



Standing Committee on Finance

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Background paper on the 2018 workplan of the Standing Committee on Finance

Expected actions by the Standing Committee on Finance

The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be invited to consider the mandates and further guidance received at COP 23 with a view to agreeing on its workplan for 2018, including:

- a) The organization of its work for 2018, identification of co-facilitators/focal points, and composition of working groups;
- b) The consideration of various issues, such as financing for forests, the follow-up activities emanating from the 2017 SCF forum, as well as gender and climate finance; and;
- c) Its communication and outreach activities.

I. Possible actions for consideration by the Standing Committee on Finance

A. 2018 workplan and the distribution of work throughout 2018

1. The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) may wish to consider the information on:
 - (a) The timeline and proposed approach for meetings and inter-sessional work of the SCF in 2018 as contained in annex I to this document;
 - (b) The tasks and activities, relevant reference documents, and timelines for the various areas of work as mandated by COP 23, as well as from previous COP decisions as outlined in annex II to this document;
 - (c) The outreach and communication activities of the SCF in 2018 as contained in annex III, which identifies a draft approach for each area of work of the SCF (see also the information on linkages between the SCF and the constituted bodies under the Convention, including possible areas of cooperation in 2018, as contained in document SCF/2018/17/9).
2. In addition, the SCF may wish to organize a side event during the forty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB) in order to allow the SCF to inform Parties and other interested stakeholders of the status of the implementation of its work plan, particularly the 2018 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance.

B. Integration of financing for forests-related considerations

3. The SCF may also wish to consider the options paper contained in annex IV.
4. Furthermore, it may wish to consider appointing a focal point to represent the SCF in relevant events and to prepare a summary report for inclusion in the SCF report to COP 24.

C. Follow-up activities emanating from the 2017 SCF forum

5. As per its report to COP 23, the SCF may wish to consider undertaking the following activities in relation to the outcomes of 2017 forum:

- (a) Consider the issue of climate resilience metrics in the 2018 BA;
- (b) Continue to engage with the MDBs, the private sector, regulators and industry associations, to enhance financing for climate-resilient infrastructure projects on the basis of lessons learned and good practices;
- (c) Produce outreach materials, including a publication to disseminate the outcomes of the 2017 SCF forum, as part of a broader outreach strategy to better promote the outcomes of SCF forums).

6. The SCF may wish to consider appointing a focal point, to take the lead in the implementation of the activities above, to liaise with other bodies and stakeholders and to represent the SCF in relevant events.

D. Gender and climate change

7. The SCF may wish to identify areas of work in 2018 relating to the integration of a gender considerations such as:

- (a) The 2018 BA;
- (b) Draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;
- (c) The 2018 SCF forum.

The SCF may also wish to consider the invitation by COP 23 for the SCF to host a dialogue in 2019 on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action (Decision 3/CP.23, annex, Table 4, D.1).

8. The SCF may also wish to take note of the dialogue to be held at SBI 48 by the secretariat with the chairs of the constituted bodies (see paragraph 24 below).

9. The SCF may wish to consider appointing a gender focal point, to lead the efforts by the SCF on gender and climate finance, including representing the SCF in the dialogue to be held at SBI 48 together with or on behalf of the SCF Co-Chairs.

E. Additional matters to consider

10. In deliberating on its 2018 workplan, the SCF may also wish to take note of:

- (a) The invitation by COP 22 to, as appropriate, continue or to initiate, as appropriate, the integration of efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on;
- (b) The invitation by COP 21 to integrate the lessons learned at, and the main outcomes of the meetings of the Durban Forum;
- (c) The stocktakes on pre-2020 implementation and ambition at COP 24 and COP 25, which will consider, inter alia, the inputs of the constituted bodies;
- (d) The Talanoa Dialogue, to which, inter alia, Parties, stakeholders and expert institutions are encouraged to prepare analytical and policy relevant inputs to inform the dialogue and submit these and other proposed inputs, including those from intergovernmental organisations and UNFCCC bodies, by 2 April 2018 for discussions in conjunction with the May session, and by 29 October 2018 for discussions in conjunction with COP 24;
- (e) The invitation to the constituted bodies by COP 24 to enhance their engagement in the technical examination processes;

(f) The request to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to jointly address issues related to agriculture, including through workshops and expert meetings, working with constituted bodies under the Convention.

II. Background

11. The COP, in decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 3, endorsed the updated workplan of the Standing Committee on Finance for 2018. In addition, COP 22 provided further guidance, described below, which has been incorporated into the SCF 2018 workplan. COP 23 also provided additional guidance to be incorporated into the SCF 2018 workplan.

(a) Financing for forests-related considerations

12. COP 23 reiterated that the SCF will integrate financing for forests-related considerations into its 2017 workplan, where appropriate, and continue work on this matter in the context of the overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, taking into account all relevant decisions on forests.¹

(b) Follow-up activities of the 2017 forum

13. Additionally, the COP took note of the summary report on the 2017 forum, including the recommendations and follow-up activities of the SCF,² and invited the SCF to follow up on the recommendations in its 2018 workplan.³

(c) Gender and climate change

14. The COP 22 decision on gender and climate change requested all constituted bodies under the UNFCCC process to include information on progress made towards integrating a gender perspective in their processes in their regular reports according to the entry points identified in a technical paper to be prepared by the secretariat, identifying entry points for integrating gender considerations in workstreams under the UNFCCC process, for consideration by SBI 48 (April–May 2018).⁴

15. At its 15th meeting, the SCF took note of the forthcoming request to provide information on progress made in integrating a gender perspective into its work. Furthermore, the SCF discussed integrating gender considerations in the sixth review of the Financial Mechanism and the 2018 BA. The SCF also took note of the ongoing work of the SBI on the development of a gender action plan.⁵

16. COP 23 invited, inter alia, members of constituted bodies to participate and engage in implementing the gender action plan, with a view to advancing towards the goal of mainstreaming a gender perspective into all elements of climate action.⁶

17. As part of the gender action plan, the SCF is invited to host a dialogue in 2019 on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action.⁷

18. Furthermore, also as part of the gender action plan, Parties, United Nations entities, the Financial Mechanism and other stakeholders are to strengthen the capacity of gender mechanisms, including for parliamentarians, the International Parliamentary Union, commissions, funding ministries, non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations, for the integration of gender-responsive budgeting into climate finance, access and delivery through training, expert workshops, technical papers and tools in 2018.⁸

¹ Decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 12.

² As contained in document FCCC/CP/2017/9, annex V, paragraph 83.

³ FCCC/CP/2017/9, annex V.

⁴ Decision 21/CP.22, paragraphs 13 and 14.

⁵ FCCC/CP/2017/9, paragraph 43.

⁶ Decision 3/CP.23, paragraph 2.

⁷ Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 4 D.1.

⁸ Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 4 D.3.

