

# SANTIAGO NETWORK

Technical assistance for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse impacts of climate change

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# INTRODUCTION & CONTEXT

- Mandate, goals and functions of the Santiago network
- Positioning in the wider landscape on loss and damage
- Key milestones and progress in operationalizing the network

# TIMELINE

Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM) established

Santiago network established

Santiago network institutional arrangements adopted

Funding arrangements and fund for responding to loss and damage established

**2013**

**2010**

SBI WP

**2007**

means to address L&D

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**2015**

Loss and damage anchored in the Paris Agreement

**2019**

**2021**

Agreement on the Santiago network functions

Glasgow dialogue established

**2022**

**2023**

UNDRR and UNOPS selected as host of the Santiago network

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# BACKGROUND

## MANDATE

The Santiago network catalyzes technical assistance from organizations, bodies, networks and experts to support developing countries particularly vulnerable to climate change in **averting, minimizing and addressing** loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change at the local, national and regional levels.

### WIM

Address loss and damage associated with impacts of climate change

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Guide the implementation of the WIM under the guidance of COP

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## FUND FOR RESPONDING TO LOSS AND DAMAGE

Provide financial resources to developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and assist in mobilizing external finance to address loss and damage

# FUNCTIONS OF THE SANTIAGO NETWORK

## CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WIM

Catalyze technical assistance to support the effective implementation of the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM).

## SUPPORT LOSS AND DAMAGE APPROACHES

Facilitate the consideration of a wide range of topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, including but not limited to current and future impacts, priorities, and actions.

## ENHANCE ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION

Facilitate the development and dissemination of knowledge and information on responding to loss and damage, including comprehensive risk management approaches, at the regional, national and local levels.

## CATALYZE DEMAND-DRIVEN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Catalyze technical assistance by identifying needs and priorities; identifying types of relevant technical assistance; connecting those seeking technical assistance with network members; and accessing available technical assistance.

