



**Agenda**  
**Fifth Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance**

**27–30 August 2013**  
**Bonn, Germany**

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1. Opening of the meeting.
  2. Organizational matters:
    - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
    - (b) Organization of the work of the meeting.
  3. Fifth review of the financial mechanism.
  4. Draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism.
  5. MRV of support and biennial assessments and overview of financial flows.
  6. Second forum of the Standing Committee on Finance.
  7. COP – GCF arrangements.
  8. Other matters
    - (a) Date and venue of next meeting;
    - (b) Issues for further consideration at the next meeting;
    - (c) Report of the fifth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance.
    - (d) Report of the Standing Committee on Finance to the COP.
  9. Closure of the meeting.
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## Annotations to the agenda

### 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The fifth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be opened by the Co-Chairs of the SCF on Tuesday, 27 August 2013.

### 2. Organizational matters

#### (a) Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda was prepared by the Co-Chairs with assistance of the secretariat, and was circulated to the SCF prior to the meeting.

3. *Action:* The SCF may wish to adopt the agenda for its fifth meeting.

SCF/2013/5/1	<i>Provisional agenda for the Fifth Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>
SCF/2013/5/2	<i>Provisional agenda and annotations for the Fifth Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>

#### (b) Organization of the work of the meeting

4. *Background:* The fifth meeting of the SCF will be held from 27 to 30 August 2013 in Bonn, Germany. A detailed schedule of the meeting is annexed to this document. The meeting will be open to attendance by observers from Parties and accredited observer organizations, except where otherwise decided by the SCF. Additionally, the meeting of the SCF will be webcasted. The SCF may decide at any time that a meeting or part thereof should be closed to observers and the webcast should be interrupted.

5. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to agree on the organization of the work of the meeting.

### 3. Fifth review of the financial mechanism

6. *Background:* The COP18 initiated the fifth review of the financial mechanism (FM) and requested the SCF to further amend the guidelines for the review of the FM, and to provide draft updated guidelines for consideration and adoption by COP 19, with a view to finalizing the fifth review of the FM by COP 20.

7. In developing the draft updated guidelines, the SCF is to take into account existing guidelines and recent developments within the FM, drawing upon information from, inter alia, fast-start finance, the work of the GCF, taking into account its early stage of operationalization, the initial review of the Adaptation Fund and the work programme on long-term finance.

8. Parties were invited to submit by 1 March 2013 for consideration by the SCF their views and recommendations on elements in the development of the further guidelines for the fifth review of the FM. In response to the invitation, 7 submissions have been made.

9. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider the draft consolidated guidelines, submissions by Parties and views expressed by members so far.

SCF/2013/5/3	<i>Background paper on the revised draft of the consolidated guidelines for the fifth review of the financial mechanism of the Convention</i>
SCF/2013/5/8	<i>Submissions to the fifth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>

### 4. Draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism

10. *Background:* At COP 17, Parties decided that the SCF shall assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the FM of the Convention including through providing to the COP draft guidance for the operating entities (OEs) of the FM of the Convention, with a view to improving the consistency and practicality of such guidance, taking into account the annual reports of the OEs as well as submissions from Parties.



11. The COP invited Parties, at its eighteenth session, to submit to the secretariat annually, and no later than 10 weeks prior to the subsequent session of the COP, their views and recommendations in writing on the elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the OEs of the FM of the Convention.
12. Parties also requested the SCF, at the same session, to provide to the COP at each of its sessions, beginning in 2013, draft guidance for the Global Environment Facility (GEF), based on the annual report of the GEF to the COP and the views submitted by Parties as set out above.
13. Resources for the GEF Trust Fund are replenished every four years. Negotiations regarding the sixth replenishment period of the GEF are currently on-going and are expected to conclude in the first half of next year, with the GEF-5 period ending in June 30th 2014.
14. Additionally, Parties decided to provide initial guidance to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) at COP 19.
15. At its fourth meeting, the SCF invited members to provide inputs on this issue by 31 July 2013. One such submission was provided as at 14 August 2013.
16. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to engage in substantive discussions with a view to provide draft guidance to the GEF, taking into account the on-going replenishment process, as well as elements of the initial guidance to the GCF as it deems appropriate, to be included in its report to COP 19.