19. At SBI 48, the secretariat will hold a dialogue, open to Parties and observers, with the chairs of the UNFCCC constituted bodies to discuss the outcomes of the technical paper on entry points requested in decision 21/CP.22, paragraph 13, and any potential recommendations.⁹

(d) Loss and damage

20. COP 22 invited the constituted bodies to, as appropriate, as those bodies undertake their work, continue or to initiate, as appropriate, the integration of efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on.¹⁰

(e) Durban Forum

21. COP 21 invited representatives of the relevant bodies established under the Convention, operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and relevant experts and practitioners to integrate into their work programmes and activities the lessons learned at, and the main outcomes of the meetings of the Durban Forum.¹¹

(f) Pre-2020 implementation and ambition

22. COP 23 decided to convene a stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition at COP 24, which will apply the format of the 2016 facilitative dialogue and consider, inter alia, the inputs of the COP, Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), the SBI, the SBSTA, the constituted bodies under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism. The COP also decided to convene a stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition at COP 25, which will apply the format of the aforementioned stocktake and consider, inter alia, the inputs of the COP, CMP, the SBI, the SBSTA, the constituted bodies under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.¹²

23. As per decision 1/CP.23, annex II, regarding the Talanoa Dialogue, inter alia, Parties, stakeholders and expert institutions are encouraged to prepare analytical and policy relevant inputs to inform the dialogue and submit these and other proposed inputs, including those from intergovernmental organisations and UNFCCC bodies, by 2 April 2018 for discussions in conjunction with the May session, and by 29 October 2018 for discussions in conjunction with COP 24.

24. COP 23 also invited the constituted bodies to enhance their engagement in the technical examination processes.¹³

(g) Issues related to agriculture

25. As per decision 4/CP.23, paragraph 1, the SBSTA and SBI are requested to jointly address issues related to agriculture, including through workshops and expert meetings, working with constituted bodies under the Convention and taking into consideration the vulnerabilities of agriculture to climate change and approaches to address food security.

⁹ Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 3 C.1.

¹⁰ Decision 3/CP.22, paragraph 8.

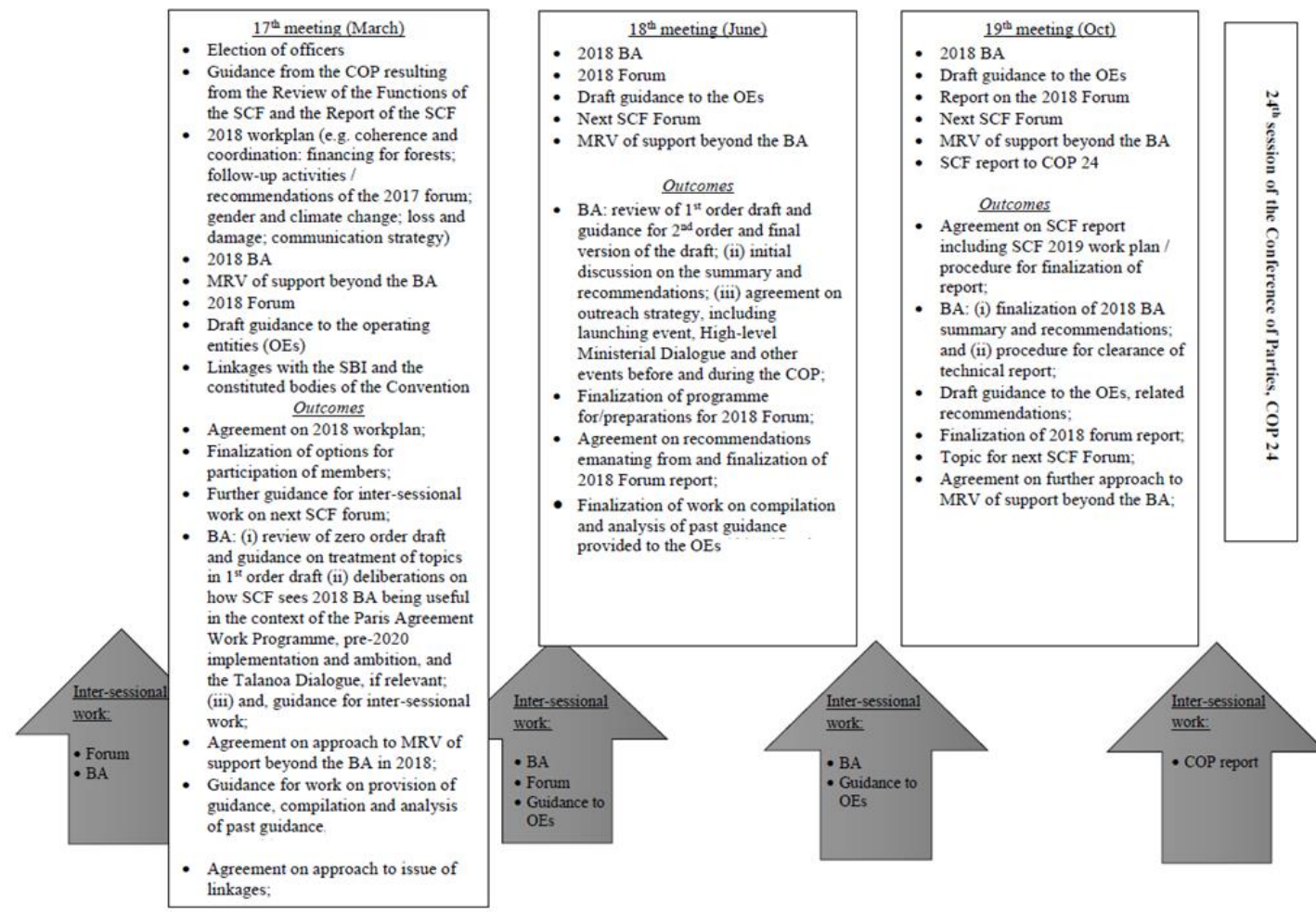
¹¹ Decision 14/CP.21, paragraph 8.

¹² Decision 1/CP.23, paragraphs 17 and 18.

¹³ Decision 13/CP.23, paragraph 6.

Annex I

Timeline and proposed approach for meetings and inter-sessional work of the SCF in 2018



Annex II

Mandated activities of the Standing Committee on Finance

Mandated SCF activity	Background and Reference Documents	SCF Outputs/ Deliverables 2018	Timeline for SCF work including inter-sessional work	Submissions by Parties and others	Expected SCF inputs to SB48/49, COP 24, other
COHERENCE AND COORDINATION: LINKAGES WITH SBI AND THE THEMATIC BODIES OF THE CONVENTION					
(1) SCF to consider the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches; (2) SCF will integrate financing for forests-related considerations into its 2017 workplan, where appropriate, and continue work on this matter in the context of the overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, taking into account all relevant decisions on forests;	(1) Decision 7/CP.19, para. 11 (2) Decision 8/CP.22, para. 10 / decision 7/CP.23, para. 12	Integration of financing for forests-related considerations in the implementation of 2018 workplan	SCF 17: In the context of deliberations on 2018 workplan: integration of financing for forests-related considerations, continuation of work in the context of overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, taking into account all relevant decisions on forests	n.a.	Report on implementation of 2018 workplan to COP 24 Recommendations to COP 24 as appropriate
(3) SCF to maintain linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention; (4) SCF to further enhance its linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention; (5) Invitation to the SCF to further strengthen its engagement with all relevant stakeholders and bodies of the Convention; (6) SCF to continue to provide information on appointment of focal points to liaise with other constituted bodies; (7) SCF to further refine its approach to maintaining linkages with the subsidiary and constituted bodies according to resources available and in the context of its existing working modalities;	(3) Decision 2/CP.17, para. 121 (b) (4) Decision 7/CP.19, para.10 (5) Decision 6/CP.20, para.5 (6) Decision 7/CP.23, para. 11 (7) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 11	Meetings/interaction of the focal points/Co-Chairs with other bodies (TEC, AC, ExCom, etc.)	SCF 17: Deliberations on further refining its approach to maintaining linkages with the subsidiary and constituted bodies; appointment of focal points;	n.a.	Information on the focal points, outcomes of the meetings and interactions with other bodies to be included in the SCF report to COP 24 Recommendations to COP 24 as appropriate

