



Standing Committee on Finance

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**Seventeenth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance
Bonn, Germany, 10–12 April 2018**

**Background paper on the 2018 biennial assessment and overview
of climate finance flows**

Expected actions by the Standing Committee on Finance

The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be invited to:

- a) Consider the zero order draft of the technical report of the 2018 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, including the scope, structure, flow, and content;
- b) Provide guidance for the development of the first order draft of the technical report; and
- c) Provide preliminary views on the structure of the *summary and recommendations by the SCF on the 2018 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows*.

I. Possible actions for consideration by the SCF

1. The Committee may wish to consider the zero order draft of the technical report of the 2018 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA) with a view to assess progress and provide further guidance.
2. Additionally, the SCF may wish to refer to information on relevant provisions in the Paris Agreement and decision 1/CP.2, workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA contained in document SCF/2016/12/7, and input responses received to the call of evidence issued in February 2018.
3. With regards to the preparation of the *summary and recommendations* by the SCF on the 2018 BA, the Committee may wish to deliberate on its scope, structure and flow.

B. Background

4. COP 17 decided that the SCF should assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the Financial Mechanism of the Convention in terms of MRV of support provided to developing countries, inter alia, through preparing BAs. The BAs are to include information on the geographical and thematic balance of flows drawing from available sources of information, including, inter alia, from biennial reports and biennial update reports. Further guidance is contained in decisions 1/CP.18, paragraph 71, 5/CP.18, paragraph 11, 3/CP.19, paragraph 11, 9/CP.21, paragraph 13, and paragraph 37 (f) in the annex to decision 8/CP.22.
5. With respect to the transparency framework established under the Paris Agreement, the COP, in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 94(e) requested the Ad hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement, in developing the modalities, procedures, and guidelines for the transparency framework, to consider, *inter alia*, information in the BAs and other reports of the SCF.
6. COP 22 noted the 2016 BA while particularly welcoming the summary and recommendations by the SCF as contained in the annex to decision 8/CP.22.
7. The Committee, at its fifteenth meeting, initiated work on its 2018 BA and agreed to launch technical work and early engagement with data producers and aggregators. The BA co-facilitators,

with the support of the secretariat, were requested to initiate technical work on the preparation of the 2018 BA and to develop a draft outline of the BA intersessionally. To this effect, the BA co-facilitators, Mr. Seyni Nafo and Ms. Outi Honkatukia circulated to the Committee a scoping document developed on the basis of the initial feedback received from the members of the SCF during the 15th meeting of the SCF¹, the general outline of the 2016 BA², and the 2016 BA technical report³ as well as the Summary and Recommendations⁴, with a view to develop a consolidated draft outline before the sixteenth meeting.

8. COP 23 endorsed the general outline of the 2018 BA as contained in Annex VI (FCCC/CP/2017/9).

9. A call for evidence was issued in February 2018 in accordance with the decision taken during the sixteenth meeting of the Committee.⁵ The call for evidence is available on the website of SCF.⁶ A compilation of responses is contained in a separate document.

10. The BA team, under the guidance of the co-facilitators of the BA, have undertaken technical work intersessionally with the view to develop a zero-order draft of the technical report for consideration by the SCF Committee at its seventeenth meeting.

¹ See summary of discussions on 2018 BA as contained in Annex VI in document SCF/2017/15/11.

² FCCC/CP/2015/8. Annex VIII.

³ Available at <<http://unfccc.int/10028.php>>.

⁴ Decision 8/CP.22. Annex.

⁵ FCCC/CP/2017/9 paragraph 35.

⁶ Available at <<http://unfccc.int/6877.php>>.