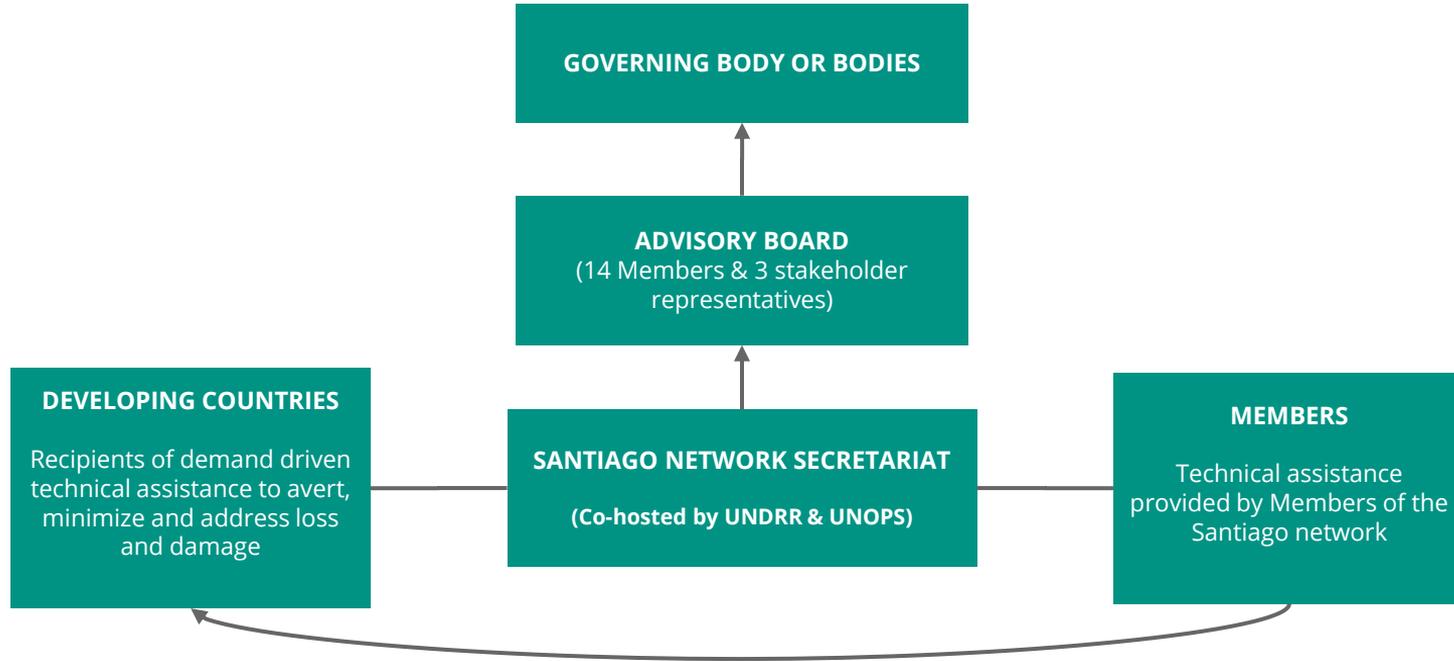
## PROMOTE COLLABORATION AND COHERENCE

Facilitate collaboration, coordination, coherence and synergies to accelerate action across communities of practices in order to deliver effective and efficient technical assistance to developing countries.

## ENABLE ACCESS TO FINANCE, TECHNOLOGY AND CAPACITY BUILDING

By catalyzing technical assistance, enable access to action and support, including finance, technology and capacity building, and urgent and timely responses to the impacts of climate change.

# STRUCTURE OF THE SANTIAGO NETWORK



# PROGRESS TO DATE

- » Operational guidelines adopted
- » First Members welcomed
- » First request for technical assistance successfully matched
- » Increased outreach & invitation to nominate national liaisons
- » Increased engagement with WIM ExCom & FRLD
- » Decision on regional presence and Ongoing Secretariat recruitment



# PRIORITIES AND WAY FORWARD

INSTITUTIONAL  
STRENGTHENING

FULL  
OPERATIONALIZATION

RESOURCING AND  
POSITIONING

Regional presence and  
recruitment



Membership inclusiveness &  
engagement



Complementarity and collaborations  
with relevant stakeholders



SN

Development of SN  
strategic framework



Catalyzing technical  
assistance



Positioning SN – SB62,  
COP30/CMA7



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# ACCESSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE SANTIAGO NETWORK

- Overview of relevant guidelines
- Who can make a request and who provides technical assistance
- Types of technical assistance and eligibility

# GUIDELINES ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Santiago network will provide technical assistance in a demand-driven manner through an inclusive and country-driven process, taking into account the needs of vulnerable people, Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Guidelines relevant for technical assistance:

- [Guidelines and procedures for responding to requests for technical assistance](#)
- [Guidelines for managing funding](#)
- [Guidelines on preventing potential and addressing actual and perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the Santiago network](#)

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Guidelines and procedures for responding to requests for technical assistance

Approved at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Advisory Board meeting  
06 September 2024

Find out more: [santiago-network.org/technical-assistance](https://santiago-network.org/technical-assistance)

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# NATIONAL LIAISON TO THE SANTIAGO NETWORK SECRETARIAT

## **Decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed in decision 11/CP.27**

*Invites* Parties to inform the Santiago network Secretariat of their liaison to the Santiago network Secretariat, as appropriate for their national circumstances, to support alignment of technical assistance through the Santiago network with national priorities

## **Santiago network technical assistance guidelines**

Align requests for technical assistance at national, regional and local levels with national priorities of the country

Receive information from and communicate with the Santiago network

Communicate the country-driven process to be applied

Recommended that proponents of requests for technical assistance consult with their national liaisons

## **Role in relation to requests for TA**

Endorsement of requests on a no-objection basis

National liaisons have 21 days to respond with an objection or comment, if no communication is received by the end of this period, then the request will be considered endorsed

Where applicable, proponents will provide updates to the national liaison on TA implementation progress

As appropriate, provide feedback on TA delivery effectiveness and contribute to knowledge and experience sharing

# WHO CAN MAKE A REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE?

## Proponents of requests for technical assistance

Requests may be prepared by the following and submitted according to the process determined by each country:

- Government/public institutions (including national, regional, sub-national and local governments)
- Academic
- Non-governmental organizations,
- Civil society organizations (including local communities, women's, children and youth, and Indigenous Peoples),
- Others

# INDICATIVE TYPES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

## NATURE/FORMS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Loss and damage assessments
- Loss and damage databases, including data management and disaggregation of data
- Risk assessments
- Gap analysis
- Plans and planning frameworks
- Comprehensive risk management / integrated planning
- Development of loss and damage financing frameworks and proposal development
- Monitoring
- Training and other forms of capacity development that could include study/exchange programmes, study visits, secondments, peer review and exchanges
- Curriculum development, literacy and risk communication at all levels
- Targeted assistance to vulnerable communities and populations, and civil society, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders

## AREAS OF WORK

- Early warning systems
- Emergency preparedness
- Averting, minimizing and addressing non-economic losses (e.g. individual, environmental, social)
- Risk transfer mechanisms
- Innovative financing, including risk insurance facilities, climate risk pooling and other insurance solutions
- Recovery, rehabilitation, build back better
- Resilience of communities, human mobility, including migration, displacement and planned relocation.