SCF/2013/5/4	<i>Background paper on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism</i>
SCF/2013/5/8	<i>Submissions to the fifth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>

## 5. MRV of support and biennial assessments and overview of financial flows

17. *Background:* COP 17 decided that the SCF shall assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the FM of the Convention in terms of measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of the support provided to developing countries through preparing a biennial assessment, overview of the climate finance flows, to include information on the geographical and thematic balance of such flows, drawing on available sources of information.
18. The SCF was requested, by COP 18, in initiating the first biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, to take into account relevant work by other bodies and entities on the MRV of support and the tracking of climate finance, and to consider ways of strengthening methodologies for reporting climate finance.
19. At COP 18, Parties also invited developed country Parties to submit to the secretariat, by May 2014, information on the appropriate methodologies and systems used to measure and track climate finance.
20. At its fourth meeting, the SCF agreed to launch its work programme on the first biennial assessment and overview of financial flows, as well as on MRV of support, at its fifth meeting. In order to inform committee members and ensure an inclusive process, the SCF also agreed to hold an in-session workshop on these matters at its fifth meeting and requested the secretariat to invite relevant institutions and stakeholders to participate and provide technical inputs. Members have been invited to provide inputs on this issue by 31 July 2013. Additionally, the SCF called on observers and interested organizations to submit, by 31 July 2013, information on the MRV of support, as well as the biennial assessments and overview of climate finance flows.<sup>1</sup>
21. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider the background document prepared by the secretariat, the inputs by members, as well as the submissions by interested organizations, and also take note of the outcomes of the in-session workshop with a view to agreeing on a work programme for the conduct of the first biennial assessment and overview of financial flows in 2014, as well as for its work on MRV of support.

<sup>1</sup> Submissions received are available at: <https://unfccc.int/7561.php>.



SCF/2013/5/5	<i>Background paper on MRV of support and biennial assessments and overview of financial flows</i>
SCF/2013/5/8	<i>Submissions to the fifth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>

## 6. Second forum of the Standing Committee on Finance

22. *Background:* At the 17th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), the COP agreed on the functions and activities of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), including the organization of 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. Further, at COP 18, Parties welcomed the work on the forum of the SCF and encouraged the SCF to facilitate the participation of the private sector, financial institutions and academia in the forum. The COP also requested the SCF to report on the forum in its report to the COP.

23. The first forum of the SCF was organised in collaboration with the World Bank Institute and the meeting took place on Tuesday 28 May at the premises of Fira Barcelona and was held in conjunction with the Carbon Expo. At its fourth meeting, the SCF took note of the oral report provided by Mr. Syed Mujtaba Hussain, who had led the working group for the organisation of the forum. Following on this report and subsequent deliberations by the SCF at this meeting, the committee requested the secretariat to prepare a background document with options for the organisation of the SCF forum in 2014, taking into account lessons learnt and experiences from the forum this year.

24. *Action:* The SCF may wish to consider the options presented in document SCF/2013/5/6 and to agree on the approach and plan for the organisation of its forum in 2014.

SCF/2013/5/6	<i>Background paper on options for the organisation of the forum in 2014</i>
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## 7. COP – GCF arrangements

25. *Background:* At COP 18, Parties recognized that the provisions contained in Article 11, paragraph 3, and decision 3/CP.17 together with the governing instrument of the GCF, as contained in the annex to 3/CP.17, form the basis for the arrangements between the COP and the GCF. The COP requested the SCF and the GCF Board to develop the arrangements between the COP and the GCF in accordance with said provisions, for agreement by the GCF Board and subsequent agreement by COP 19.