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(8) One of the Co-Chairs or a member designated by the Co-Chairs to represent the SCF in order to become a member of CTCN-AB;	(8) Modalities and procedures of the Climate Technology Centre and Network and its Advisory Board Decision 25/CP.19, Annex II, para.3(e)	Participation in the CTCN-AB as a SCF representative	SCF 17: Nomination of SCF representative(s)/focal point(s)	n.a.	Participation in meetings Information on engagement to be included in the SCF report to COP 24
(9) A member to represent the SCF in order to participate in the AC's task force on NAPs;	(9) Work of the Adaptation Committee Decision 16/CP.19, para.1(d)	Participation in the AC task force on NAPs	SCF 17: Nomination of SCF representative(s)/focal point(s)	n.a.	Participation in meetings Information on engagement to be included in the SCF report to COP 24
(10) AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the SCF and other relevant institutions, to develop methodologies, and make recommendations for consideration and adoption by CMA1 on: (a) Taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries in the context of the limit to global average temperature increase referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement; (b) Reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support referred to in Article 7, paragraph 14(c), of the Agreement (SB 47: SBSTA and SBI agreed to continue their consideration of this matter at SBSTA 48 and SBI 48 (April–May 2018) with a view to making a recommendation to be forwarded by COP 24 to CMA 1 for its consideration and adoption); (11) Subsidiary and constituted bodies to accelerate their work on the work programme under the Paris Agreement and to forward the outcomes to COP 24 at the latest;	(10) Decision 1/CP.21, para. 45; FCCC/SB/2017/L.6, para. 4 (11) Decision 1/CP.23, para 4	Collaboration with the AC and the LEG as appropriate	SCF 17: Nomination of SCF representative(s)/focal point(s)	n.a.	As appropriate Information on engagement to be included in the SCF report to COP 24

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<p>(12) COP 21 launched a technical examination process on adaptation (TEP-A) (2016–2020): will endeavor to identify concrete opportunities for strengthening resilience, reducing vulnerabilities and increasing the understanding and implementation of adaptation actions;</p> <p>(13) One representative of SCF to participate in AC working group on the TEP-A;</p> <p>(14) Constituted bodies invited to enhance their engagement in the technical examination processes;</p>	<p>(12) Decision 1/CP.21, paras. 124 to 131; decision 5/CP.22, para. 6</p> <p>(13) Report of AC to COP 22: AC/2016/22, para. 9: Terms of reference for the AC working group on the TEP-A</p> <p>(14) Decision 13/CP.23, para. 6 (Assessment of the technical examination processes on mitigation and adaptation)</p>	<p>Participation in the AC task force on working group on the TEP-A as a SCF representative</p>	<p>SCF 17: Nomination of SCF representative(s)/focal point(s)</p>	<p>n.a.</p>	<p>As appropriate</p> <p>Information on engagement to be included in the SCF report to COP 24</p>
<p>(15) Six representatives from bodies established under the Convention and from the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism will be invited to participate in all the meetings of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) in line with the annual theme of the Committee, for a term of one year;</p> <p>(15) PCCB may invite other bodies established under the Convention and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention to identify representatives to collaborate, as appropriate, on specific activities related to its work;</p> <p>(16) SBI agreed that one representative(s) of the SCF will be invited to participate in the first meeting of the PCCB, which will be held in conjunction with SBI 46 (May 2017);</p> <p>(16) SBI agreed that in 2017 the first focus area or theme for the PCCB will</p>	<p>(15) Decision 2/CP.22, annex, paras. 3, 13, 5(d)</p> <p>(16) SBI Conclusion: Paris Committee on Capacity-building FCCC/SBI/2016/L.34, paras. 1 and 2</p> <p>(17) Decision 16/CP.23, para. 8 (Annual technical progress report of the PCCB; and document FCCC/SBI/2017/11, annex III, in particular paragraphs 60 and 61)</p>	<p>Participation in second meeting of the PCCB</p>	<p>SCF 17: Nomination of SCF representative(s)/focal point(s)</p>	<p>n.a.</p>	<p>Participation in meetings</p> <p>Information on engagement to be included in the SCF report to COP 24</p>

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<p>be on capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of the Paris Agreement;</p> <p>(17) PCCB agreed to continue its 2017 focus area or theme of capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of the Paris Agreement in 2018;</p>					
FORUM					
<p>(18) Organize a forum for the communication and exchange of information among bodies and entities dealing with climate change finance in order to promote linkages and coherence;</p> <p>(19) SCF to conclude its deliberations on the topic of its next forum at the latest at its first meeting in 2018;</p> <p>(20) SCF to ensure the value added of its forum when deciding on the topic of each forum, to provide clear recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate, regarding follow-up actions on the forum, and to enhance the dissemination, use and ownership of the accumulated knowledge and expertise gathered at the forum;</p> <p>(21) SCF to further strengthen its stakeholder engagement;</p>	<p>(18) Decision 2/CP.17, para 121(a)</p> <p>(19) Decision 7/CP.23, para. 9</p> <p>(20) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 12</p> <p>(21) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 14</p>	<p>2018 in-person Forum</p> <p>Report on the Forum</p> <p>Means for continued exchange of information on the virtual Forum</p>	<p>Inter-sessionally: Agreement on topic/venue/scope/programme/concept note, etc.</p> <p>SCF 17: Agreement on programme of the Forum, guidance for finalization of preparations;</p> <p>SCF 17: Deliberations on enhancement of the dissemination, use and ownership of the accumulated knowledge and expertise gathered at the forum, and strengthening of stakeholder engagement;</p> <p>SCF 18: Agreement on report of the Forum, including recommendations as appropriate;</p> <p><i>Extensive inter-sessional</i> technical work by the co-facilitators and working group, including agreement on finalization of programme, speakers list, etc.</p>	tbd	<p>Report on the forum to be included in the SCF report to the COP 24</p> <p>Recommendations to COP 24 as appropriate</p>
<p>(22) SCF invited to follow up on the recommendations and follow-up activities of the 2017 forum in its 2018 workplan;</p>	<p>(22) Decision 7/CP.23, para. 4 (Report of the SCF, and document FCCC/CP/2017/9, annex VIII)</p>	<p>Continue its consideration of how to include financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage in</p>	<p>SCF 17: In the context of deliberations on 2018 workplan: - Deliberations on implementation of follow-up activities and recommendations; and</p> <p>- Integration in SCF work of efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage</p>	n.a.	<p>Recommendations to COP 24 as appropriate</p>