## CLIMATE RISKS ADDRESSED

- Slow onset events
- Extreme events / Sudden onset events
- Events that may involve irreversible and permanent loss and damage
- Multi-hazard
- Complex hazards/ compound events

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Received from within a developing country

Related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change

For initiatives at the local, national and/or regional levels

Describes how the technical assistance aligns with and/or contributes to national/ regional/ local policies, strategies or plans on loss and damage

## ELIGIBILITY OF REQUEST

Clear rationale and identified regional, national or local gap

Clearly describes how it was developed through an inclusive and country-driven process

*Explanation if the request is urgent and requires immediate action and attention*

## DEMONSTRATED NEED

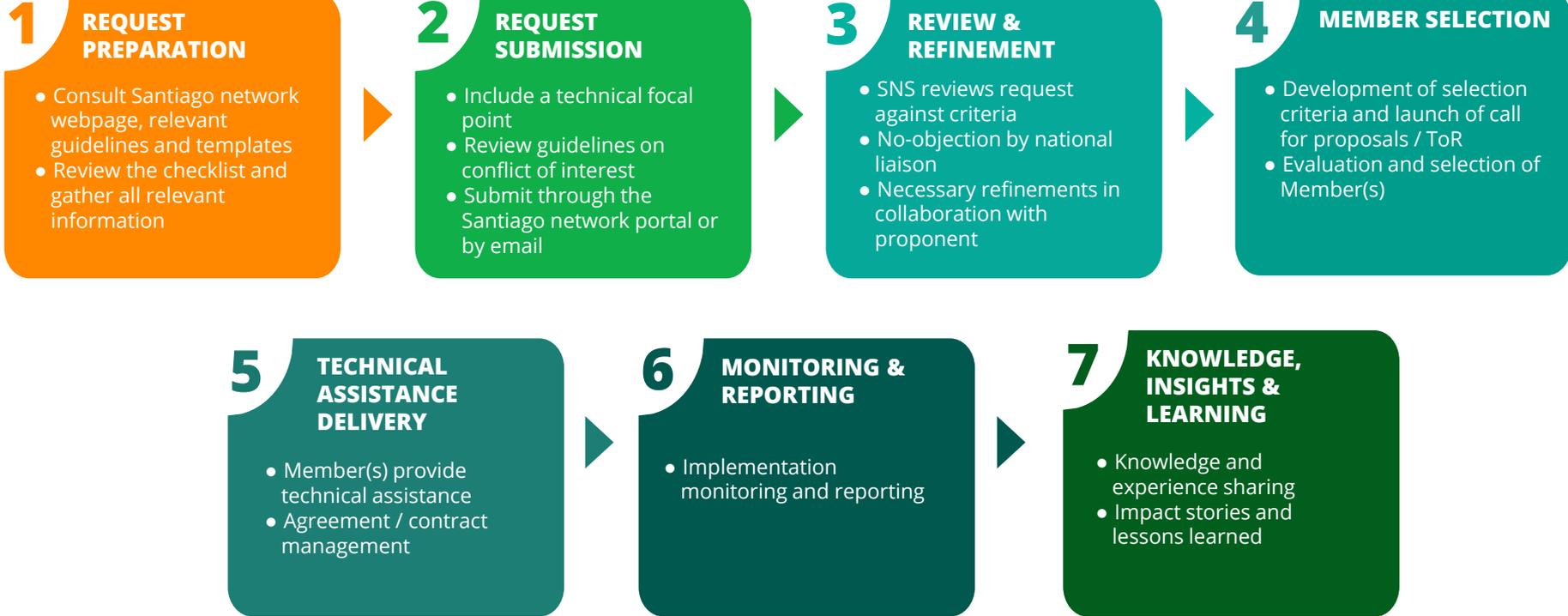
Directed to communities particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change

Promotes development and retention of capacities in country as well as long-term sustainability or multiplier impact of the technical assistance

