



**Agenda for the
Sixth Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance**

**4–5 March 2014
Bonn, Germany**

Agenda

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 10. Other matters:
 - (a) Communication strategy;
 - (b) Date and venue of next meeting;
 - (c) Report of the sixth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance.
 11. Closure of the meeting.
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Annotations to the agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The sixth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be opened by the secretariat on Tuesday, 4 March 2014.

2. Election of officers

2. *Background:* By decision 5/CP.18, the COP decided that the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the SCF shall serve as co-chairs of the SCF, effective from the first meeting of the SCF in 2013. It also adopted the revised composition and working modalities of the Standing Committee as contained in annex IV to its report, provided that the Committee shall elect annually two co-chairs from among its members for a term of one year each, with one being a member from a non-Annex I Party and the other being a member from an Annex I Party. It further provided that the term of the current co-chairs shall officially end immediately before the meeting of the Committee in 2014.

3. *Action:* Members of the SCF will be invited to elect the co-chairs of the SCF for the period of 2014.

3. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

4. The provisional agenda was prepared by the outgoing co-chairs with the assistance of the secretariat, and was circulated to the SCF prior to the meeting.

5. *Action:* The SCF may wish to adopt the agenda for its sixth meeting.

SCF/2014/6/1	<i>Provisional agenda for the Sixth Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>
SCF/2014/6/2	<i>Provisional agenda and annotations for the Sixth Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>

(b) Organization of the work of the meeting

6. *Background:* The sixth meeting of the SCF will be held from 4 to 5 March 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.

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

4. Biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

8. *Background:* COP 17 decided that the SCF shall assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the financial mechanism (FM) of the Convention in terms of measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of support provided to developing countries through preparing a biennial assessment and overview of the climate finance flows (BA).

9. The SCF was requested, by COP 18, in initiating the first BA, 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. 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.

10. At COP 19, Parties took note of the information provided by the SCF on the work plan for the BA¹, to be conducted in 2014 and requested the SCF, in the context of the preparation of its BA, to

¹ As contained in FCCC/CP/2013/8, annex VII.



consider on-going technical work on operational definitions of climate finance, including private finance mobilized by public interventions, to assess how adaptation and mitigations needs can most effectively be met by climate finance, and to include the results in its annual report to the COP.

11. The working group on BA facilitated by Ms. Outi Honkatukia and Mr. Seyni Nafo continued working inter-sessionally by calling for inputs from interested stakeholders on their views regarding the objective, scope and proposed outline of the BA.² A synthesis of the submissions received is contained in the background document prepared by the secretariat for the SCF. A zero order draft for the overview section of the BA will also be circulated before the meeting. An informal mini workshop will be organized on Thursday, 6 March 2014, to facilitate the engagement of various stakeholders in the preparation of the BA. The outcomes of workshop will be reported to the SCF.

12. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider the background document prepared by the secretariat, as well as the submissions by interested organizations, with a view to agreeing on a detailed work plan and outline of the BA. It will also be invited to consider the zero order draft for the overview section of the BA with a view to providing guidance on completing the assessment.

SCF/2014/6/3

Background paper on the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

5. Fifth review of the financial mechanism

13. *Background:* COP 18 initiated the fifth review of the 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.

14. At COP 19, Parties adopted the updated guidelines for the fifth review of the FM, as contained in the annex to decision 8/CP.19, and requested the SCF to continue to provide expert input to the fifth review of the FM, with a view to the review being finalized by COP 20.

15. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider the background document prepared by the secretariat, with a view to agreeing on the work plan for its work on the fifth review of the FM throughout 2014.

SCF/2014/6/4

Background paper on fifth review of the financial mechanism of the Convention

6. Second forum of the Standing Committee on Finance

16. *Background:* At COP 17, Parties mandated the SCF to 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. Furthermore, at COP 18, Parties 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.

17. Parties, at COP 19, took note of the report of the initial forum of the SCF, and expressed that it looks forward to the second forum, to be held in 2014. Furthermore, Parties invited the SCF to consider focusing its second forum on mobilizing finance for adaptation from both public and private sectors.

18. In decision 9/CP.19, the COP also requested the SCF to focus its soonest possible forum on issues related to finance for forests, including the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, inter alia: (a) ways and means to transfer payments for results-based actions as referred to in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 29; (b) the provision of financial resources for alternative approaches. Parties further requested the SCF to invite experts on the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, to the forum.

² Submissions received are available at: <https://unfccc.int/7561.php>.



19. Work on the organization of the second forum of the SCF has been taken forward inter-sessionally by a working group facilitated by Mr. Syed Mujtaba Hussain. This work resulted in a draft concept note and a draft agenda for the second forum of the SCF.

20. *Action:* The SCF may wish to consider the draft concept note, as well as the draft agenda for the second forum, with a view to agreeing on the agenda for the SCF Forum in 2014.

