

Sixteenth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance Bonn, Germany, 18 -21 September 2017

Background paper on the 2018 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

Expected actions by the Standing Committee on Finance

The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be invited to advance its work on 2018 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA), including:

- a) To reach an agreement on the general outlines of the technical report and the outline of the summary and recommendations; and
- b) To consider any other relevant matters related to the BA preparation process, including outreach activities

I. Possible actions for consideration by the SCF

1. The Committee may wish to discuss and agree on the general outline of the 2018 BA for inclusion in its annual report to COP23. In discussing the matter, the Committee may wish to take into consideration the consolidated draft of the general outlines of the 2018 BA technical report and the summary and recommendations contained in the scoping document prepared by the co-facilitators, which is distributed separately. The Committee may further wish to deliberate on ways to increase the relevance of the BA under the UNFCCC process in 2018, including through consideration of how the BA may serve as input to the global stocktake under the Paris Agreement.
2. Additionally, the Committee may wish to discuss any other relevant matters related to the BA preparation process. In discussing this matter, the Committee may wish to consider information on arrangements and activities as contained in the scoping document prepared by the co-facilitators.

II. Background

3. COP 17 decided that the SCF should assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the Financial Mechanism of the Convention in terms of MRV of support provided to developing countries, *inter alia*, through preparing BAs. The BAs are to include information on the geographical and thematic balance of flows drawing from available sources of information, including, *inter alia*, from biennial reports and biennial update reports. Further guidance is contained in decisions 1/CP.18, paragraph 71, 5/CP.18, paragraph 11, 3/CP.19, paragraph 11, 9/CP.21, paragraph 13, and paragraph 37 (f) in the annex to decision 8/CP.22.
4. With respect to the transparency framework established under the Paris Agreement, the COP, in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 94(e) requested the Ad hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement, in developing the modalities, procedures, and guidelines for the transparency framework, to consider, *inter alia*, information in the BAs and other reports of the SCF.
5. COP 22 noted the 2016 BA while particularly welcoming the summary and recommendations by the SCF as contained in the annex to decision 8/CP.22.
6. The Committee, at its fifteenth meeting, initiated work on its 2018 BA and agreed to launch technical work and early engagement with data producers and aggregators. The BA co-facilitators, with the support of the secretariat, were requested to initiate technical work on the preparation of the 2018 BA and to develop a draft outline of the BA intersessionally. To this effect, the BA co-facilitators, Mr. Seyni Nafo and Ms. Outi Honkatukia circulated to the Committee a scoping document developed on the basis of the initial feedback received from the members of the SCF during the 15th meeting of the SCF¹, the

¹ See summary of discussions on 2018 BA as contained in Annex VI in document SCF/2017/15/11



general outline of the 2016 BA², and the 2016 BA technical report³ as well as the Summary and Recommendations⁴, with a view to develop a consolidated draft outline before the sixteenth meeting.

² FCCC/CP/2015/8. Annex VIII.

³ http://unfccc.int/files/cooperation_and_support/financial_mechanism/standing_committee/application/pdf/2016_ba_technical_report.pdf

⁴ Decision 8/CP.22. Annex.