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		its work related to the BA; Continue exchanging information and following up developments with the Executive Committee on matters relating to financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage as appropriate; Enhance the dissemination of the outcomes of the forum through outreach activities and products	associated with the adverse effects of climate change in particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on as appropriate		
THIRD BIENNIAL ASSESSMENT AND OVERVIEW OF CLIMATE FINANCE FLOWS					
(23) SCF to prepare a biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA), to include information on the geographical and thematic balance of such flows; (24) SCF to consider relevant work by other bodies and entities on MRV of support and the tracking of climate finance; (25) SCF to consider ways of strengthening methodologies for reporting climate finance; (26) SCF to consider ongoing technical work on operational definitions of climate finance, to assess how adaptation and mitigation needs can most effectively be met by climate finance and to include the results in its report to the COP;	(23) Decision 2/CP.17, para. 121 (f) (24) Decision 1/CP.18, para. 71 (25) Decision 5/CP.18, para. 11 (26) Decision 3/CP.19, para. 11 (27) Decision 6/CP.20, para. 11 (28) Decision 9/CP.21, para. 13 (29) Decision 8/CP.22, para. 3 (30) Decision 7/CP.23, para. 6	Third BA, to be prepared before COP 24	SCF 17/18/19: Preparation of the third BA in line with indicative timeline; SCF 17: First order draft of the technical report; SCF 18: Second order draft of the technical report; SCF 19: Third order and final draft of the technical report; Second order and final draft of the summary and recommendations; <i>Two technical expert meetings</i> in conjunction with SCF 17 and SCF 18 <i>Inter-sessional</i> technical work by the working group of the SCF.	Relevant information contained in national reports, including, inter alia, the National Communications, Biennial Reports and Biennial Update Reports submitted under the Convention in the period 2014–2018	Summary and recommendations on the third BA to be included in its report to COP 24

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<p>(27) In the context of its ongoing work, including the preparation of the BA, to further explore how it can enhance its work on the MRV of support, based on best available information on the mobilization of various resources, including private and alternative resources, through public interventions;</p> <p>(28) SCF to take into account the enhanced information provided by Annex II Parties referred to in decision 11/CP.21, para 6, in its BA;</p> <p>(29) COP noted the 2016 BA while particularly welcoming the summary and recommendations by the SCF as contained in the annex to decision 8/CP.22 (e.g. 37(f) Request the SCF in preparing future BAs to assess available information on investment needs and plans related to Parties' nationally determined contributions and national adaptation plans);</p> <p>(30) COP noted the outcome of discussions on the 2018 BA, including the outline of the technical report and the summary and recommendations on the 2018 BA, as well as an indicative timeline;</p> <p>(21) SCF to further strengthen its stakeholder engagement;</p>					
MRV BEYOND THE BA					
<p>(31) SCF to consider ways to increase its work on the MRV of support beyond the BA;</p> <p>(32) SCF, as part of its ongoing work on MRV of support, and with a view to recommending improvements to the methodologies for reporting financial information, to consider the findings</p>	<p>(31) Decision 7/CP.19, para. 9</p> <p>(32) Decision 6/CP.20, paras. 10 and 11</p> <p>(33) Decision 6/CP.21, para. 4</p> <p>(34) Decision 9/CP.21, paras. 11 and 14</p> <p>(35) Decision 8/CP.22, para. 5</p> <p>(36) Decision -/CP.23, paras 7–8</p>	<p>Implementation of workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA</p> <p>Recommendations to be contained in the SCF report to COP 24 as appropriate</p>	<p>SCF 17: Agreement on approach to implementation of workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA</p> <p>SCF 19: Agreement on information to be included in report /recommendations to COP 24 as appropriate</p> <p><i>Inter-sessional</i> work by a working group of the SCF</p>	<p>Views on methodologies for the reporting of financial information referred to in decision 2/CP.17, para 19 (FCCC/SBSTA/2015/MISC.3 and Add.1)</p> <p>Views on the development of modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and</p>	<p>Information on progress made in the implementation of its extended workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA to be included in report of the SCF to COP 24</p>

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<p>and recommendations of the BA in its annual report to COP 21;</p> <p>(32) SCF, in the context of its ongoing work, including the preparation of the BA, to further explore how it can enhance its work on the MRV of support, based on best available information on the mobilization of various resources, including private and alternative resources, through public interventions;</p> <p>(33) SCF, in implementing its workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA, to continue to engage with relevant bodies under the Convention, multilateral and bilateral agencies, and international institutions;</p> <p>(34) SCF to take into account the work on the methodologies for the reporting of financial information by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention in the context of its workplan on MRV of support;</p> <p>(34) SCF to be informed by exploration by secretariat of ways to create links to other reporting software and platforms to facilitate the importation and exportation of activity-level data, in the consideration of its workplan on MRV of support;</p> <p>(35) SCF, in fulfilling its function on MRV of support, and in the context of its existing workplan, to cooperate with relevant stakeholders and experts and to consider ongoing work under the Convention and further action envisaged under the Paris Agreement;</p>	<p>Report of the SCF to COP 21 – Workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA 2016-2017 (FCCC/CP/2015/8, annex VII)</p> <p>2014 and 2016 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows</p> <p>Technical paper summarizing existing international methodologies (FCCC/TP/2015/2)</p> <p>Summary of the joint in-session technical workshop referred to in para 4 of decision 11/CP.20</p> <p>On-going work under APA, particularly agenda item 5 (modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement)</p> <p>On-going work under SBSTA on modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, para.7 of the Paris Agreement</p>			<p>mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement (FCCC/SBSTA/2016/MISC.3)</p> <p>Views regarding modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement (FCCC/APA/2016/INF.3 and Add.1 and 2)</p>	<p>Recommendations to be included in report of the SCF to COP 24 as appropriate</p>

