

2nd Technical meeting on the preparation of the first Biennial Assessment and Overview of Finance Flows (BA)

**18 June, Bonn, Germany
[Insert venue]**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Background

One of the functions of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) is to assist the Conference of the Parties (COP) with respect to measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of the support provided to developing country Parties through activities such as the preparation of the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA). The first BA will be completed in 2014 for inclusion in SCF's reporting to COP20¹.

The preparation of the first BA will be informed by: (i) relevant quantitative and qualitative information that describe different types of climate finance flows; (ii) insights emerging from use of operational definitions of climate finance and methodologies applied to measuring, reporting and verifying public and private finance flows: and (iii) an assessment of the overall climate finance flows, including assessment of how adaptation and mitigation needs can most effectively be met by climate finance.

The 1st technical meeting on the preparation of the BA was held in 6 March. It focused on the following key questions and themes:

- How to compare definitions and methodologies used by different organizations for quantifying different types of financial flows, including insights from existing and emerging methods for measuring mobilized private finance: and
- The consistency of existing data sets that capture climate finance flows and investment trends for the period 2009-2013, gaps and limitations;

This second meeting will take a holistic approach to discussing and exchanging views on the overall assessment of climate financial flows, focusing on key challenges and limitations and how to best address them in the future.

Objectives

¹ Background information on BA, including responses to the past call of SCF for inputs, can be viewed here:
http://unfccc.int/cooperation_and_support/financial_mechanism/standing_committee/items/8034.php

The specific objectives of the 2nd technical meeting are to explore and generate insights on the following topics/issues:

- The practicality and applicability of different types of assessment criteria for the overall assessment of (climate) financial flows, including assessment criteria for measuring, reporting and verifying public and private climate financial flows; and
- The types of future (meta) data that will be needed to better capture climate financial flows and any updates from ongoing efforts to improve data availability, quality and coverage.

Agenda

14:00 – 14:15	<p>Introduction by the co-facilitators of the first BA: Reflections on challenges and limitations in the preparation of the first BA (and initial thoughts on ways forward)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outi Honkatukia, member, SCF • Seyni Nafo, member, SCF
14:15 – 16:00 (including coffee break)	<p>Session I: Perspectives on assessment criteria and their practicality and applicability: This session is chaired by Outi Honkatukia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Consultants present the approach taken in framing the first biennial assessment, challenges and limitations.</i> • <i>Open discussions: External contributors/specialist organizations will be invited to share their practical experiences and perspectives in:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - framing assessments of specific types of flows (bilateral, multilateral, public and private) - framing assessment of global flows
16:00 – 16:15	<p>Coffee break</p>
16:15-18:00	<p>Session II: This session will take stock of data availability for specific flows (i.e., bilateral, multilateral, and private finance flows). This session is chaired by Seyni Nafo.</p> <p>The session will also discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Areas where improvements can be made to increase the quality, consistency and coverage of data</i> • <i>Ways through which future reporting of bilateral, multilateral, and mobilized private finance can be better aligned with the data needs of future BAs.</i> • <i>Identifying practical ideas on how to coordinate and collaborate more effectively in the area of MRV of support/finance</i>

18:30-18:45	Closure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seyni Nafo, member, SCF • Outi Honkatukia, member, SCF
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Format

The meeting is informal and interactive. The objective is to exchange policy and technical perspectives in a lively roundtable conversation style. No presentation is required from participants. However, participants are encouraged to come with elaborated thoughts and prepared to contribute with information during or after the technical meeting. There will be no formal output.

Participation

The mini workshop will involve SCF members, external contributors and climate finance stakeholders attending the 7th meeting of the SCF

Background documents

- Draft chapters (?)
- Submissions of external contributors which include views on assessment criteria can be viewed here:
http://unfccc.int/cooperation_and_support/financial_mechanism/standing_committee/items/8034.php

Venue

Google map link:

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By bus from Bad Godesberg

By Taxi