

Seventh meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance Bonn, Germany, 16–18 June 2014

Report

Attendance

Mr. Stefan Agne
Ms. Diann Black-Layne (Co-Chair)
Mr. Georg Børsting
Mr. Jozef Buys
Mr. Roger Dungan
Ms. Inka Gnittke
Ms. Outi Honkatukia
Mr. Yorio Ito
Ms. Edith Kateme-Kasajja
Mr. Raymond Landveld
Mr. Hussein Alfa (Seyni) Nafo
Mr. Kyekyeku Yaw Oppong-Boadi
Mr. Paul Herbert Oquist Kelley
Ms. Rajasree Ray
Mr. Stefan Schwager (Co-Chair)
Mr. Ayman Shasly
Ms. Suzanty Sitorus

Absent with apologies

Ms. Jessica Brown
Mr. Ali Daud Mohamed

Proceedings

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The seventh meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) was opened at 09.30 a.m. on Monday 16 June 2014.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. Co-Chair Stefan Schwager welcomed the members of the SCF and observers, including Party observers, representatives of United Nations agencies, as well as intergovernmental and civil society organizations.¹ He informed members of the SCF of the resignation of Ms. Willemijn Slingenberg-Verdegaal (Netherlands) from the Committee and noted that her seat would soon be filled by the Annex I constituency soon. He also welcomed Ms. Rajasree Ray as it was the first meeting she attended as SCF member.

3. Co-Chair Schwager informed members that the viewing figures of the webcast of the previous meetings of the SCF were available and that the high number of viewings demonstrated the importance of live webcasts. He requested the secretariat to provide comparative figures of webcasts of other thematic bodies to the SCF. He also informed members that all background documents for the meeting had been posted on the website.² The Co-Chair noted that the draft first biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA) report and the draft technical

¹ <http://gaia.world-television.com/unfccc/scf07/>.

² < http://unfccc.int/cooperation_and_support/financial_mechanism/standing_committee/items/6881.php>.



paper on the fifth review of the financial mechanism (FM) of the Convention would be made available at a later stage in order to allow members of the SCF time to engage on the latter.

4. The SCF adopted the agenda, as contained in document SCF/2014/7/1/Rev.2.

(b) Organization of the work of the meeting

5. Co-Chair Schwager introduced the proposed tentative schedule as well as the mode of work for the three-day meeting as outlined in the annex to document SCF/2014/7/2/Rev.1. He indicated to the members of the SCF that the next meeting of the SCF would entail a heavy workload, as most decisions to be taken in 2014 would have to be taken then.

6. The SCF agreed to a live webcast of the meeting after Co-Chair Schwager drew attention of the members to the draft communication strategy (as contained in document SCF/2014/6/10/Rev.1).

(c) Communication strategy

7. Co-Chair Schwager introduced the revised draft communication strategy contained in document SCF/2014/6/10/Rev.1, and opened the floor for statements. Overall, the revised document was received with appreciation. Some members suggested that further clarifications or improvements be made relating to the information provided on the forum, the fifth review, and the financing for forests, the issue of special funds as identified in the document, as well as how the SCF can ensure progress in reaching out to the secondary audience as outlined in the draft communication strategy. Some members highlighted the importance of better communication of results, as well as managing expectations on the BA. As for financing for forests, one member indicated that the communication strategy should also take into account the work of various institutions involved in forests funding and the collaboration between the SCF and institutions such as the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), the United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (UN-REDD Programme), the World Bank, and the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

8. One member highlighted the issue of managing expectations with regards to the overall workload of the SCF. In order to avoid being overtasked, the member, indicated that the SCF should proactively inform interested stakeholders about its current work plan. This was echoed by another member who indicated that it would be important to raise awareness of the capacity of the SCF. The same member also raised concerns that members of the member's constituency may not be able to make full use of the SCF webcast due to technical constraints and indicated that the organization of side events is an especially useful tool to follow the work of the SCF.

9. One member suggested that the communication strategy should be updated on an annual basis and adopted by the SCF at the first meeting of the year. Similarly, another member indicated that the communication strategy is a living document and that the SCF should continue to improve it over time.

10. Two observers echoed the importance of increasing awareness of the work of the SCF, as well as managing expectations of the BA.

11. Co-Chair Schwager indicated that the issues raised by members would be incorporated in the draft communication strategy.

