

**Seventh meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance
16–18 June 2014, Langer Eugen, room 1916
UN Campus, Bonn, Germany**

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows.
4. Fifth review of the financial mechanism.
5. Coherence and coordination: the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches.
6. Draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism.
7. Linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the thematic bodies of the Convention.
8. MRV of finance beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows.
9. Other matters:
 - (a) Date and venue of next meeting;
 - (b) Report of the seventh meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance.
10. Closure of the meeting.



Annotations to the agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The seventh meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be opened by the co-chairs on Monday, 16 June 2014.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda was prepared by the co-chairs with the assistance of the secretariat, and was circulated to the SCF prior to the meeting.
3. *Action:* The SCF may wish to adopt the agenda for its seventh meeting.

<i>SCF/2014/7/1/Rev.1</i>	<i>Provisional agenda for the Seventh Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>
<i>SCF/2014/7/2</i>	<i>Provisional agenda and annotations for the Seventh Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>

(b) Organization of the work of the meeting

4. *Background:* The seventh meeting of the SCF will be held from 16 to 18 June 2014 in Bonn, Germany. A detailed schedule of the meeting is annexed to this document. The meeting will be open to attendance by observers from Parties and accredited observer organizations, except where otherwise decided by the SCF. Additionally, the meeting of the SCF will be webcasted. The SCF may decide at any time that a meeting or part thereof should be closed to observers and the webcast should be interrupted.
5. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to agree on the organization of the work of the meeting.

(c) Communication strategy

6. *Background:* Most of the activities of the SCF involve the need for engagement of external stakeholders involved in climate finance and other bodies of the Convention. The SCF, at its first meeting, emphasized the importance of continued and targeted outreach activities in order to increase the visibility and transparency of its work, as well as to profit from the work of other stakeholders. The SCF, at its sixth meeting, considered the draft communication strategy prepared by the secretariat, but due to time constraints was unable to complete its work.
7. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider and agree on its communication strategy.

<i>SCF/2014/6/10/Rev.1</i>	<i>Draft communication strategy of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>
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3. Biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

8. *Background:* COP 17 decided that the SCF shall assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the financial mechanism (FM) of the Convention in terms of measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of support provided to developing countries through preparing a biennial assessment and overview of the climate finance flows (BA).
9. The working group on the BA established by the SCF and facilitated by Ms. Outi Honkatukia and Mr. Seyni Nafu progressed its work inter-sessionally based on the feedback received from SCF members during and after the sixth meeting of the SCF. The group produced working drafts of the report on BA. A second informal mini-workshop will be organized on Wednesday, 18 June 2014, after the closure of the seventh meeting of the SCF. In addition, the work of the SCF on the BA will be presented at the side event during the fortieth session of the

Subsidiary Bodies (SBs), in order to provide an opportunity to solicit feedback from Parties and other relevant stakeholders and to increase the transparency of the work of the SCF on the BA.

10. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider the working draft of the BA, with a view to providing its comments, as well as possible recommendations and conclusions arising from the BA.

SCF/2014/7/3

Working draft of the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

4. Fifth review of the financial mechanism

11. *Background:* COP 18 initiated the fifth review of the FM. At COP 19, Parties adopted the updated guidelines for the fifth review of the FM, as contained in the annex to decision 8/CP.19, and requested the SCF to continue to provide expert input to the fifth review of the FM, with a view to the review being finalized by COP 20.

12. At its sixth meeting, the SCF agreed to prepare a technical paper on the fifth review of the FM based on the outline agreed by the Committee. The working group, facilitated by Ms. Diann Black-Layne, continued working on the technical paper intersessionally. In addition, the SCF will organize a side event on the fifth review during SB 40 to solicit feedback from Parties and other relevant stakeholders and to increase the transparency of the work of the SCF on the fifth review. Following decision 8/CP.18, paragraph 3, the SCF co-chairs will also provide to SBI 40 an update on the status of its work relating to the fifth review.

13. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider the draft technical paper on the fifth review of the FM, with a view to providing its comments, as well as to agree on the next steps.

SCF/2014/7/4

Draft technical paper on fifth review of the financial mechanism of the Convention

5. Coherence and coordination: the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches

14. *Background:* In decision 1/CP.16, Parties decided to establish the SCF to assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the FM, inter alia in terms of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing. In decision 7/CP.19, paragraph 11, Parties requested the SCF to consider, in its work on coherence and coordination, inter alia, the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches.

15. Furthermore, in decision 9/CP.19, the COP also requested the SCF to focus its soonest possible forum on issues related to finance for forests, including the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, inter alia: (a) ways and means to transfer payments for results-based actions as referred to in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 29; (b) the provision of financial resources for alternative approaches. Parties further requested the SCF to invite experts on the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, to the forum.

16. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider the background document prepared by the secretariat with a view to agreeing on its overall approach to the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches, in the context of its work on the issue of coherence and coordination.