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<p>(36) SCF to enhance its work on MRV of support beyond the biennial assessment, acknowledging the progress made by the SCF and noting the need to avoid duplication of ongoing work under SBSTA and APA;</p> <p>(36) SCF, in fulfilling its function with regard to MRV of support, and in the context of its extended workplan, to continue its cooperation with relevant stakeholders and experts;</p>					
DRAFT GUIDANCE TO GEF/GCF					
<p>(37) SCF to provide draft guidance to the OEs of the FM, with a view to improving consistency and practicality of such guidance, taking into account annual reports and submissions from Parties;</p> <p>(38) COP 20 endorsed the recommendations on the provision of guidance to the operating entities provided in para. 10 of the report of the SCF to COP 20 (FCCC/CP/2014/5): compilation and analysis of past guidance, collaboration between the SCF and the thematic bodies, and complementarity between the operating entities and the funds they administer (see review of FM below);</p> <p>(39) SCF to take into consideration the submissions by Parties when providing guidance to the GEF and the GCF for consideration by the COP;</p> <p>(40) SCF to take into consideration the submissions referred to in decision 10/CP.23, para 14 / decision 9/CP.23, para 19 when providing its draft</p>	<p>(37) Decision 2/CP.17, para. 121 (c) / Decision 9/CP.18, para.9</p> <p>(38) Decision 6/CP.20, paras. 19</p> <p>(39) Decision 10/CP.22, para. 15 / Decision 11/CP.22, para. 21</p> <p>(40) Decision 10/CP.23, para 15, decision 9/CP.23, para. 20</p> <p>Reports of the GEF and of the GCF to be produced for COP24</p> <p>SCF background documents prepared for previous SCF meetings / compilation and analysis of past guidance provided to the operating entities</p> <p>Submissions by SCF members and Parties</p> <p>Inputs from other bodies under the Convention such as AC, TEC, etc.</p>	<p>SCF draft guidance to the OEs of the FM to be contained in the SCF report to COP 24</p> <p>Updated compilation and analysis of past guidance provided to the operating entities;</p> <p>SCF recommendations based on compilation and analysis of past guidance to be contained in the SCF report to COP 24 as appropriate</p> <p>SCF engagement with the GCF on the operational framework for complementarity and coherence between the GCF</p>	<p>SCF 17: Consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approach to provision of draft guidance to the operating entities; - Updated compilation and synthesis of past guidance; - Further engagement with the GCF on the operational framework for complementarity and coherence between the GCF and other institutions <p>SCF 18: Further consideration of compilation and synthesis of past guidance;</p> <p>SCF 19: Finalization of work on draft guidance to the OEs to COP 24;</p> <p><i>Intersessional</i> technical work by a working group of the SCF co-facilitators and working group including engagement at the AC and the TEC meetings, as appropriate;</p>	<p>Submissions by Parties 10 weeks prior to COP 24 on views and recommendations on elements to be taken into account in guidance to the GEF and the GCF</p> <p>Submissions by SCF members</p> <p>Inputs to the SCF by the AC, TEC etc.</p>	<p>Recommendations to be included in report of the SCF to COP 24, as appropriate, including 2 draft decisions containing draft guidance to the GEF and the GCF</p> <p>Information, inter alia, on engagement with the GCF on the operational framework for complementarity and coherence between the GCF and other institutions</p>

Mandated SCF activity	Background and Reference Documents	SCF Outputs/Deliverables 2018	Timeline for SCF work including inter-sessional work	Submissions by Parties and others	Expected SCF inputs to SB48/49, COP 24, other
guidance for the GEF/GCF for consideration by the COP; SCF deliberations on the compilation and analysis of past guidance to the operating entities and a draft set of core guidance to the operating entities (FCCC/CP/2017/9, paras. 21 to 23);		and other institutions as appropriate			
GENDER AND CLIMATE CHANGE					
(41) Constituted bodies requested to include in their regular reports information on progress made towards integrating a gender perspective in their processes according to the entry points identified in the technical paper referred to in para. 13 of decision 21/CP.22 (to be considered by SBI 48 (April–May 2018)); (42) Parties, members of constituted bodies (...) invited to participate and engage in implementing the gender action plan, with a view to advancing towards the goal of mainstreaming a gender perspective into all elements of climate action; (43) SCF invited to host a dialogue on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action; (44) Parties, United Nations entities, the Financial Mechanism and other stakeholders to strengthen the capacity of gender mechanisms, including for parliamentarians, the International Parliamentary Union, commissions,	(41) Decision 21/CP.22, paras. 13–14, 28 (42) Decision 3/CP.23, para 2 (Establishment of a gender action plan) (43) Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 4 D.1 (Establishment of a gender action plan) (44) Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 4 D.3 (Establishment of a gender action plan)	Provision of information on progress made towards integrating a gender perspective Dialogue on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work;	SCF 17: Deliberation on: - Reporting requirement (subsequent to consideration of the technical paper by SBI 48); - Dialogue on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action;	n.a.	Report of the SCF to COP 24 (or prior, based on SCF decision) Dialogue on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action (2019)

Mandated SCF activity	Background and Reference Documents	SCF Outputs/Deliverables 2018	Timeline for SCF work including inter-sessional work	Submissions by Parties and others	Expected SCF inputs to SB48/49, COP 24, other
funding ministries, non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations, for the integration of gender-responsive budgeting into climate finance, access and delivery through training, expert workshops, technical papers and tools (2018);					
LOSS AND DAMAGE					
(45) Constituted bodies invited to, as appropriate, as those bodies undertake their work, to continue or to initiate, as appropriate, the integration of efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on; (46) Reiteration of invitation as outlined in (45) above; (47) Executive Committee encouraged to collaborate with other bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement within the scope of their respective mandates and to continue considering ways for facilitating the mobilization and securing of expertise, and enhancement of support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, including its work on enhancing action and support, and when considering the composition and mandates of its expert groups and those it may establish;	(45) Decision 3/CP.22, para. 8 (46) Decision 5/CP.23, para 14 (Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts) (47) Decision 5/CP.23, para 20	Continue its consideration of how to include financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage in its work related to the BA; Continue exchanging information and following up developments with the Executive Committee on matters relating to financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage as appropriate; Enhance the dissemination of the outcomes of the 2017 forum through outreach activities and products	SCF 17: In the context of deliberations on 2018 workplan: - Deliberations on dissemination of the outcomes of the 2017 forum through outreach activities and products; - Integration in SCF work of efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on as appropriate;	n.a.	Recommendations to COP 24 as appropriate

Mandated SCF activity	Background and Reference Documents	SCF Outputs/Deliverables 2018	Timeline for SCF work including inter-sessional work	Submissions by Parties and others	Expected SCF inputs to SB48/49, COP 24, other
CAPACITY BUILDING UNDER THE CONVENTION					
(48) Invites representatives of the relevant bodies established under the Convention, OEs of the FM, [...] to integrate into their work programmes and activities the lessons learned at, and the main outcomes of the meetings of the Durban Forum;	(48) Agenda and Report of the Durban Forum on Capacity Building Decision 14/CP.21, para. 8	As appropriate	As appropriate	n.a.	As appropriate
AGRICULTURE					
(49) SBSTA and SBI to jointly address issues related to agriculture, including through workshops and expert meetings, working with constituted bodies under the Convention and taking into consideration the vulnerabilities of agriculture to climate change and approaches to address food security;	(49) Decision 4/CP.23, para 1	tbd	tbd	n.a.	tbd
ENHANCEMENT OF PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE					
(50) SCF to provide options for the enhancement of the participation of members and to report back to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session;	(50) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 6 Self-assessment report of the SCF to COP 23 (FCCC/CP/2017/9, annex VII)	Options to be included in SCF report to COP 24	SCF 17: SCF to deliberate and conclude deliberations on options for enhancement of member participation;	n.a.	Report of the SCF to COP 24
REPORT TO COP					
(51) SCF shall meet at least twice a year and submit a report to the COP; (52) SCF to continue to provide and enhance the dissemination and utilization of specific and targeted outputs and recommendations in order to effectively advance the work of the COP; (53) Encourages SCF to prioritize specific areas of work in the light of its workload in a given year and emphasizes the need to continue to enhance all the functions of the SCF,	(51) Decision 8/CP.22, para. 11, decision 7/CP.23, para 13 (52) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 6 (53) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 8 (54) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 17 SCF meeting reports	Report to COP 24	SCF 19: agree on its report / approach to finalization of the report	n.a.	Report of the SCF to COP 24

