to the adoption of any decision by the Advisory Board.

38. A member may ask for confirmation of a quorum prior to the commencement of a meeting or prior to the adoption of any decision by the Advisory Board.

X. Agenda and documentation for meetings

39. The Co-Chairs, assisted by the Secretariat, shall prepare the provisional agenda for each meeting of the Advisory Board, as well as a draft report on the meeting.

40. Members and representatives may propose additions or changes to the provisional agenda, in writing, to the Secretariat within one week of receiving the provisional agenda, and these additions or changes shall be included in a revised provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat with the approval of the Co-Chairs.

41. The Secretariat shall transmit the revised provisional agenda for a meeting to the members and representatives of the Advisory Board at least four weeks prior to that meeting. The revised provisional agenda may be transmitted after that date with the approval of the Co-Chairs.

42. Unless otherwise decided by the Co-Chairs, documents for a meeting of the Advisory Board shall be published on the Santiago Network website at least two weeks prior to that meeting, to the extent possible.

43. The Advisory Board shall, at the beginning of each meeting, adopt the meeting agenda.

44. Before the end of each meeting, the Co-Chairs shall present draft decisions for consideration and approval by the Advisory Board.

XI. Decision-making

45. Decisions of the Advisory Board will be taken by consensus of its members as laid out in paragraph 3.

46. Efforts by the Co-Chairs to facilitate the reaching of a consensus may include:

(a) Consulting with members on draft documents, including draft decisions, prior to the meeting;

(b) Consulting with members on the relevant matter during the meeting;

(c) Providing the opportunity for members to state and/or formally record in the report on the relevant meeting their reservations regarding a particular decision without preventing a consensus from being reached;

(d) Postponing the decision on the matter to a later meeting in order to allow for further exchange on the matter.

47. If all efforts at reaching a consensus have been exhausted and no consensus has been reached, decisions will be taken by a four-fifths majority of the members present and voting.

48. The Co-Chairs, acting together and in good faith, and following consultations with all members, shall determine whether all efforts at reaching a consensus in respect of a particular draft decision have been exhausted.

49. In making such a determination the Co-Chairs shall take into consideration:

(a) Whether consultations on the relevant matter have occurred during and/or between meetings, including between the Co-Chairs, without a consensus being reached;

(b) Whether the subject matter of the draft decision has been considered at prior meetings without a consensus being reached;

(c) Whether and how many members have indicated that they cannot join a consensus on a decision.

50. Each member shall have one vote. For the purpose of this rule, “members present and voting” means members participating in the meeting (both in person and virtually) at which voting takes place and casting an affirmative or negative vote. Members abstaining from voting shall be considered as not voting for the purpose of determining the four-fifths majority.

XII. Process for intersessional decision-making

51. The Advisory Board may take a decision without meeting on an extraordinary basis when, in the judgment of both Co-Chairs, such a decision should not be postponed to the next meeting of the Advisory Board. In such a case, the Secretariat, with the approval of the Co-Chairs, shall transmit to members of the Advisory Board a proposed decision with the invitation to approve the decision on a non-objection basis for a prescribed period (generally 21 days but in urgent cases no less than one week). Copies of such a proposal shall be provided to the representatives for their information.

52. The provisions on a quorum and other rules set forth in these Rules of procedure shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the aforementioned procedure.

53. In the absence of an objection by a member of the Advisory Board within the prescribed period, the decision will be deemed taken upon the expiration of the prescribed period. If an objection is received within the prescribed period, the Co-Chairs will work to resolve the concerns of the objecting member(s) of the Advisory Board directly. If the objecting member(s) of the Advisory Board uphold their objection following discussion with the Co-Chairs, the proposed decision will be considered by the Advisory Board at the following meeting of the Advisory Board. The Secretariat shall circulate all written comments and objections to members and representatives of the Advisory Board and notify all members and representatives of the action taken pursuant to this paragraph.

54. Decisions approved between meetings shall be recorded in the report of the following meeting of the Advisory Board.

55. The Advisory Board may decide to hold extraordinary meetings virtually when required to take decisions on specific matters, as proposed by the Co-Chairs after consultation with the Advisory Board. The provisions on a quorum and other rules set forth in these Rules of procedure shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the aforementioned procedure. The transmission of the agenda and meeting documentation shall be carried out in accordance with paragraphs 39–41 and 43 of these Rules of procedure.

XIII. Use of electronic means of communication

56. The Advisory Board may use electronic means of communication to facilitate work and to take decisions in accordance with guidelines to be agreed by the Advisory Board. The Secretariat shall ensure that a secure and dedicated web interface is established and maintained to facilitate the work of the Advisory Board.

XIV. Participation of observers in meetings

57. The meetings of the Advisory Board will be open to attendance as observers by Parties and admitted observer organizations, unless otherwise decided by the Advisory Board, and the Advisory Board will invite relevant constituted bodies, civil society organizations and other organizations, bodies, networks and experts to attend its meetings in order to provide technical expertise and inputs, as appropriate, to the Advisory Board for its deliberations.

58. The Advisory Board may decide on additional procedures for the participation of observers.

XV. Transparency

59. The decisions and relevant documents of the Advisory Board shall be made publicly available on the Santiago Network website unless decided otherwise by the Advisory Board.

XVI. Working language

60. English shall be the working language of the Advisory Board.

XVII. Amendments to the Rules of procedure

61. Decisions to propose amendments to these Rules of procedure, except with respect to matters decided in decision 12/CMA.4, may be taken by the Advisory Board by consensus with a view to recommending them to the governing body or bodies through the subsidiary bodies for consideration and adoption.