3. First biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

A. Discussion

12. Co-Chair Schwager introduced the agenda item and gave the floor to Ms. Outi Honkatukia and Mr. Seyni Nafu, the two facilitators of the working group on the BA, who issued a co-facilitators note containing thoughts on insights emerging from the work on the first BA.³ The co-facilitators briefed members on the activities which had been planned and completed, including conference calls, the first side event,⁴ and the second technical meeting [mini-workshop].⁵ This was followed by a presentation which introduced the preliminary results contained in the draft first BA report, which

³ As contained in document SCF/2014/7/3.

⁴ <http://unfccc.int/files/cooperation_and_support/financial_mechanism/standing_committee/application/pdf/1st_side_event_on_1st_ba_programme.pdf>.

⁵ <<http://unfccc.int/8034.php>>.

had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.⁶ The SCF engaged in substantive discussions on the draft first BA report in plenary, as well as during two dedicated working sessions.

13. During the working sessions, members assessed the scope and depth of individual chapters of the draft first BA report against the annotated outline agreed at SCF-6.⁷ Members provided feedback and detailed comments on the content, structure and flow of the draft first BA report. These included: a) Suggestions for improving the structure of the draft first BA report; b) Comments concerning the sequencing of chapters, sections and sub-sections under each chapter; c) Comments and suggestions on the organization and display of data, and the underlying information; d) Suggestions on incorporation of elaborated information on the methods adopted in preparing the first BA and notes to tables and figures; e) Suggestions on how to better align data with the analytical parts, especially in relation to overview and assessment chapters; and f) Initial editorial comments. Suggestions were also made to supplement the analysis with case studies.

14. Members discussed the milestones for the remaining period (July to November) of the first BA, including iterations of the draft first BA report and communication and outreach activities. On the communication activities, some members emphasized the scope, objectives, limitations and challenges in preparing the BA, and noted that the communications strategy should be tailored with these in mind.

15. With regards to the co-facilitators' note, several members provided initial feedback to the questions posed therein, but requested more time to reflect. The co-facilitators' note prompted discussions about key findings and messages emerging from the work on the BA. Members also had an initial discussion on the nature and format of conclusions and recommendations. The co-facilitators proposed to take forward this discussion collectively in a separate note. To facilitate this, the co-facilitators proposed an outline of the executive summary which was distributed to members for comments (see Annex IV).

B. Outcome of the discussion

16. Members agreed to further work on the draft first BA report, including reorganizing information and ensuring consistency of data and analysis in the overview and assessment chapters. Follow-up actions include: further inputs by members of the SCF; revised timelines (see also annex I and annex II); and two more iterations of the draft first BA report to be delivered according to the indicative timeline for the completion of the work on the first BA (see annex III).

17. The SCF agreed to start developing key messages, conclusions and recommendations, taking into account additional technical work for the completion of the first BA report (see also annex I and annex II).

4. Fifth review of the financial mechanism

A. Discussion

18. Co-Chair Black-Layne, who also facilitated the work of the working group on the fifth review of the FM, introduced the agenda item and drew the attention of members to the draft technical paper⁸ that had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. She then gave a presentation on highlights of the preliminary findings of the draft technical paper,⁹ after which the SCF engaged in substantive discussions in plenary, as well as during two dedicated working sessions. Representatives of the operating entities (OEs), Ms. Chizuru Aoki from the GEF and Mr. Marcelo Jordan from the Green Climate Fund (GCF), provided their inputs on the draft technical paper.

19. In general, many members were of the view that further substantive work was needed in various sections of the draft technical paper. In this respect, one member commented that the information related to the GEF as featured in the technical paper, needed to be updated to reflect

⁶ < http://unfccc.int/files/cooperation_and_support/financial_mechanism/standing_committee/application/pdf/presentation_of_ba_report_to_scf7_v16june.pdf>.

⁷ As contained in document SCF/2014/6/11.

⁸ The draft technical paper follows the agreed outline of the technical paper on the fifth review of the financial mechanism, as contained in annex II of document SCF/2014/6/11.

⁹ < http://unfccc.int/files/cooperation_and_support/financial_mechanism/standing_committee/application/pdf/highlights_of_preliminary_findings_tp_on_fifth_review.pdf>.

the recent and on-going reforms undertaken by the GEF Council. Other members were of the view that the information on the GCF was either too general or needed to be revised for accuracy. A few members also commented that they were expecting the paper to provide a picture of how the GEF was working on the ground through case studies, such as the experience of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) with co-financing or with accessing their respective GEF resources.