## PRIORITIZATION

Santiago network Secretariat will ensure the consideration of the **inclusive, balanced** and **equitable nature of the technical assistance** catalyzed across all regions

# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE JOURNEY



At any stage, seek support from the Santiago network Secretariat: [secretariat@santiago-network.org](mailto:secretariat@santiago-network.org)

# ROLL-OUT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Secretariat is receiving requests for technical assistance consistent with the approved guidelines, with the first matching concluded for the request from Vanuatu
- **Support to LDCs and SIDS**
  - Parties requested special support to LDCs and SIDS in preparing requests for technical assistance
  - Workshops on LDCs and SIDS in three clusters (Pacific, Sep 2024), Africa and Caribbean (2025) planned to provide targeted support
  - Secretariat to develop guidelines for enabling access to and assisting in preparing requests for technical assistance that recognize the significant capacity constraints of the LDCs and SIDS.



# SANTIAGO NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

- Overview of relevant guidelines
- Who can become a Member of the Santiago network
- Members as providers of technical assistance

# GUIDELINES ON MEMBERSHIP

[Guidelines for the designation of OBNEs as members of the Santiago network](#) approved at the second Advisory Board (July 2024)

- Outline the **modalities and procedure** for OBNEs to become Members of the Santiago network
- Define the **criteria** to be applied for a prospective OBNE to become a Member of the Santiago network
- Ensure **diverse OBNE membership** from all geographic regions and covering a wide range of topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage
- Assure **relevance and quality of expertise** and services by OBNEs

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## SANTIAGO NETWORK

Guidelines for the designation of organizations, bodies, networks and experts as members of the Santiago network

Adopted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advisory Board meeting  
04 July 2024

Find out more: [santiago-network.org/membership](https://santiago-network.org/membership)

# TYPES OF MEMBERS

The Santiago network catalyzes technical assistance **from organizations, bodies, networks and experts** to address loss and damage associated with climate change at the local, national and regional levels for those at the frontlines of the climate crisis.

**O**

## Organizations

Independent legal entities

**B**

## Bodies

A broader term that can refer to groups that are not necessarily independent legal entities

**N**

## Networks

Interconnected groups of organizations or individuals that collaborate, share resources or coordinate activities to achieve common goals

**E**

## Experts

Individuals who are recognized specialists in a specific field

# ROLE OF MEMBERS

The Members of the Santiago network will play a crucial role in achieving the goal and functions of the network. Members of the network will have the opportunity to:

Respond to calls for technical assistance requests from countries through the network's approved processes

Benefit from expertise and experience developed through their work with the network

Showcase their services in the areas of loss and damage and be included as a Member on the official website

Share and exchange knowledge and expertise with other Members of the network

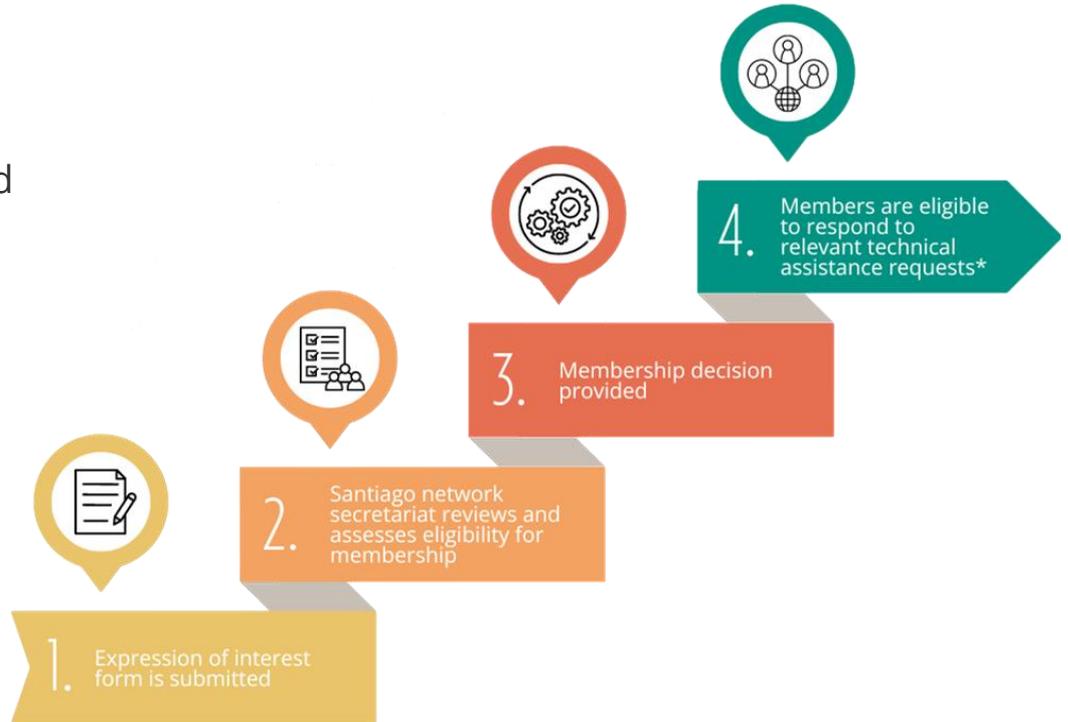
Participate in networking opportunities with Members to facilitate collaboration, including opportunities for funding to respond to loss and damage

