

## **Report back agenda item 9: Draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism**

### **1. Draft guidance to the operating entities**

- The break-out group agreed to adopt and enhance the approach used last year in its collaboration and outreach to other thematic bodies of the Convention;
- In addition, the group also agreed that the SCF could be more ambitious this year in developing guidance of a more strategic nature, such as linking guidance to the overall global goal of the PA. The group discussed elements which could form the basis of such guidance.



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### These elements include:

- The next replenishment cycle of the GEF and **synchronizing** replenishment cycles between the OEs;
- Action on the **outcomes of the reviews** of the Financial Mechanism, particularly regarding complementarity between the operating entities;
- With respect to country-drivenness, Parties could consider development of **one common country strategy/planning** (Maybe NDCs) that would reflect national needs and priorities i.e. one planning document for the FM e.g. NBSAP for CBD and NAPS for UNCCD, CP for development Banks, etc.
- Explore how the OEs can use the **strategic document to guide their support** to the implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement;
- Further guidance to guide the development and implementation of the **Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency**.



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### **2. Frequency of guidance**

- The co-facilitators encouraged the SCF members to reflect upon the timeline, pros and cons of different frequencies of guidance, as contained in the background note from the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting (SCF/2015/11/5), and continue discussions at its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The break-out group recalled the importance of timing of COP guidance as input into the replenishment processes.



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### **3. Preparation of draft core guidance**

- The co-facilitators will work inter-sessionally to propose recommendations for the SCF to agree to at its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. They encouraged other members to sign up for this work.
- From the compilation and analysis of past guidance, the co-facilitators will extract the elements that could form the core guidance.
- In addition, the breakout group distinguished between core guidance, principle guidance (every four years related to replenishment cycles) and ad hoc guidance in response to the annual reports of the operating entities.



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### **4. Improving the coherence, effectiveness and efficiency of the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism**

- The breakout group recommends that the SCF co-chairs respond to the letter received from the co-chairs of the GCF Board and suggest an SCF-facilitated brainstorming session on enhancing coherence and complementarity.
- This brainstorming session may inform the SCF's expert inputs to the sixth review of the Financial Mechanism.