Mandated SCF activity	Background and Reference Documents	SCF Outputs/Deliverables 2018	Timeline for SCF work including inter-session work	Submissions by Parties and others	Expected SCF inputs to SB48/49, COP 24, other
including to take into consideration its mandate to serve the Paris Agreement in line with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 63; (54) COP recognized that there is a need for the SCF to improve some of its in-session and intersessional working modalities with the aim of further enhancing its efficiency and effectiveness, ensuring the inclusiveness and transparency of its proceedings;					
ADOPTION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT DECISION 1/CP.21					
(55) SCF shall serve the Paris Agreement in line with its functions and responsibilities established under the COP; (53) Encourages SCF to prioritize specific areas of work in the light of its workload in a given year and emphasizes the need to continue to enhance all the functions of the SCF, including to take into consideration its mandate to serve the Paris Agreement in line with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 63;	(55) Decision 1/CP.21, para 63	As appropriate	As appropriate	n.a.	As appropriate
(56) COP 21 resolves to strengthen, in the period 2016–2020, the existing technical examination process on mitigation as defined in decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 5(a), and decision 1/CP.20, paragraph 19, taking into account the latest scientific knowledge, including by: (a) Encouraging Parties, Convention bodies and international organizations to engage in this process, including, as appropriate, in cooperation with relevant non-Party stakeholders, to	(56) Decision 1/CP.21, para 109	As appropriate	As appropriate	n.a.	As appropriate

Mandated SCF activity	Background and Reference Documents	SCF Outputs/ Deliverables 2018	Timeline for SCF work including inter- sessional work	Submissions by Parties and others	Expected SCF inputs to SB48/49, COP 24, other
share their experiences and suggestions, including from regional events, and to cooperate in facilitating the implementation of policies, practices and actions identified during this process in accordance with national sustainable development priorities;					
PRE-2020					
<p>(57) Decides to convene a stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition at COP 24, which will apply the format of the 2016 facilitative dialogue and consider, inter alia:</p> <p>(a) The inputs of the COP, CMP, the SBI, the SBSTA, the constituted bodies under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism; (...)</p> <p>Also, decides to convene a stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition at COP 25, which will apply the format of the above mentioned stocktake and consider, inter alia:</p> <p>(a) The inputs of the COP, CMP, the SBI, the SBSTA, the constituted bodies under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism; (...)</p> <p>(58) Inputs to the Talanoa Dialogue, inter alia:</p> <p>Parties, stakeholders and expert institutions are encouraged to prepare analytical and policy relevant inputs to inform the dialogue and submit these and other proposed inputs, including those from intergovernmental organizations and UNFCCC bodies, by 2 April 2018 for discussions in conjunction with the May session, and</p>	<p>(57) Decision 1/CP.23, paras. 17 and 18</p> <p>(58) Decision 1/CP.23, annex II</p>	As appropriate	As appropriate	n.a.	As appropriate

Mandated SCF activity	Background and Reference Documents	SCF Outputs/ Deliverables 2018	Timeline for SCF work including inter-sessional work	Submissions by Parties and others	Expected SCF inputs to SB48/49, COP 24, other
by 29 October 2018 for discussions in conjunction with COP 24;					
SEVENTH REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM (IN 2021)					
(59) SCF to provide expert input to the seventh review of the Financial Mechanism in 2021 with a view to the review being completed by COP 27 (November 2021).	(59) Decision 11/CP.23, para. 5 (Sixth review of the Financial Mechanism)	Expert input	2021	tbd	Expert input to COP 27

Annex III

Draft approach to outreach and communication activities of the SCF in 2018

Mandate/element(s) of work	Internal Collaboration	External collaboration
<i>The preparation of the 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance flows</i>		
At COP 17, Parties mandated the SCF to prepare a biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA), (decision 2/CP.17, para 121 (f)).	<p><i>Synergies with the constituted bodies, expert groups & processes, and proposed areas of collaboration</i></p> <p>The SCF intends to reach out to the constituted bodies including the Adaptation Committee (AC), Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (Executive Committee), Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) in order to solicit their input on discussions relevant to thematic flows in the 2018 BA. The SCF also intends to collaborate with the Lead Reviewers of biennial reports and national communications to solicit input on the challenges and gaps in reporting on support provided to developing countries.</p> <p><i>Outreach and communications</i></p> <p>Members of the constituted bodies and expert groups may participate in the meetings of the SCF, the technical meetings and webinars, as appropriate.</p> <p><i>Responsibilities</i></p> <p>The BA co-facilitators and the working group, with the support from the secretariat, will lead the activities.</p>	<p>The preparation of the BA involves collecting data from external sources of information. External contributors such as MDBs, national, bilateral, and regional DFIs, international organizations, think-tanks and research institutions would be invited to provide data and peer-review the chapters of the technical report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current collaborations with all types of DFIs, IOs, think-tanks and civil society should be sustained. Initiate new collaboration with organizations that are involved in tracking and reporting domestic climate finance to increase data coverage as well as to compile available information on investment needs and plans related to Parties' nationally determined contributions and national adaptation plans. In addition, initiate new strategic collaboration with international institutions that are developing and implementing frameworks for climate-related financial disclosures to inform the 2018 BA with regard to the issue of tracking global progress on the goal outlined in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement such as, the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures established by the Financial Stability Board with mandate from G20; The Portfolio Decarbonisation Coalition founded by UNEP Finance Initiative, Carbon Disclosure Project, and pension funds; networks of institutional investors and insurance such as UN Principles for Responsible Investment, The Global Investor Coalition on Climate Change, Principles for Sustainable Insurance; UNEP inquiry into the Design of Sustainable Financial System; etc. <p><i>Outreach and communications</i></p> <p>The SCF will extend targeted invitations to external stakeholders to all SCF meetings and the BA related technical meetings, as appropriate.</p> <p><i>Responsibilities</i></p> <p>The BA co-facilitators and the working group, with the support from the secretariat, will lead the activities.</p>
<i>Measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) of support beyond the Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance</i>		
At COP 19 and COP 20, Parties invited the SCF to consider ways to increase its work on MRV of support beyond the BA in accordance with its workplan. COP 21, COP 22, and COP 23 have emphasized cooperation with relevant stakeholders and experts as well as consideration to ongoing work under	<p><i>Synergies with the constituted bodies, expert groups & processes, and proposed areas of collaboration</i></p> <p>The SCF will engage with the APA and SBSTA to communicate recommendations from the 2016 BA.</p> <p><i>Outreach and communications</i></p> <p>SCF members may actively participate in the APA discussions on the transparency framework for support as well as in the SBSTA discussions</p>	<p><i>Stakeholders, and proposed areas of collaboration</i></p> <p>The SCF intends to engage with various institutions and experts involved in MRV of support on issues included in its workplan.</p> <p><i>Outreach and communications</i></p> <p>The SCF may utilize the opportunity of the two technical meetings in 2018 for the preparation of the BA to also collaborate with external stakeholders on MRV-related issues beyond the BA.</p>