SCF/2014/6/6	<i>Draft concept note of the second forum of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>
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7. Draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism

21. *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 draft guidance for the operating entities (OEs) of the FM of the Convention to the COP, 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.

22. At COP 19, Parties agreed on the arrangements between the COP and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) contained in the annex to decision 5/CP.19, thereby bringing the arrangements into force. The GCF Board was requested to report on the implementation of the arrangements in its annual reports to the COP, starting at COP 20. Furthermore, the GEF was encouraged to strengthen its collaborative efforts with the SCF.

23. In 2013, the SCF developed a template for the provision of draft guidance to the OEs, which served as valuable input to the discussions during COP 19 on both, the guidance to the GEF, as well as the initial guidance to the GCF. Representatives of the GEF and GCF will be invited to exchange views with SCF members on the issue of provision of guidance to the OEs, inter alia on consistency and practicality of such guidance.

24. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider the background paper on the draft guidance to the OEs of the FM prepared by the secretariat and the discussions with the representatives of OEs with a view to agreeing on the standard template for the provision of draft guidance to the OEs to be included in its annual reports to the COP.

SCF/2014/6/7	<i>Background paper on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism</i>
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8. MRV of finance beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

25. *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 MRV of support provided to developing countries. At COP 19, Parties invited the SCF to consider ways to increase its work on MRV of support beyond the BA in accordance with its work plan for 2014–2015³ and its mandates.

26. In 2013, the SCF had called on observers and interested organizations to submit, by 31 July 2013, information on MRV of support, as well as the BA,⁴ and invited SCF members to also provide submissions on the issue of MRV of support. Based on those inputs, the SCF engaged in initial discussions on the issue of MRV of support.

27. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider the background document prepared by the secretariat, the submissions made by SCF members, as well as the submissions by interested organizations in 2013, with a view to establishing a working group for its work on MRV of support, including the terms of reference for said working group.

SCF/2014/6/8	<i>Background paper on MRV of support beyond the biennial assessment and</i>
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³ As contained in FCCC/CP/2013/8, annex VIII.

⁴ Submissions received are available at: <https://unfccc.int/7561.php>.



SCF/2013/5/8	<i>overview of financial flows Submissions to the fifth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>
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9. Linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the thematic bodies of the Convention

28. *Background:* At COP 17, Parties decided that the SCF is to maintain linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the thematic bodies of the Convention. Furthermore, Parties, at COP 19, called on the SCF to further enhance its linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention.

29. The various decisions at COP 19 requested the SCF to nominate members to represent the Committee in the following bodies under the Convention:

- (i) Two representatives for the Warsaw international mechanism for loss and damage (decision 2/CP.19);
- (ii) One member for the Task Force on National Adaptation Plans (decision 16/CP.19);
- (iii) One of the SCF co-chairs, or a member designated by the co-chairs, of the SCF in his/her official capacity as an SCF representative for the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (decision 25/CP.19).

30. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider the background document prepared by the secretariat with a view to agreeing on its overall approach regarding the linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention.

SCF/2014/6/9	<i>Background paper on linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the thematic bodies of the Convention</i>
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10. Other matters

(a) Communication strategy

31. *Background:* Most of the activities of the SCF involve the need stakeholder engagement, may that be other bodies of the Convention or external stakeholders involved in climate finance. The SCF, at its first meeting, emphasized the importance of continued and targeted outreach activities in order to increase the visibility and transparency of its work, as well as to profit from the work of other stakeholders. The SCF may wish to consider a holistic communication strategy in order to strategically approach its various outreach activities for the maximization of the overall benefit of said activities.

32. *Action:* The SCF will be invited to consider the draft communication strategy for each of its tasks with a view to agreeing on its overall communication strategy.

SCF/2014/6/10	<i>Draft communication strategy of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>
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(b) Dates and venues of next meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance

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

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

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

11. Closure of the Meeting

35. The sixth meeting of the SCF is scheduled to be closed on Wednesday 5 March 2014 at 18:00. There will be an opportunity provided for statements by observers at the closing of the meeting.



ANNEX

Tentative Schedule SCF 6

Tuesday 4 March 2014

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:15 Opening of the Meeting

09:15 – 09:45 Election of officers

09:45 – 10:00 Organizational Matters

10:00 – 11:00 Fifth review of the financial mechanism

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:45 Fifth review of the financial mechanism (continued)

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch break

13:45 – 16:15 Biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Second forum of the Standing Committee on Finance

18:00 – 21:00 Working groups on the fifth review of the financial mechanism, the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, and the second forum of the Standing Committee on Finance

Wednesday 5 March 2014

08:30 – 11:00 MRV of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:45 Linkages with the SBI and thematic bodies of the Convention

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 16:00 Draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism (including intervention of representatives of the operating entities on provision of guidance)

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Other matters and closure of the meeting (organization of work inter-sessionally)

18:00 – 21:00 Working groups on the Executive Committee of the Warsaw Mechanism on Loss and Damage, as well as the issue of financing for forests