

Update on the work of the Standing Committee on Finance in 2015

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The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) was established at COP 16 to assist the COP in exercising its functions in relation to the Financial Mechanism of the Convention

This involves, improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, rationalization of the Financial Mechanism, mobilization of financial resources and MRV of support provided to developing country Parties (1/CP.16, paragraph 112)

Mandated activities (2/CP.17, paragraph 121)

- ✓ Organize a forum for the communication and continued exchange of information among bodies and entities dealing with climate change finance in order to promote linkages and coherence
- ✓ Maintaining linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention
- ✓ Providing to the COP draft guidance to the OEs of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention, with a view to improving the consistency and practicality of such guidance
- ✓ Making recommendations on how to improve the coherence, effectiveness and efficiency of the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism
- ✓ Providing expert input, including through independent reviews and assessments, into the preparation and conduct of the periodic reviews of the Financial Mechanism by the COP
- ✓ Preparing a biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA)

Further mandates from COP 19

- ✓ Considering ways to increase its work on the MRV of support beyond the BA (7/CP.19, paragraph 9)
- ✓ Considering, in its work on coherence and coordination, inter alia, the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches (7/CP.19, paragraph 11)
- ✓ Focusing its soonest possible forum on issues related to finance for forests, including the implementation of the activities (9/CP.19, paragraphs 20–21)

Further mandates from COP 20

- ✓ Recommending improvements to the methodologies for reporting financial information (6/CP.20, para 10 and 12; and 11/CP.20)
- ✓ Further explore how it can enhance its work on MRV of support, based on the best available information on the mobilization of various resources, including private and alternative resources, through public interventions
- ✓ Consider, in the context of its forum on issues related to finance for forests, inter alia, decisions relevant to activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, including decisions 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17 and 12/CP.17 as well as decisions 9/CP.19 to 15/CP.19
- ✓ Provide advice on the issue of the frequency of guidance to the Financial Mechanism
- ✓ Consider issues related to possible future institutional linkages and relations between the Adaptation Fund and other institutions under the Convention



- Prepared the arrangements between the COP and Green Climate Fund
- Provided inputs serving as the basis for negotiations in the past two years with regards to guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism
- Prepared the 2014 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows, including a summary and recommendations by the SCF
- Provided expert input to the fifth review of the Financial Mechanism, including conclusions and recommendations.
- Organised two Forums:
 - ✓ 1st Forum of the SCF in 2013 built around the overarching theme: “Mobilizing finance and investments for climate action now
 - ✓ “2nd Forum of the SCF in 2014 built around the overarching theme: “Mobilizing adaptation finance”
- Developed and constantly maintains a virtual forum, including an information repository
- The SCF closely engages with relevant stakeholders and bodies of the Convention



- 2015 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance, on issues related to finance for forests
- Coherence and coordination: Financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches
- Work on draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism
- MRV of finance beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows.
- 2016 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows
- Institutional linkages and relations between the Adaptation Fund and other institutions under the Convention
- Linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the thematic bodies of the Convention
- Consideration of the long-term finance issues referred to in decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 12



Activities in 2015

✓ SCF Forum

- Working objective: “*Enhancing coherence and coordination of forest financing*”
- Dates and venue: 8-9 September 2015, Durban, South Africa, in conjunction with the 14th World Forestry Congress and in Partnership with FAO
- Wide variety of participants, including, inter alia, experts on the implementation of REDD+ activities and finance experts
- Concept note on the scope and programme of the event under preparation
- Summary report on the Forum to be included in SCF report to the COP

✓ SCF outreach

- Outreach event in Lima in Dec 2014
- Open webinars held on 19 May 2015
- SCF members attended events and forums of other organizations, will attend the Bonn Voluntary Meeting of REDD+ National Entities/Focal Points
- Input via submissions to the SCF by Parties and observers
- Close cooperation with the Government of South Africa and FAO

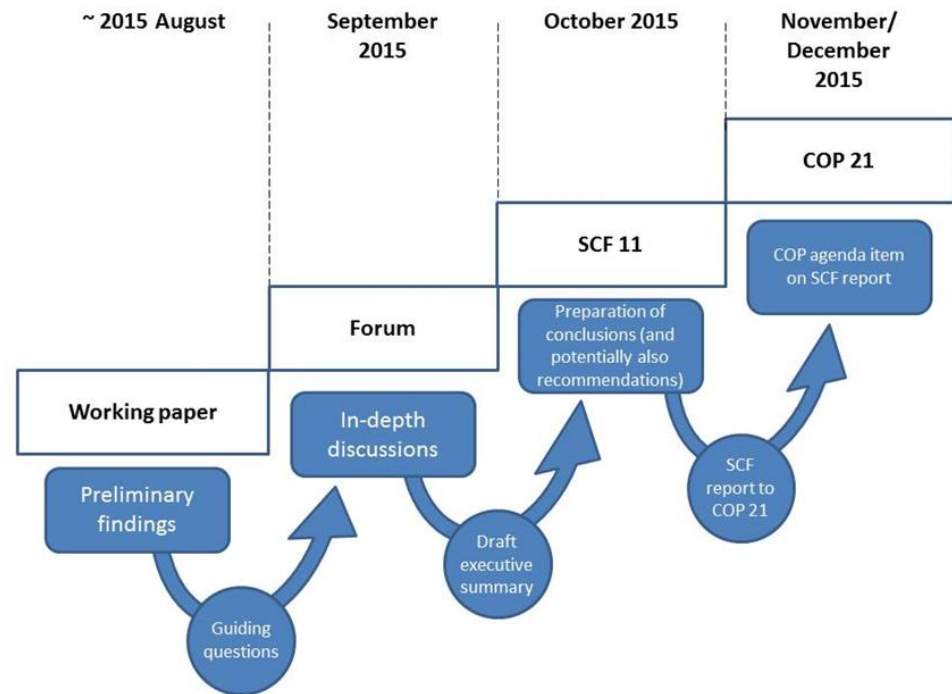


Activities in 2015

- ✓ SCF work on the coherence and coordination for financing for forests
 - Working paper under preparation
 - 23 inputs received on relevant information/ case studies

- ✓ SCF will aim to finalize the paper for the upcoming Forum in September.

- ✓ Forum outcome will feed into the SCF report to COP 21 on its work related to coherence and coordination for financing for forests.



Activities in 2015

- ✓ Joint in-session technical workshop under the auspices of the SBSTA, SBI, and SCF (10:00-13:00, 6 June, Bonn). Objectives for the in-session technical workshop:
 - Identifying options for improvement of the current methodologies for the reporting of financial information, including concrete actions in the near and longer terms
 - Identifying gaps in the methodologies for the reporting of financial information

- ✓ Recommendations on the methodologies for the reporting of financial information, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 19.

- ✓ A draft work plan on MRV beyond the BA by the SCF by the eleventh meeting of the SCF



Activities in 2015

✓ Scope of work:

- a) Possible future relations between the Adaptation Fund (AF) and other institutions under the Convention
- b) Possible future institutional linkages between the AF and other institutions under the Convention, taking into account any legal and technical implications identified
- c) Possible future institutional linkages between the AF and other institutions under the Convention in the broader context of the future financial architecture

✓ **8 Submissions** received from SCF members, observers and thematic bodies under the Convention on the issues referred to in a) and b) above

✓ **Working paper**

- Under preparation by the secretariat on issues referred to in a) and b) above for consideration by SCF at its tenth meeting (12-13 June)
- Relevant institutions under the Convention (the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and thematic bodies) have been considered



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