

In-session workshop on the modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement

8 November 2016 10:00–13:00

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

In the context of the adoption of the Paris Agreement, COP 21 requested the SBSTA to develop modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Agreement for consideration by COP 24, with the view to making a recommendation for consideration and adoption by CMA 1.¹ Article 9, paragraph 7, stipulates that developed country Parties shall provide transparent and consistent information on support for developing country Parties provided and mobilized through public interventions biennially in accordance with the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework to be adopted by CMA 1, and that other Parties are encouraged to do so.

SBSTA 44 requested the secretariat to organize an in-session workshop on this matter in conjunction with SBSTA 45.² The aim of this workshop is to inform the work of the SBSTA. Specific objectives include:

- Identify the challenges, gaps and options for improvements in the existing modalities for the
 accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions;
- Identify new elements of accounting modalities that are missing in the existing modalities.

The workshop will draw from (i) submissions by Parties and observer organizations³ on this matter and (ii) relevant findings of bodies under the Convention. The active participation of not only developed and developing country Parties but also of the wider climate finance community, including multilateral development banks, development finance institutions, international organisations, think tanks, the private sector, academia and civil society organizations, will be critical in enriching the discussions.

The workshop will be co-facilitated by Ms. Outi Honkatukia (Finland) and Mr. Rafael da Soler (Brazil). In order to inform and stimulate discussions, the workshop will open with three scene-setting presentations followed by a panel discussion. The subsequent session will consist of interactive group discussions moderated by discussions leads and a report back to the plenary. The co-facilitators will wrap up and close the workshop.

Information from the in-session workshop will be summarized in the technical paper to be prepared by the secretariat prior to SBSTA 46 (May 2017).

¹ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 57.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2016/2, paragraph 108.

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2016/MISC.3.

10:00 – 10:15	Opening and introduction by co-facilitators
	Ms. Outi Honkatukia, Finland
	Mr. Rafael da Soler, Brazil
	Remarks by
	Mr. Carlos Fuller, Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice
10:15 - 11:15	Panel discussion: Insights from the existing modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions: Challenges, gaps and options for improvements
	This session will aim to identify the challenges, gaps and options for improvements in the existing modalities for the accounting of financial resources under the Convention, based on country experiences and insights from bodies and organizations within and outside the Convention.
	 Scene-setting Presentations (5 min. each) UNFCCC secretariat on overview of existing arrangements under the Convention relating to the accounting and reporting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions Ms. Vicky Noens (Belgium) on views and experiences on modalities for the accounting of
	 financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions Ms. Aileen Niyaz (Maldives) on views on modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions Mr. Carl Elmstam (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency) on the work of
	the International Aid Transparency Initiative
	Panellists
	 Mr. Andrés Mogro, Ecuador Mr. Kindy Syahrir, Indonesia Ms. Gabriela Blatter, Switzerland Mr. Randy Caruso, United States
	 Mr. Evans Njewa, Malawi Mr. Raphaël Jachnik, OECD

11:15 – 12:15 *Group discussions*

During this session, more focused and interactive discussions will take place in 3 groups based on guiding questions as listed below. Each group will be supported by a discussion lead. Participants will have the opportunity to move from one group to the other every 20 minutes.

Group 1 (Discussion lead: Ms. Outi Honkatukia, Finland)

- How can the existing accounting modalities be improved to increase the transparency, accuracy, consistency, comparability and completeness of information reported on climate finance through bilateral, regional and other channels?
- What are the challenges and gaps in the accounting and reporting of climate finance through multilateral channels and how may these be addressed?

Group 2 (Discussion lead: Mr. Rafael da Soler, Brazil)

- What existing methodologies are there to account for mobilized private finance?
- What accounting modalities need to be developed to improve the reporting of mobilized private finance under the UNFCCC?

Group 3 (Discussion lead: Ms. Sandra Guzmán, Climate Finance Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GFLAC))

- What elements of accounting modalities are missing from the existing modalities that should be newly developed under the Paris Agreement?
- How can the accounting modalities developed by SBSTA be integrated into the transparency framework established under the Paris Agreement?

12:15 – 12:45	Report back to the plenary
12:45 – 13:00	Wrap-up by co-facilitators & closure