Methodologies for Reporting Financial Information on Climate Change

"Near-term Possibilities"

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Background

- With the exception of the OECD-DAC and the BNEF, all the institutions identified in the BA have only reported climate finance data for a few years.
- Improvements in methodologies for the BA will require many steps over a number of years and require the cooperation of all data producers and aggregators.
- To form a comprehensive picture of climate finance, information on both finance provided by developed countries and finance received by developing countries is needed

Methodology Hierarchy

UNFCCC

Assessing commitments of Annex 1 Parties
Developing a comprehensive picture of CC
Finance

International Public Finance Institutions
Unique Institutional Mandates

All Private and Domestic Public Institutions

Examples of UNFCCC Data Issues (Limitations in the CTF and its Application)

- Limitations in Sectors and their interpretation
- Differences in reporting for BRs and NCs
- Open end categories ('other and core')
- Reporting of multilateral contributions
- Use of different currencies
- Use of different reporting periods
- Use of different categories for reporting on the status of funds

Examples pf Data Issues relating to the Biennial Assessment

- Different definitions are used by different sources
- Private sector data is limited
- Domestic finance information exists for only a few countries
- Data on Adaptation is just beginning to emerge
- Quality of data varies considerable (Few sources conduct reviews)

Methodological Priorities for Paris (SCF/SBSTA)

- Focus on improving the quality of reporting to the UNFCCC by Annex I Parties – modifying the CTF and its application
 - Clarifications associated with the application of the CTF (Instructions)
 - Modifications to the CTF (e.g., sector coverage, MDB contributions)
- Do nothing for now relating to reporting of adaptation, energy efficiency, private sector investments, investments between emerging economies – BUT monitor the efforts of IPFIs to harmonize reporting
- Develop a simple verification format for cataloging support received/reported by non-Annex I Parties:
 - Amount received, supporting country, recipient institution, purpose (mitigation/adaptation) and instrument (grant, loan, guarantee)

Stimulate the Business Community – Build a base of methodological experiences for gathering information in the long-term (Also for Paris)

 Invite the private sector to provide information on investments that reduce GHG emissions or build resilience and enhance adaptation to climate change.