Contribute to and benefit from work being done in the area of loss and damage

# HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Membership to the Santiago network is **open**.

- The membership process is initiated by submitting an expression of interest form through the [Santiago network portal](#) or by email.
- Expressions of interest will be accepted on a rolling basis and membership to the network will remain open.



# MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

## CRITERION 1

**Proven expertise in topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage**

Potential members will be required to demonstrate expertise in a topic relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change and types of activities for which technical assistance can be provided.

## CRITERION 2

**Demonstrated experience in providing technical assistance in topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage**

Potential members will be required to demonstrate a minimum of three years of experience in a topic relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change. Exemptions may be made in specific cases, particularly for potential members representing vulnerable groups, including children, indigenous peoples, local communities and youth.

## CRITERION 3

### **Commitments**

For interested organizations, bodies, networks and experts to be designated as members of the Santiago network, irrespective of the level of engagement, they must commit to the following:

- Consider the cross-cutting issues referred to in the eleventh preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement in their work.
- Adhere to the conflict of interest guidelines of the Santiago network.
- Adhere to appropriate environmental and social safeguards.

# MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION

TOTAL MEMBERS

54

ORGANIZATIONS

32

BODIES

2

NETWORKS

6

EXPERTS

14

- The Santiago network welcomed its first Members in October 2024
- Membership has grown to a total of 54 Members
- Members are diverse and cover a wide range of topics related to averting, minimising and addressing loss and damage



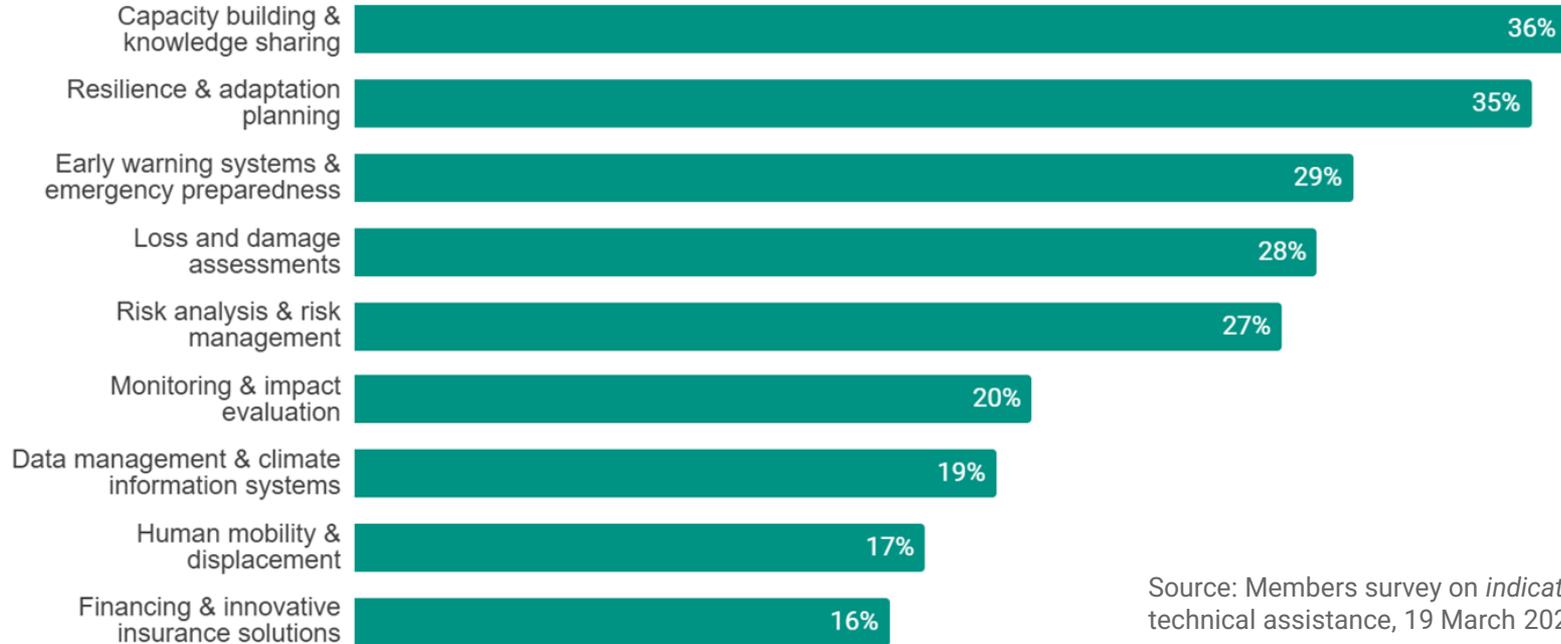
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# KEY AREAS OF EXPERTISE (indicative)