20. Comments were also made on specific sections of the draft technical paper. On the section on governance, the GEF representative highlighted that the information on gender mainstreaming needed to be updated, while some members requested for further information to be provided in the sub-sections on fiduciary standards and environmental and social safeguards.

21. With respect to mobilization of financial resources, members expressed different views on the concept of adequacy of financial flows, in light of the lack of an agreed definition and criteria, at the Convention level to assess it. One member was of the view that adequacy should be addressed in the context of the mandate of the GEF to support incremental costs for mitigation action and the agreed full costs of the reporting requirements under the Convention. Another member was of the view that adequacy should be assessed against a broader target such as the 2 degree goal, while other members were of the view that it should be assessed in the context of the financing needs of developing countries. Further comments on this section were made by the GEF representative who stressed that the discussion in the paper about co-financing needed to be revised, in order to capture the recent reforms that were undertaken by the GEF Council, in this regard.

22. With regard to the section on delivery of financial resources, some members reiterated the importance of case studies, especially on access by SIDS and LDCs to GEF resources, and one observer commented that the concept of country-ownership in the GCF has now been expanded beyond the “no-objection” procedure and that this should be captured as well.

23. While discussing results and impacts of financial resources, the representative of the GEF emphasized the efforts that are currently being undertaken to better estimate the indirect reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and drew the attention to a Council document, which outlines proposals for the improvement of the methodology of GHG calculations.¹⁰ Additionally, the representative highlighted that the subsections on technology transfer did not capture the work of the GEF in this area, both in terms of the support to the operationalization of the Climate Technology Centre and Network, as well as to the Poznan Strategic Programme on technology transfer.

24. Finally, with respect to the section on consistency and complementarity with other sources of investments and financial flows, it was agreed that the section needed further elaboration in terms of the comparability between the FM and other sources, in order to better guide the SCF in making recommendations on this subject matter.

25. In response to Co-Chair Black-Layne’s question on how the Committee sees the outcome of the review being different from a mere guidance to the OEs, one member commented that the review looks into a broader time period, namely four years, and therefore should concentrate on whether and how the strategies of the OEs have incorporated the guidance received, as well as what results have been achieved during those years. Another member commented that the review should be both, backward and forward looking by assessing the effectiveness of the FM in delivering results, thereby enabling the SCF to draw conclusions on the overall architecture of the FM, thereby leading to possible recommendations on how to increase its overall efficiency. The member suggested that the review should focus on: effectiveness, architecture, and coherence of the FM.

B. Outcome of the discussion

26. The Committee agreed that the secretariat would work on a second draft of the technical paper, taking into account the comments and feedback provided during the meeting. Members requested the secretariat to work in close collaboration with the secretariats of the OEs in this context in order to ensure that information is updated and reflected accurately in the next version of the technical paper

¹⁰ GEF/C.46/Inf.11.

27. The Committee also agreed that members, as well as the OEs could provide written comments on the first draft of the technical paper by 17 July 2014, and that the second draft of the technical paper would be circulated to members for comments by 8 August 2014, with a view to finalizing the technical paper in time for the eighth meeting of the SCF (annex I and II contain the milestones for the fifth review of the FM).

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

A. Discussion

28. Co-Chair Black-Layne introduced the agenda item and drew the attention of members to the background document (SCF/2014/7/6), as well as to the revised initial paper on improving the guidance to the OEs of the FM,¹¹ as prepared by Mr. Jozef Buys who facilitated the working group on this subject matter. Mr. Buys introduced the revised initial paper and invited the two representatives of the OEs, Ms. Aoki (GEF) and Mr. Jordan (GCF), to provide a short presentation on their respective approaches to results-based frameworks. Mr. Jordan delivered a short overview of the decision taken during the sixth meeting of the GCF Board on this matter, while Ms. Aoki gave a brief overview of the GEF results framework. Further discussion on this agenda item took place in a breakout group which focused on the revised initial paper contained in document SCF/2014/7/5, which presented options with regards to: updating existing guidance, performance based guidance, timing of guidance, and complementarity between the OEs.