26. During its fourth meeting, the SCF extensively discussed the issue of the arrangements between the COP and GCF. Considerable progress was made on the textual elements of the arrangements, building on the elements that were identified during the third meeting of the SCF and communicated to the GCF Board, as well as inputs by SCF members and outcomes of inter-sessional informal consultations by the SCF co-chairs with SCF members. As the SCF was unable to conclude its work on this matter, members agreed to continue working on the draft recommendations at this meeting.

27. The GCF Board discussed the issue of the arrangements during its fourth meeting and mandated the GCF Board co-chairs to continue consulting with the SCF co-chairs, as well as to develop the draft arrangements between the COP and the GCF for the consideration by the Board at its fifth meeting.

28. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to continue discussions on the textual elements identified during its fourth meeting, with a view to finalise a draft to be provided by the SCF co-chairs to the GCF co-chairs for consideration by the GCF Board during the fifth meeting of the Board.

## 8. Code of Conduct of the Standing Committee on Finance

29. *Background:* During its fourth meeting, the SCF briefly discussed this item and agreed to continue its considerations of this item at its next meeting and requested the secretariat to inform the committee at its next meeting about UN codes of conduct which could be relevant for the consideration by the SCF.



30. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider the background paper prepared by the secretariat containing examples for codes of conduct.

SCF/2013/5/7	<i>Background paper on the Code of Conduct of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>
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## 9. Other matters

(a) Dates and venues of future meetings of the Standing Committee on Finance

31. The SCF may wish to consider and agree on the date and venue of its next meeting in 2014.

(b) Issues for further consideration at the next meeting

32. Any other matters arising from this meeting will be taken up under this item.

(c) Report of the fifth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance

33. The SCF may wish to consider and adopt the report of the fifth meeting of the SCF inter-sessionally on a non-objection basis.

(a) Report of the Standing Committee on Finance to the COP

34. The SCF may wish to consider and come to an agreement on elements to be included in the report of the SCF to COP 19. The SCF may wish to undertake substantive work on the report of the SCF to the COP inter-sessionally.

## 10. Closure of the Meeting

35. The fifth meeting of the SCF is scheduled to be closed on Friday 30 August 2013 at 14:00. There will be an opportunity provided for statements by observers at the closing of the meeting.



## ANNEX

## Tentative Schedule SCF 5

**Tuesday 27 August 2013**

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:15 Opening of the Meeting

09:15 – 09:45 Organizational Matters

09:45 – 10:45 Opening of all agenda items in plenary (including discussion on possible deliverables at the meeting)

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:45 Opening of all agenda items in plenary (continued)

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12:45 – 13:45 Lunch break

13:45 – 16:15 Discussion on guidance to the GEF (including a presentation from the GEF secretariat)

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30 Plenary on guidance to operating entities

17:30 – 18:00 Plenary on COP-GCF arrangements

18:00 – Working group on COP-GCF arrangements

**Wednesday 28 August 2013**

09:00 – 09:30 Stocktaking session

09:30 – 12:30 Discussions on MRV of support, biennial assessments and overview of financial flows (including presentations from stakeholders engaged in tracking climate finance)

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12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30 Breakout groups:

- i) Draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism;
- ii) MRV of support, biennial assessments and overview of financial flows;

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:45 Breakout groups (continued)

**Thursday 29 August 2013**

09:00 – 10:00 Plenary reports on the breakout groups held on the previous day



10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:30 Breakout groups:

- i) Fifth review of the financial mechanism;
- ii) Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance (Planning of future Forums and Meetings for 2014 – 2015);

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12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

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14:00 – 15:30 Breakout groups (continued)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:45 Plenary reports on the breakout groups regarding the fifth review and Forum

**Friday 30 August 2013**

09:00 – 11:00 Plenary reports on all breakout groups (continued)

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Other matters and closure of the meeting

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