Mandate/element(s) of work	Internal Collaboration	External collaboration
the Convention and further action envisaged under the Paris Agreement in the context of its existing workplan.	<p>on accounting modalities on finance, including through interaction with the APA and SBSTA co-facilitators to introduce BA key findings and recommendations, as appropriate.</p> <p><i>Responsibilities</i></p> <p>The MRV co-facilitators and the working group, with the support from the secretariat, would lead the necessary activities.</p>	<p><i>Responsibilities</i></p> <p>The MRV co-facilitators and the working group, with the support from the secretariat, would lead the necessary activities.</p>
2018 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance		
In accordance with decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 9, the COP invited the SCF to conclude its deliberations on the topic of its next forum at the latest at its first meeting in 2018.	Communication and outreach strategy to be determined once SCF has agreed on its topic for the 2018 forum.	Communication and outreach strategy to be determined once SCF has agreed on its topic for the 2018 forum.
2017 forum follow up activities		
<p>As per its report to COP 23, the SCF may wish to consider undertaking the following activities in relation to the topic of its 2017 forum:</p> <p>a) Assess how to address the issue of climate resilience metrics in the 2018 BA;</p> <p>b) Continue to engage with MDBs, the private sector, regulators and industry associations;</p> <p>c) Produce outreach materials.</p>	<p>The SCF may wish to identify one or more focal points who would take the lead in implementing the activities as outlined in a) to c), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further discussing during its regular meetings how to address the issue of climate resilience metrics in the context of the 2018 BA; • The possibility of providing inputs to climate finance relevant events and process in 2018 based on the findings of the 2017 SCF forum such as the long-term climate finance discussions, the pre-2020 facilitative dialogue and the third High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Finance; • Producing a web based and printed publication of the outcomes of 2017 SCF Forum and using this publication as the SCF's input to the events and processes mentioned above. Work on the publication could take place intersessionally with a view to have it approved for distribution before the second SCF meeting in 2018; • The enhancement of the SCF's virtual forum with the support of the secretariat, including the use of social media tools to reach a broader audience; • Broader dissemination of the short video prepared for the 2017 SCF forum, through the communication channels of those institutions with whom the SCF engaged and collaborated for the organization of the 2017 SCF forum, as well as using social media tools available in the secretariat through the enhanced SCF virtual forum; 	Identify, with the support of the secretariat, possible events and activities organized by other constituted bodies and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism where the SCF could disseminate the outcomes of the 2017 SCF forum.
Draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;¹ 	The SCF may wish to widen the scope of invitation of inputs to draft guidance to all constituted bodies, in line with decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 9. This will increase the Committee's interaction with other constituted bodies and ensure that inputs received cover more thematic areas, aside	The SCF may wish to collaborate and cooperate with representatives of the operating entities particularly with regards to the preparation of the draft

¹ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121(c).

Mandate/element(s) of work	Internal Collaboration	External collaboration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compilation and analysis of past guidance provided to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism; • Consider the issue of complementarity between the OEs and the funds they administer when the GCF is operationalized; • Increase collaboration between the SCF and the constituted bodies of the Convention in the provision of draft guidance to the OEs;² 	<p>from adaptation and technology. In doing so, the SCF may wish to make use of cross participation in meetings of the bodies, in-person and virtually.</p> <p>This effort would be led by the working group and the facilitators of this group, supported by the secretariat in order to ensure close interaction and exchange of information.</p>	<p>guidance to COP 24. It will be important to ensure that any question from SCF members can be addressed by representatives of the operating entities.</p> <p>Close cooperation with the operating entities could be ensured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to representatives of the operating entities to the SCF meetings; • Conference calls between the working group of the SCF and representatives of the operating entities as appropriate; • Call for inputs to be provided by the operating entities as appropriate, e.g. based on specific questions for clarifications by SCF members; • Participation of the SCF representatives to the GCF Board meetings on the issue of complementarity and coherence, as appropriate. <p>Subsequently, the SCF may wish to communicate to other constituted bodies that the compilation and analysis database is online and outline what is contained in the “user’s guide” to increase awareness. Secretariat could directly attend the meetings of the constituted bodies to present the tool.</p> <p>This effort would be led by the working group and the facilitators of this group, supported by the secretariat in order to ensure close interaction and exchange of information with representatives of the operating entities, as well as the creation and maintenance of a dedicated website.</p>

² Decision 6/CP.20, paragraph 19 and FCCC/CP/2014/5, paragraph 10(c).

Annex IV

Options to address COP 23 mandate on enhancing coherence and coordination of forest finance

I. Possible ways to integrate enhancing coherence and coordination of forest finance into 2018 workplan of the SCF

1. In considering possible options to integrate enhancing coherence and coordination of forest finance into its 2018 workplan, the SCF may wish to take note of the following factors: workload for 2018; competency and capacity as a constituted body; possible budget implications and; envisaged end-product that the SCF will report to COP 24.

2. Among the ongoing areas of SCF work, possible avenues to fulfil the COP mandate on enhancing coherence and coordination of forest finance include:

- (a) Work on the MRV of support and the preparation of the 2018 BA;
- (b) Provision of draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention to COP 24 and;
- (c) Inclusion of the issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing at the forums of the SCF.

3. The SCF also may wish to consider following possible additional options, based on the elements of previous SCF workplans on enhancing coherence and coordination of forest finance:¹

- (a) Consider reaching out to entities financing the REDD-plus activities, and other relevant stakeholders working on forest finance to promote access to and delivery of support and to strengthen the coherence and coordination;
- (b) Organize a SCF side event in conjunction with UNFCCC sessions, to facilitate the interactions among the financing entities providing forest finance;

4. The SCF may wish to consider appointing a focal point, who will represent the SCF in events and deliberations relating to forest finance. Based on a summary report of the focal point to be provided during the last meeting of the SCF in 2018, the SCF will report its activities to COP 24.

II. Mandate and activities undertaken by the SCF to date

5. COP 23 reiterated that the SCF will integrate financing for forest-related considerations into its 2018 workplan, where appropriate, and continue work on this matter in the context of overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, taking into account all relevant decisions on forests.²

6. Prior to the 23th session, the COP has provided mandates to the SCF to enhance coherence and coordination of forest finance, to which the SCF has responded to. Table below summarizes the mandates, activities undertaken by the SCF and how the Committee reported its activities to the COP, in chronological order.

¹ FCCC/CP/2015/8, annex II, paragraph 55.

² Decision -/CP.23, paragraph 12 (Report of the SCF). See also FCCC/CP/2017/9, annex VIII, page 69.