29. With regard to updating existing guidance, there was broad agreement in the breakout group that the SCF should analyze past guidance and identify core guidance to the OEs and that a recommendation should be made by the SCF to COP 20. In this context, one member requested clarification regarding the legal implications of retiring past decisions, as well as the associated workload for such an exercise.

30. Different views were expressed concerning performance based guidance. In general, the idea of providing guidance from a performance perspective, while using the results frameworks of the OEs, was welcomed. The work of the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF was highlighted. However, there were views expressed that further consideration of this issue would be necessary. Therefore, there was agreement that this year's guidance will be provided based on the OE reports, and that the SCF will initiate its exercise of improving future draft guidance to the OEs at its next meeting.

31. On the issue of timing of guidance, various views were raised but there was no agreement to reduce or maintain the frequency of the provision of guidance to the OEs. One member suggested to focus guidance to the GEF on three specific areas per year and to propose a schedule of focus area issues to the COP for its consideration and guidance. Such a practice would allow the SCF a more in-depth and thorough study of the report of the GEF and provide more targeted and practical draft guidance.

32. There was agreement that consideration of the issue of complementarity between the OEs would be postponed to a later stage once the GCF is fully operational.

33. There was no agreement among members on the proposal¹² for the SCF to invite the thematic bodies of the Convention to provide the SCF with elements for draft guidance to be provided to the OEs, either in advance of the final meeting of the SCF in 2014, and/or in response to the issuance of the GCF report. However, members responded positively to this proposed approach, indicating that this could increase the consistency and practicality of draft guidance to the OEs and facilitate discussions and negotiations during the COP.

34. Members also discussed the options presented in the revised initial paper¹³ as to how to provide draft guidance to the OEs before COP 20. Members agreed that SCF members will be invited to submit elements of draft guidance to the GEF, no later than one week before the eighth meeting of the SCF, based on the report of the GEF, and the submissions by Parties as available. These

¹¹ Available at: < http://unfccc.int/files/cooperation_and_support/financial_mechanism/standing_committee/application/pdf/revised_initial_paper_on_improving_draft_guidance_to_oes_%282%29.pdf>.

¹² http://unfccc.int/files/cooperation_and_support/financial_mechanism/standing_committee/application/pdf/revised_initial_paper_on_improving_draft_guidance_to_oes_%282%29.pdf, paragraph 6.

¹³ Ibid., paragraph 5.

submissions will then be the basis of a draft decision containing draft guidance to the GEF to be annexed to the SCF report. There was also broad agreement among members that, should the SCF not be able to agree on a draft decision, as outlined in the revised initial paper,¹⁴ that options 2 and 3 would be the fall back position for this year's approach to the provision of draft guidance to the OEs. Option 2 outlined that the submissions provided by members would be compiled into a template and provided as is to COP 20 as an annex to the report of the SCF similar to the approach used last year. Option 3 outlined that the SCF could mandate its Co-Chairs to provide, based on the submissions by members and Parties as available, a Co-Chairs proposal for draft decisions containing draft guidance to the operating entities, which would be annexed to the SCF report, clearly indicating that this is a Co-Chairs proposal and not an agreed text by the SCF.

B. Outcome of the discussion

35. Members agreed to engage on this subject further during the eighth meeting of the SCF while taking into account previous outcomes and discussions already held.

36. Furthermore, members were invited to provide elements of draft guidance to the GEF three weeks before the next SCF meeting based on the GEF report, as well as elements of draft guidance to the GCF as soon as possible after issuance of the GCF report (see annex I and annex II).

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

A. Discussion

37. Co-Chair Schwager introduced the background paper (SCF/2014/7/5) and invited the SCF to consider the document, in order to agree on its overall approach towards this subject matter. Mr. Raymond Landveld and Mr. Stefan Agne agreed to facilitate the discussions and members engaged in in-depth discussions on this issue in a breakout group, as well as in plenary.

38. During the plenary discussion, members generally agreed on the need to revise the background paper, to make it more comprehensive and more balanced based on the inputs from members. Some members noted that more time and information is needed for the SCF to consider the matter of financing for forests more in-depth.

39. Concrete suggestions were made by members to improve the document such as: a) To include information on UNFF discussions on financing for sustainable forest management in order for the 2015 Forum to also take into account financing for sustainable forest management related to generating mitigation and adaptation benefits; b) To include information on activities and meetings of the UNFF and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests also in light of the 2015 Forum; c) To include information on existing financing instruments and collaborative partnerships for forests such as the Carbon Partnership Facility and UN-REDD programme, and, in this context, to provide a landscape of financing for forests; and d) To identify the fragmentation of financing for forests, in light of the overall SCF discussions on the issue of coherence and coordination.

