



Welcome to the new Board Co-Chairs

Handover of the FRLD Board Co-Chairmanship successfully completed.



Following two years of exemplary leadership as inaugural Co-Chairs of the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) — marked, among other things, by the launch of the USD 250 million early interventions initiative of FRLD, the Barbados Implementation Modalities (BIM), and the adoption of key foundational decisions over the course of 7 board meetings — Jean-Christophe Donnellier (France, and represented developed countries) and Richard Sherman (South Africa, and represented developing countries) have formally handed over the reins to the newly appointed Co-Chairs of the FRLD Board: Camila Minerva Rodríguez Tavárez (Dominican Republic, and representing the developing countries), and Georg Børsting (Norway, and representing the developed countries).



Our new Co-Chairs bring to their roles a wealth of experience, a proven track record on loss and damage matters, and a steadfast commitment to advancing global climate action.



On January 22-23, the FRLD Secretariat, under the leadership of Executive Director Ibrahima Cheikh DIONG, together with the Executive Management Team, was pleased to welcome the former and current Co-Chairs, together with their advisers, to its Washington-based offices for an intense two-day handover session. Discussions focused on FRLD's progress to date, key board strategic priorities and preparations for the critical eighth Board meeting scheduled for April 2026 in Zambia.



The Secretariat also took the opportunity to brief the new Co-Chairs on the progress to date in implementing its workplan, including key achievements and strategic priorities for 2026 and beyond.



We look forward to working closely with our new Co-Chairs and all board members as we continue to deliver on our mandate of supporting the most vulnerable nations in responding to loss and damage.



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