Mandate given to the SCF on forest financing	Activities undertaken by the SCF	What the SCF reported to the COP
<p><u>COP 19, 2014</u> <i>Decision 7/CP.19, paragraph 11</i> Requests the SCF to consider, in its work on coherence and coordination, inter alia, the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches.</p> <p><i>Decision 9/CP.19, paragraph 20–21</i> Requests 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:</p> <p>(a) Ways and means to transfer payments for results-based actions as referred to in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 29;</p> <p>(b) The provision of financial resources for alternative approaches.</p>	<p><u>2015</u> 2015 SCF forum “Enhancing Coherence and Coordination of Forest Financing”³</p> <p><u>2016</u> SCF side event on “Enhancing coherence and coordination of forest finance”⁵ (<i>Outreach</i>)</p> <p>Attendance at the 3rd voluntary meeting on the coordination of support for the implementation of REDD-plus⁸ activities.⁹ The SCF presented outcomes from the 2015 SCF forum. (<i>Outreach</i>)</p> <p>Inclusion of an overview of forest finance in the 2016 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows¹¹ (<i>MRV of support</i>)</p>	<p><u>COP 21</u> Summary report on the 2015 SCF forum, conclusions and recommendations by the SCF.⁴ The recommendations included (i) draft guidance to the GCF and the GEF and (ii) follow-up activities to be undertaken by the SCF in 2016.</p> <p><u>COP 22</u> Summary of the SCF side event⁶ and agreement by the SCF that it will continue to undertake work on enhancing coherence and coordination of forest financing in 2017, as appropriate⁷</p> <p>Reporting of the activity¹⁰</p> <p>The 2016 BA contained information relating to forest and land-use financing¹²</p>
<p><u>COP 22, 2016</u> <i>Decision 8/CP.22, paragraph 10</i> Reiterates that the SCF will integrate financing for forest-related considerations into its 2017 workplan, where appropriate, and continue work on this matter in the context of overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, taking into account all relevant decisions on forests</p>	<p><u>2017</u> Attendance at the 4th voluntary meeting on the coordination of support for the implementation of REDD-plus activities. The SCF mainly presented the outcomes from the side event held in 2016. (<i>Outreach</i>)</p>	<p><u>COP 23</u> Reporting of the activity¹³</p>
<p><u>COP 23, 2017</u> <i>Decision -/CP.22, paragraph 12</i> Reiterates that the SCF will integrate financing for forest-related considerations into its 2018 workplan, where appropriate, and continue work on this matter in the context of overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, taking into account all relevant decisions on forests</p>	<p><u>2018</u> <i>To be determined</i></p>	<p><u>COP 24</u> <i>To be determined</i></p>

³ <<http://www.unfccc.int/9053>>.

⁴ FCCC/CP/2015/8, annex II.

⁵ <<http://www.unfccc.int/8985>>.

⁶ FCCC/CP/2016/8, annex IV.

⁷ FCCC/CP/2016/8, paragraph 5(g)(i)–(ii).

⁸ In decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, the COP encouraged developing country Parties to contribute to mitigation actions in the forest sector by undertaking the following activities: reducing emissions from deforestation; reducing emissions from forest degradation; conservation of forest carbon stocks; sustainable management of forests; and enhancement of forest carbon stocks.

⁹ The presentation is available at <http://redd.unfccc.int/files/8_scf_redd_voluntary_meeting_23_may_final.pdf>. Further information on the meeting is available at <<http://redd.unfccc.int/meetings/voluntary-meetings.html>>.

¹⁰ FCCC/CP/2016/8, paragraph 41.

¹¹ <<http://www.unfccc.int/10028>>.

¹² <http://unfccc.int/files/cooperation_and_support/financial_mechanism/standing_committee/application/pdf/2016_ba_technical_report.pdf>.

¹³ FCCC/CP/2017/8, paragraph 41.

III. Ongoing activities and initiatives relating to forest finance and coherence and coordination

7. In deliberating this year's approach, the SCF may wish to note the following ongoing activities and initiatives on forest finance and/or coherence and coordination. This information is not comprehensive, but aims to help the SCF's deliberation to identify the niche and added-value of SCF's potential contribution.

Organizer / Entity	Activity / Initiative	Date	Location	Notes
International organizations, incl. UN agencies & operating entities of the Financial Mechanism				
United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)	UNFF 13	7–11 May, 2018	UNHQ, New York	Provisional agenda of the UNFF 13 is available online. ¹⁴ The session will convene UNFF member states and observers to consider, inter alia, the draft guidelines of a Global Forest Finance Facilitation Network as an operational arm of the UNFF, to help countries access financial resources for forests from, among others, the GCF and the GEF. The Network also aims to help countries prepare a national forest finance strategy, building on existing national plans, such as NDCs and NAPs. Outcome of the UNFF13 will inform the High Level Political Forum.
The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF)	Working across sectors to halt deforestation and increase forest area: From aspiration to action ¹⁵	19–22 February 2018 ¹⁶	FAO HQ, Rome	This international conference brought together countries and 14 UN and international agencies, as CPF members, and other forest stakeholders to discuss the challenges of halting and reversing deforestation and to jointly explore ways to accelerate progress towards achieving the SDG and UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030. Outcomes will be forwarded to UNFF 13 in May 2018. There was a session on finance, mainly focusing on the domestic finance. ¹⁷
UN REDD Programme	Provision of support to REDD+ design and implementation	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	UN REDD Programme provides direct support to the design and implementation of National REDD+ Programmes and actions. The Programme also provides technical capacity building support through sharing of expertise, common approaches, analyses, methodologies, tools, data, best practices and facilitated South-South knowledge sharing. Currently the work is guided by the 2016–2020 Strategic Framework. ¹⁸
The Forest Carbon Partnership Facility	The Readiness Fund The Carbon Fund	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	The Readiness Fund supports developing countries in preparing themselves to participate in REDD+ i.e. phase 1. The Carbon Fund aims to provide pilot incentive payments for REDD+ policies and measures in developing countries that have made significant progress in their REDD+ readiness endeavours i.e. phase 3.
Non-governmental organization				
Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)	Global Landscapes Forum (GLF)	December 1–2, 2018	World Conference Center, Bonn	GLF is one of the largest global events on sustainable landscapes. The SCF had participated in the GLF events before and after the 2015 SCF forum, mainly in the context of finance for sustainable management of forests and drivers of deforestation, weaving across public and private forest finance. This year's GLF will be informed by the outcomes of the two events that will be held beforehand: (1) 3rd GLF Investment Case Symposium in May 2018 in Washington DC and; (2) GLF Regional Forum in Nairobi, Kenya in September 2018.

¹⁴ <<http://www.un.org/esa/forests/forum/current-session/index.html>>.

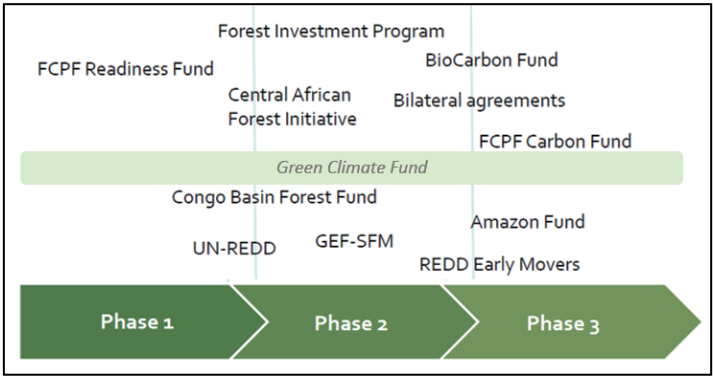
¹⁵ <<http://www.cpfweb.org/93859/en/>>.

¹⁶ This event has elapsed but was included nonetheless for importance and because the UNFCCC secretariat is a member of the CPF.

¹⁷ <<http://www.cpfweb.org/94122/en/>>.

¹⁸ <http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&view=document&alias=14096-un-redd-pb14-2015-strategic-framework&category_slug=session-3-strategic-and-policy-issues&Itemid=134>.

8. In addition to the table above, the figure below is an illustration of existing initiatives and the actors engaged in the provision of support to each of the three phases of REDD-plus. The figure is indicative, aiming to inform the SCF on the ongoing work relating to REDD-plus.



Source: Green Climate Fund secretariat