40. With regard to the scope of the work of the SCF on this matter, one member mentioned that the focus should not only be on mitigation aspects of forests, but should also include adaptation aspect, so that developing countries could take the work of the SCF into consideration, when preparing forest programmes for their intended nationally determined contribution under the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. In this context, another member highlighted that the SCF should consider market and non-market based approaches in a balanced manner.

41. During the breakout group, members exchanged views on how the members of SCF could take this matter forward, with members providing further suggestions on how to revise the background document, in order for it to facilitate further discussion at the next meeting, as well as to enable drafting of a work plan. On the latter, some members noted that the work plan should be long-term, while other members highlighted the importance of short-term results and recommendations, in light of the on-going negotiations towards Lima and Paris.

42. Observer organizations presented some of the existing processes and analytic work on financing for forests, and suggested sharing related background materials with the SCF.

¹⁴ Ibid., paragraph 5.

B. Outcome of the discussion

43. The SCF decided to form a working group to be co-facilitated by Mr. Landveld and Mr. Agne. It was agreed that the SCF would continue its discussion on this matter at the eighth meeting of the SCF meeting, including on its draft work plan to be included in the report to COP 20. The matter would also be further discussed at the 2015 Forum, which would focus on the issue of financing for forests, as agreed by the SCF.¹⁵

44. The SCF further requested the secretariat to revise the background document based on the inputs, suggestions and literature provided by members during the seventh meeting. Members agreed to provide comments to the revised draft background document before its finalization in advance of the eighth SCF meeting (see annex I and annex II).

7. Measurement, reporting and verification of finance of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

A. Discussion

45. Co-Chair Schwager introduced the background document (SCF/2014/7/8/Rev.1) and provided a short update on the outcome of the work that the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) had undertaken during its fortieth session on the issue of methodologies for reporting financial information by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.¹⁶ He informed members that Mr. Nafo had delivered an update on the preparation of the first BA during the first meeting of the contact group on this agenda item.¹⁷ Mr. Nafo provided a short summary of the discussions during SBSTA 40 and highlighted that, at this point in time, there was no clarity on which body was undertaking the actual work on methodologies for reporting financial information by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. He pointed out that the work regarding methodologies being undertaken in the context of the BA did not develop such methodologies, but would identify gaps in existing methodological approaches.

46. Members engaged on this question, highlighting that the COP would have to decide on this matter. Many members pointed out that the SCF may be the appropriate body for such technical work, as well as that it would be important to avoid duplication of work. One member also reiterated that there had been an agreement among members that the actual work of the SCF on the issue of MRV of support beyond the BA would be undertaken as of the year 2015. This point was taken up by another member, who drew the attention of members to the importance of developing a work plan in this regard, and to also provide a signal to COP 20 that the SCF would stand ready to conduct work on methodological issues, based on the lessons from the work of the first BA, as well as the relevant Party submissions.

47. In response to a question of clarification by one member, Co-Chair Schwager clarified that work on the BA also takes into consideration MRV related work being undertaken by other bodies, both under, as well as outside the Convention, and that this will build the basis for the body taking forward the work on methodologies.

48. One observer statement was made, echoing the concerns raised by members with regards to possible duplication of work, and highlighting the need to also take into consideration the issue of sequencing of work undertaken by the various bodies. The latter issue was taken up by a member, who pointed out that SBSTA 41 will not be in a position to revise the methodologies, which will delay this process for a year, which in turn implies that the revision will not be considered for the next round of biennial reports (BRs) to be submitted at the beginning of 2016. He pointed out that, should the SCF be mandated with this task, it should be allowed more than only one year, as this work will not be able to impact the second round of BRs, independent of which body conducts the work. Furthermore, he also indicated that the issue of sequencing should, therefore, also be considered with regard to the work plan of the SCF on MRV of support beyond the BA.

49. Upon the request of a member, the secretariat provided information on pre COP 20 document submission deadlines.

¹⁵ See document SCF/2014/6/11, paragraph 31.

¹⁶ The draft conclusions proposed by the Chair are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2014/L.16.