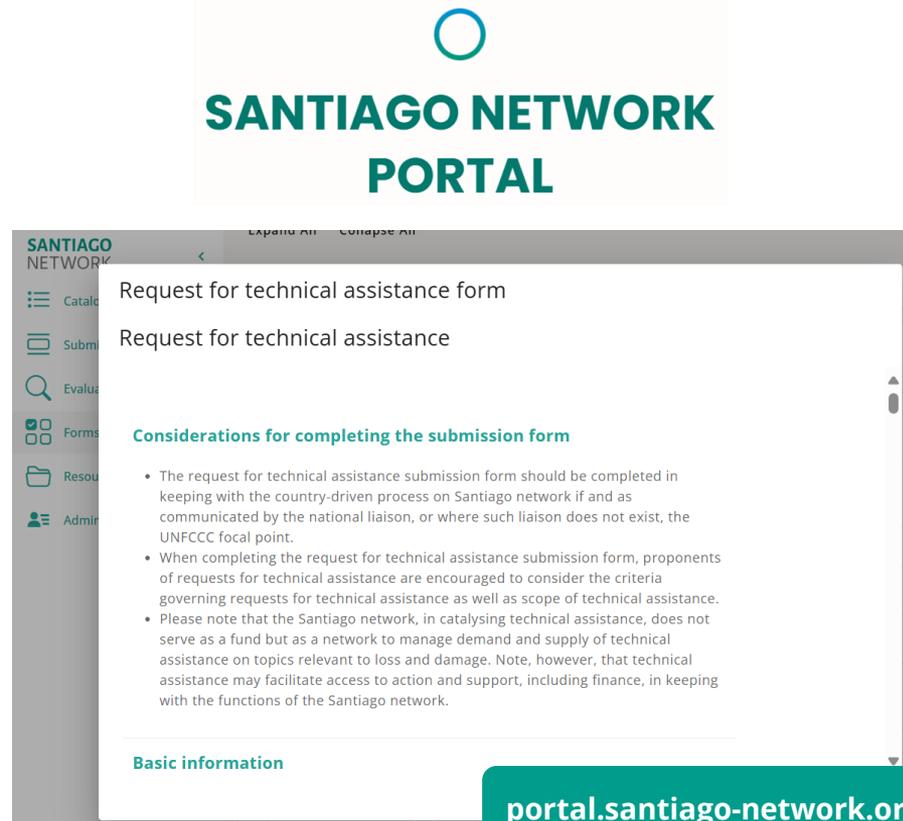
Source: Members survey on *indicative* types of technical assistance, 19 March 2025

# SANTIAGO NETWORK PORTAL

**Expressions of interest for membership** and **technical assistance requests** can be submitted through the [Santiago network portal](#) or by email to [members@santiago-network.org](mailto:members@santiago-network.org) or [secretariat@santiago-network.org](mailto:secretariat@santiago-network.org) respectively.

The Santiago network portal allows:

- Access to the online templates
- Electronic submission of Eols and request for technical assistance
- No deadline for submitting an Eol or a request for technical assistance



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