

UNFCCC Meeting Report Template

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Participants(name and organization):

Attachments : - addendum link

Notes/Summary :

-14 countries who wanted to speak yesterday but weren't able to

Australia

- Would like a fully operational network that would perfectly meet the needs of developing needs
- As a priority would like to move forward with more practical needs
- We should avoid being overly specific

Nepal

- Advisory board is very critical

Argentina

- Align with the G77 & China position
- Would like to leave COP 27 with a formalized plan

Ecuador

- Need to move forward so that there is technical assistance from the Santiago network once and for all
- Agree with the structure by G77 & China
- Establishment of the members on the board who will be a part of the Santiago Network will need to be decided upon
- There should be an agreement that meets the needs of developing countries that is funded by developed countries for developing countries

Norway

- Discussion should be structured around the elements as G77 and China said
- The host organizations criteria, terms of reference for the secretariat and other things that I missed need to be decided upon.

- Displayed sentiments that if an element that is not essential for the selection process can't be decided on, it should be put aside

Switzerland

- Would like to make progress to catalyze support for loss and damage
 - Echo the statements made by G77 & China
 - Hope to make progress on all elements
 - Important to focus on the more urgent elements
 - Roles and responsibilities of the Secretariat
 - Timeline for the Santiago network
 - Reporting and whether Ex Comm should be the body reported to
 - Would like a model that is effective, well articulated and fosters coherence
 - WIM Ex Comm should guide the Santiago network because it is already running, has done a lot of work already
 - Some work needs to be done to organize its tasks, but after that it would be ready to go.
- It would take less time to set Ex Comm up than a whole new Advisory body
- WIM Ex Comm should provide strategic guidance and not micromanage
 - The process should be party driven and overseers should participate
 - Technical advice should be provided by the expert groups already a part of the WIM Ex Comm
 - Colleagues from the LDCs said we can't solve everything tomorrow but should try to do the best possible
 - Keen to discuss how the Secretariat would work with the UNFCCC secretariat

India

- Aligns with G77 & China
- Wants a network that can provide support on the ground and fill in knowledge gaps
- Support should be consistent with party needs
- Proposes the following structure
 - Advisory body that can act as an overarching body to advise the secretary body and others
 - Secretariat should report to the advisory body
 - Contact points are important to convey technical assistance
 - Identify and capture the needs for support
 - CP should convey needs to the secretariat who then reports to the network
 - CP should have an annual forum of contact points and do a needs assessment
 - The network should include Academia, NGOs and others
 - There should be a permanent and independent secretariat
 - Secretariat will play an essential role in prioritizing needs, standardizing needs and assessments at the national level

Japan

- Efforts should be made by maximizing resources

- It is necessary to identify key elements
- Iterated that we need to find points that we agree on and finalize them
- Structure of the SN, terms of reference, and role of the secretariat need to be decided upon

Turkiye

- A vital part of implementation in providing necessary technical assistance
- Network structure is important
- Technical assistance and priorities should be integrated in a proper way
 - We want to make sure we do this right the first time
- Country responsibilities should be taken into account

Kuwait

- Not present

Saudi Arabia (on behalf of Arab Group)

- Echoes G77 & China
- Reaffirms the role of WIM
- WIM should guide
- Progress should be made on the full operationalization
- SN should be central to providing technical assistance
- Parties should not compromise on the sustenance
 - there should be to meetings to fully discuss the individual elements of SN
- CBR and equity should be considered in future conversations

China

- Very impacted by the effects of climate change even though people might not realize
- Network should be one of the key outcomes of COP 27
- An advisory body, hosted secretariat, national focal points and network organizations should be set up
- Already set up organizations should be used as a part of the AB
- Technology needs to be used and without innovation the SN is not possible
- Developed countries should own the commitments they made in COP26 to provide funding to the Santiago network

New Zealand

- SN should be operational
- Agrees with AOSIS that the process needs to be swift
- There is a sequencing issue in deciding on SN rather than a difference in priorities
- Issues like funding and who would serve as focal points are also very important
- Supports the suggestion that we should work informally issue by issue in clusters in order to make progress
- Thanks colleagues for sharing their thought process it has been enlightening
- A logical and efficient process should be worked through

-Developing countries should guide how the SN will meet their needs

Liberia

-Support the statement by G77 & China

-Developing countries should be assisting developed countries

-Call for urgent action to keep the ball rolling on structure

-More concerned about the sustainability of the finance of SN

-Has the question whether finance will be continued or temporary

-There should be a sense of ownership in the financial commitments made

Co-facilitators

-There is convergence on how we can move forward and what we should discuss

2 suggestions

1) Skeleton of the text will be provided to groups to discuss

-Not going to be draft decision text rather high level elements

-Elements can be added on and deleted for parties to work from

2) Propose to start the discussion on the content right now and move back the next meeting by 30 minutes

3)

Informal informal tonight in meeting room 25 at 7 pm

G77 & China

-Really looking forward to working with partners

-Key structural elements is to have an advisory body

-Seperate body will ensure that the functions of the network are implemented to assist developing countries

-Roles and responsibilities should be decided upon

-AB should represent a lot of geography and make sure there aren't gaps present

-There should be agreement on the composition on the advisory body

-The AB should be put together as soon as COP ends

Jamaica

-Will reiterate that the advisory provides oversight to assist with accountability and responsiveness

-It will be useful to flag where gaps exist such as in geographic assistance

-could identity technical assistance gaps and would recommend ways in ways this could be fixed

-AB would share information with WIM Ex Comm

-AB is separate from the WIM Ex Comm but still collaborates. WIM Ex Comm is the technical arm

United States

- Agreement that there should be advisory services
 - Open question is which body would be able to provide those services
 - Should be clear on if the body is WIM, a new board, or research experts
 - All have positive and negative aspects
- We should draw on some of the previous text we were already working on to move forward
- Some of the roles the AB would do
 - Provide guidance to the Secretariat
 - approving of the annual report
 - approving the work of the SN
 - appointing the director of the SN
- Interested in seeing if we can start the SN without a secretariat
 - The secretariat should be able to bring their own ideas but allow the SN to grow and evolve and grow on its own

Guinea

- Agrees with G77 and China
- Should report to COP CMA
- Periodically should identify major issues
- L&D is cost cutting issues
- AB should have an oversight function

Columbia

- Fully aligns with G77 & China
 - There should be an advisory board and the roles and responsibilities of it should be decided upon
 - Open to discuss the inclusion of civil societies
 - Do not see the Ex Comm as being the AB
 - Has barely been able to make progress on action and support so why should they be able to provide advice on SN
 - They already have a work overload so it will not be possible for them to address on their agenda
 - Allowing WIM to be in charge will lead to the SN having oversight

Canada

- Open to considering a separate advisory board
- AB should not draft the report, rather the secretariat should
- AB should provide guidance which would be impacted by parties
- Representatives from indigenous, youth and women and gender constituencies should have their voices considered

European Union

- Open to some strategic guidance being provided to the secretariat

- Have some questions to clarify the AB
 - Is the nature of the AB to provide technical advice to the SN or to represent the developing nations
 - Happy to revisit text from Vaughn
 - If we are to set up a separate body, how do we make sure it is not cut off from the expertise WIM has
 - Resources should be focused to developing countries impacted by CC
 - How do we make sure the AB doesn't use too many of the resources.
 - How much would it cost to host a meeting for the AB

Timor Leste

- Will come up with some questions for future meetings to consider

Follow-up : Find out what happened out what happened at the informal informal