¹⁷ Available at: < http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/bonn_jun_2014/in-session/application/pdf/02_sbsta_11d_update_scf_mrv_ba.pdf>.

B. Outcome of the discussion

50. It was agreed that, in order for the SCF to develop a work plan for its work on MRV of support beyond the BA, members would provide written inputs on elements for such a work plan to the secretariat by mid-July. This issue would then be taken up again at the eighth meeting of the SCF.

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

A. Discussion

51. Co-Chair Schwager introduced an informal document that provided a short overview of the following: an informal meeting between the SCF, Adaptation Committee (AC), and Technology Executive Committee (TEC) Co-Chairs, chair, and vice-chair; a summary of meetings where the members of the SCF were invited to participate; a summary of other meetings; a schedule of the meetings relevant to the SCF and possible issues to be discussed; as well as information on linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI).

52. Furthermore, Co-Chair Schwager informed members that he gave a short presentation on the work of the SCF at the third meeting of the Durban Forum on Capacity-building¹⁸ during SB 40.

53. Co-Chair Schwager also informed members that Ms. Suzanty Sitorus, on behalf of the Co-Chairs, provided an update of the status of the work of the SCF to the SBI, relating to the fifth review of the FM, as requested by decision 8/CP.18, paragraph 3.

54. Ms. Sitorus gave a short summary of the special event organized by the AC on “Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks”,¹⁹ which she attended together with Ms. Edith Kateme-Kasajja upon request by the Co-Chairs. Ms. Sitorus informed members that, in the absence of guidance by the SCF on this matter, the two members provided information on adaptation related activities of the SCF such as the 2014 forum and the BA adaptation related work, and noted that it raised a lot of interest among participants.

55. Mr. Buys and Mr. Yaw Opong Boadi gave a summary of the AC task force on National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), which they attended upon SCF agreement during the last meeting. Mr. Buys pointed out that he was not really in a position to contribute to the work of the taskforce due to the highly specific technical nature of the work. Mr. Opong Boadi informed the SCF that he had provided information on adaptation financing during the meeting and had subsequently provided inputs to the draft work plan of the NAP taskforce.

56. Co-Chair Schwager also provided a short summary of the side event on the work of the SCF related to the fifth review of the FM²⁰ during SB 40, as well as the presentation he had given during this event, which was attended by around 60 people and led to interesting interactions.²¹ In this context, Co-Chair Schwager made reference to the SCF communication strategy and highlighted the added value of such events.

57. With regards to the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (ExCom),²² which, as an interim measure, consist of two representatives from, inter alia, the SCF,²³ Co-Chair Black-Layne reminded members of the resignation of Ms. Slingenber-Verdegaal from the SCF, formerly one of the two SCF representatives to the ExCom. Co-Chair Black-Layne informed members that Mr. Georg Børsting had agreed to replace Ms. Slingenber-Verdegaal but would not be able to attend the next meeting of the ExCom tentatively scheduled to take place end of July due to scheduling issues.

58. Mr. Paul Oquist, the other SCF representative to the ExCom, provided members with an overview of the work of the ExCom undertaken during its first meeting, an informal meeting, as

¹⁸ More information available at: <<http://unfccc.int/8121.php>>.

¹⁹ More information available at: <<http://unfccc.int/8246.php>>.

²⁰ Programme available at: <http://unfccc.int/files/cooperation_and_support/financial_mechanism/standing_committee/application/pdf/programme_side_event_final_5th_review.pdf>.

²¹ Available at: <http://unfccc.int/files/cooperation_and_support/financial_mechanism/standing_committee/application/pdf/update_by_the_scf_on_the_fifth_review.pdf>.

²² More information available at: <<http://unfccc.int/8018.php>>.

²³ Decision 2/CP.19, paragraph 4.

well as inter-sessional work in order to progress work on its two year work plan. Furthermore, he informed members that the ExCom had invited inputs from its members before the next meeting and in this context introduced a proposal of deliverables on finance of the Warsaw Mechanism on Losses and Damages that Mr. Oquist was intending to submit to the ExCom, as well as an overview of the architecture of existing funds.