SCF/2014/7/5

Background paper on coherence and coordination: the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches

6. Draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism

17. *Background:* At COP 17, Parties decided that the SCF shall assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the FM of the Convention including through providing draft guidance for

the operating entities (OEs) of the FM of the Convention to the COP, with a view to improving the consistency and practicality of such guidance, taking into account the annual reports of the OEs as well as submissions from Parties.

18. At its sixth meeting, the SCF discussed its approach to the provision of draft guidance to the OEs and decided that there is still a need to further improve the process of developing the guidance based on its experience from last year. It was agreed that work on this issue would be taken forward inter-sessionally by a working group facilitated by Mr. Jozef Buys. Furthermore, it was agreed that the working group will prepare a paper on how to improve the draft guidance for consideration by the SCF at its seventh meeting.

19. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider the background paper on the draft guidance to the OEs of the FM, as well as the responses by SCF members to this document with a view to agreeing on its overall approach to the provision of draft guidance to the OEs of the FM.

SCF/2014/7/6

Background paper on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism

7. Linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the thematic bodies of the Convention

20. *Background:* At COP 17, Parties decided that the SCF is to maintain linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention. Furthermore, Parties, at COP 19, called on the SCF to further enhance its linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention.

21. During the sixth meeting of the SCF, it was agreed that Mr. Kyekyeku Yaw Oppong Boadi and Mr. Jozef Buys would attend the meeting of the national adaptation plans task force of the Adaptation Committee AC as observers, which took place on 7 March 2014. Furthermore, it was agreed that Ms. Willemijn Verdegaaal and Mr. Paul Oquist, the two members nominated to represent the SCF in the Executive Committee of the Warsaw international mechanism for loss and damage (ExCom), would attend the first meeting of the ExCom in their personal expert capacity, which took place 25 to 28 March 2014. In addition, the SCF co-chairs informally met with the chair and vice-chair of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and the co-chairs of the Adaptation Committee (AC) at the margins of the sixth meeting of the SCF.

22. *Action:* The SCF members involved in the different expert bodies and the SCF co-chairs will be invited to report back to the SCF on the meetings they attended. Based on the reports, the SCF will be invited to recommend possible next steps on its linkages work with other bodies under the Convention.

8. MRV of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

23. *Background:* COP 17 decided that the SCF shall assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the FM of the Convention in terms of MRV of support provided to developing countries. At COP 19, Parties invited the SCF to consider ways to increase its work on MRV of support beyond the BA in accordance with its work plan for 2014–2015¹ and its mandates. In decision 5/CP.18, developed country Parties were invited to submit to the secretariat, by May 2014, information on the appropriate methodologies and systems used to measure and track climate finance.

24. In 2013, the SCF had called on observers and interested organizations to submit, by 31 July 2013, information on MRV of support, as well as the BA, and invited SCF members to also provide submissions on the issue of MRV of support.²

25. At its sixth meeting, the SCF agreed that it will continue to elaborate its strategy and work plan for the work on MRV of support beyond the BA and noted that a stocktaking exercise of other MRV systems would be helpful as part of the work of the SCF. Furthermore, the SCF agreed

¹ As contained in FCCC/CP/2013/8, annex VIII.

² Submissions received are available at: <<https://unfccc.int/7561.php>>.

that work on this issue would be taken forward inter-sessionally by the same working group on BA.

26. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider the background document prepared by the secretariat, the submissions made by SCF members, as well as the submissions by interested organizations in 2013, with a view to agreeing on its work plan for the work on MRV of support beyond the BA in 2015.

SCF/2014/7/6

Background paper on MRV of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of financial flows

SCF/2013/5/8

Submissions to the fifth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance

9. Other matters

(a) Date and venue of next meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance

27. The SCF may wish to consider and agree on the date and venue of its eight meeting.

(b) Report of the seventh meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance

28. The SCF may wish to consider and adopt the report of the seventh meeting of the SCF inter-sessionally on a no-objections basis.

10. Closure of the Meeting

29. The seventh meeting of the SCF is scheduled to be closed on Wednesday 18 June 2014 at 11:45. There will be a further opportunity provided for statements by observers at the closing of the meeting.

ANNEX**Tentative Schedule SCF 7****Monday 16 June 2014**

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:15 Opening of the Meeting

09:15 – 09:30 Organizational Matters

09:30 – 10:30 Biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45 Fifth review of the financial mechanism

11:45 – 12:45 Draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch break

13:45 – 15:45 Working session on the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows –
Overview / Methodologies
Working session on the fifth review of the financial mechanism

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 18:00 Coherence and coordination: issue of financing for forests, taking into account different
policy approaches

Tuesday 17 June 2014

09:00 – 11:00 Working session on the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows –
Assessment
Working session on the fifth review of the financial mechanism (continued)

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 13:00 Report on the working session on the fifth review of the financial mechanism

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 16:00 Report on the working session on the biennial assessment and overview of climate
finance flows

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 18:00 MRV of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

Wednesday 18 June 2014

09:00 – 10:30 Linkages with the SBI and thematic bodies of the Convention

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45 Other matters
