

Report-back on agenda item 11: Draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism

1. Preparation of draft guidance to the OEs

Agreements reached by the SCF

- Agreed to adopt and enhance the approach used last year in its outreach to the AC and the TEC
- Agreed to the criteria against which the inputs received will be assessed and to communicate these to the AC and the TEC
- Invite the input providers to consult the C&A to avoid repetitive guidance in preparing the inputs
- Encourage the secretariats of the OEs to continue to participate in the AC and the TEC meetings, when the input to the draft guidance is discussed

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2. Consideration of the latest C&A of past guidance

Discussion points

- The SCF found the C&A useful as a tool to track the progress made by the OEs in undertaking the COP guidance and enhance the transparency of their work
- It was suggested to present the C&A to the AC and the TEC, to inform them about the usefulness of this tool
- The SCF exchanged views on how the C&A could be enhanced further during the inter-sessional period
- The co-facilitators encouraged everyone to share feedback on the user-friendliness of the C&A and the integrity of information contained therein.

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Agreements reached by the SCF

- Request the secretariat to further refine the C&A by implementing, inter alia, the following:
 - 1) Finalize the remaining *Active* and *Inactive* classifications
 - 2) The decisions *relating* to the OEs will be put under a separate worksheet, thereby focusing the C&A on the direct guidance to the OEs and maintaining the comprehensiveness;
 - 3) The C&A for the GCF should be supplemented with GCF Board decisions, as appropriate, so as to easily track the actions taken by the GCF Board in responding to the COP guidance
- Launch a dedicated webpage on draft guidance to the operating entities that will demonstrate the progress made by the SCF in enhancing consistency and practicality of guidance.
- On that webpage, issue a call for inputs for the SCF and observers to provide feedback on the C&A on areas for further improvements and on the integrity of information contained therein
- Invite the OEs to continue to collaborate with the secretariat in enhancing the C&A

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3. Preparation of a draft set of core guidance

Discussion points

- Co-facilitators presented a methodology of consolidating all past guidance to the OEs that is labelled *Active* in the C&A, which will continue to be ongoing and relevant to the operations of the OEs
- Suggestions were made on how to improve and finalize the *Active / Inactive* column of the C&A. The OE secretariats were encouraged to take part in this exercise.

Agreements reached by the SCF

- The SCF agreed on the methodology of consolidating past *Active* guidance from the C&A and continue its deliberations on the draft core guidance
- The SCF will consider a revised draft of consolidated list of *Active* guidance at the next meeting, with a view to preparing its recommendation

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4. Frequency of guidance to the GEF

Discussion points

- The co-facilitators suggested piloting biennial guidance to the GEF from 2017 to 2020. Some concerns were raised that biennial guidance could hinder timely provision of guidance to the GEF over the next few years, especially on enabling activities.

Agreements reached by the SCF

- Recommend to the COP that guidance to the GEF should continue to be provided annually

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