59. Discussions focused mainly on the question of the capacity in which the two SCF representatives attend the ExCom as this was raised by members, some of them making reference to the SCF's agreement at its last meeting on this matter.²⁴ In this context, the secretariat provided a short clarification on the legal aspects of this question. Members expressed that the SCF would need more time for in-depth discussions and more information on this subject matter. One member also raised the issue of representation by members and provision of inputs to other bodies by the SCF in general highlighting that further clarity on this issue within the SCF would be needed. However, there was no agreement that this issue should be taken up again during the eighth meeting of the SCF. There was general agreement that the input by Mr. Oquist to the ExCom would be provided in his personal expert capacity and not as an agreed input by the SCF to the ExCom.

B. Outcome of the discussion

60. Members were invited to provide inputs on Mr. Oquist's proposal to Mr. Oquist by 20 July 2014. As previously agreed, the two representatives will continue to inform the SCF on the progress made in the ExCom.

9. Other matters

(a) Date and venue of next meeting

61. Co-Chair Schwager informed members that the Co-Chairs will provide a proposal for dates for the next meeting indicating that, based on a timeline of pre COP 20 events presented during the meeting.

62. As requested by members, a timetable of deliverables for the SCF before COP 20 (annex I), as well as an overview of inputs to be provided by SCF members as agreed on during the seventh meeting (annex II) were distributed to members. Co-Chair Schwager invited members to provide comments on the two documents by 25 July 2014.

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

63. The Committee agreed to adopt the report of the seventh meeting of the SCF intersessionally.

10. Closure of the meeting

64. Co-Chair Schwager thanked the Committee members, the secretariat and observers, and closed the seventh meeting of the SCF at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 18 June 2014.

²⁴ See document SCF/2014/6/11, paragraph 58.

Annex I – Timetable of concrete deliverables for SCF before COP 20

Agenda item	Deliverable	July	August	September	October	November
<i>Biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows</i>	First BA report / publication			X		
	Synthesis		X	X		
	Conclusions and recommendations for COP 20 to be included in SCF report		X	X		
	Side event/webinar				X	X
<i>5th review of the financial mechanism</i>	Technical paper			X		
	Conclusions and recommendations to COP 20 report			X		
<i>Forum</i>	Report of the 2014 Forum to COP 20	X				
	Recommendations based on Forum report			X		
	Draft agenda for 2015 Forum to be included in COP 20 report			X		
<i>Guidance to the operating entities</i>	Draft guidance to the GEF			X		
	Draft guidance to the GCF			X		
<i>MRV of support</i>	Draft work plan to be included in COP 20 report			X		
<i>Coherence and coordination: financing for forests</i>	Information on progress to be included in COP 20 report			X		
<i>Linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention</i>	Information to be included in COP 20 report			X		
<i>Report to COP 20</i>				X		

Annex II – Inputs to be provided by SCF members

Agenda item	Input by SCF members	Deadline
<i>Biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows</i>	Comments on the draft first BA report and feedback on the synthesis	4 July 2014
<i>5th review of the financial mechanism</i>	Comments on the draft of the technical paper	17 July 2014
<i>Guidance to the operating entities</i>	Submission of elements of draft guidance to the GEF	3 weeks before next SCF meeting
	Submission of elements of draft guidance to the GCF	As soon as possible after issuance of GCF report
<i>MRV of support</i>	Elements for work plan	Mid July
<i>Coherence and coordination: financing for forests</i>	Comments on new draft background paper on financing for forests	22 August 2014

Annex III – Indicative timeline for the completion of the first BA work (June-December 2014)

Key events	SBs - SBSTA(11d), ADP transparency								UN SG's Climate Summit				ADP session (22-25)				COP20 in Lima																			
	SCF7 and 2 nd technical meeting (17-18)				3 rd technical meeting / focused meeting (3 rd or 4 th week)				3 rd technical meeting / focused meeting (3 rd or 4 th week)				SCF8 (1-3)																							
Key stages	June				July				August				September				October				November				December				January							
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1 - Written comments by SCF																																				
2 - Revision of individual chapters																																				
3 - BA report_V2 to SCF & Webinar1																																				
4a- Review process/ Fact checking (tables / stats)																																				
4b - External contributors review																																				
4c - BA report_V3 to SCF for final review & Webinar2																																				
5 - Executive Summary (ES) to SCF for review & Webinar2																																				
6 - Team processing (→ fwd to Editor)																																				
7 - Synthesis/Draft Conc.& Recomm.to SCF & Webinar3																																				
8 - Editing of the final text																																				
9 - SCF sign-off for publication at SCF8																																				
10 - Synthesis/ Draft Recomm. finalized at SCF8																																				
11 - Layout, printing, etc																																				
12- Publication & roll-out																																				
Rollout Products													Executive summary prepared for UN SG Climate Summit, followed by publication of the full report				Side event on BA at ADP session				Annual SCF report to COP20 submitted to the COP, followed by Webinar to present the results of the 1 st BA report															

Step 1	Written comments by SCF	SCF members submit further written comments on BAreport_V1, if any & the synthesis outline circulated by co-facilitators.
Step 2	Revision of individual chapters	Chapters are revised, incorporating comments from SCF7, and new and updated data from external contributors
Step 3	BA report_V2 to SCF & Webinar1	Revised version of the entire report is sent to SCF, followed by discussions on a concall1/Webinar1
Step 4	Review Process/Fact checking	Review Process comprises the following three elements, with the first two running in parallel: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parties that submitted BR and FSF reports review/cross-check statistics presented in tables/matrices in the three core chapters. 2. External Contributors that have provided input review/cross-check corresponding parts, including tables/matrices in the three core chapters. 3. BA report is revised and is sent to SCF for review (BA report_V3), followed by a concall2/Webinar2
Step 5	Executive Summary (ES) to SCF for review & Webinar2	Executive Summary is prepared in parallel and sent to SCF for review, followed by discussions in concall2/Webinar2
Step 6	Team processing	Team processes comments; consistency check/quality control (including reference checking) takes place throughout step 3 and 4, and prepares the (pre-) final text as appropriate. Final drafts of the individual chapters are submitted to the Editors as they become available.
Step 7	Synthesis/ Draft Conc.& Recomm.to SCF & Webinar3	Draft synthesis /conclusions and recommendations are sent to SCF, followed by a dedicated concall3/Webinar3
Step 8	Editing of final text	Editing takes place
Step 9	SCF sign-off for publication at SCF8	Edited chapters are forwarded to SCF two weeks before SCF8 for final sign-off. Approved chapters go for layout.
Step 10	Synthesis/Conc. & Recomm. finalized at SCF8	Text for SCF report to COP20, including conclusions and recommendations are discussed and finalized at SCF8
Step 11	Layout & printing	Copyright clearance etc. will have been undertaken
Step 12	Publication & roll-out	The BA report is published as stand-alone piece, SCF report containing conclusions and recommendations is submitted to COP and web-posted; a Webinar to promote the results of the 1 st BA is organized in the second half of October/ first half of November

Annex IV – Co-facilitators’ preliminary thoughts on the synthesis /annex to SCF-report

17.6.2014

SCF Biennial Assessment

Co-facilitators’ preliminary thoughts on the synthesis /annex to SCF-report

- 1. Are the headings, structure, length (3 pages) and sequence OK? If not what is your alternative (argue your case!)?**
- 2. What about the content? What should be added? Please provide us your thoughts bullet form!**

Please provide your comments and suggestions by July 4.

Page 1

mandate

summary of detailed outline of the biennial assessment report

managing expectations

- challenges
- gaps
- limitations
- ...

Page 2

Key findings/messages/highlights of the report

- overview
- methodologies
- assessment (the onion!)

Page 3

Recommendations/way forward (in the form of a summary table)

- quick fixes
- medium/long term solutions
- ...

Page 1

- Mandate
- Perhaps a word or two about how the report was put together
- Limitations/(gaps in knowledge/data/other)

Page 2

- Assessment/Overview (how much/what kind/where is it going/what is it for? etc)
- Methodological issues (this could be part of limitations)

Page 3

- Future challenges
- Ways forward in the near and medium term (methodological fixes could come here)
 - Technical and institutional or both combined

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<i>Title</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
First Biennial Assessment and Overview of Finance Flows; Co-facilitators' thoughts on insights emerging from BA work by Outi Honkatukia and Seyni Nafo	SCF/2014/7/3
Background paper on the Fifth Review of the Financial Mechanism	SCF/2014/7/4
Background paper on coherence and coordination: the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches	SCF/2014/7/5
Background paper on the draft guidance to the operating entities	SCF/2014/7/6
Revised initial paper on improving the draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism	
Background paper on the measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of financial flows	SCF/2014/7/8/Rev.1
Background paper on the communication strategy of the Standing Committee on Finance	SCF/2014/6/10/Rev.1