

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

21 July 2016

United Nations Campus, Altes Abgeordnetenhaus (AAH)
Room F-U-230, Upper Ground floor Conference Room
Bonn, Germany

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Background

The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) assists the Conference of the Parties (COP) with respect to the measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of support provided to developing country Parties, including through activities such as the preparation of the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA). In accordance with decision 1/CP.21 (Adoption of the Paris Agreement), the SCF will serve the Paris Agreement in line with its functions and responsibilities established under the COP.

The first BA was prepared in 2014 and comprised a *technical report*¹ and a *Summary and Recommendations by the SCF*², which included key findings and a set of recommendations to strengthen operational definitions of climate finance, methodologies for monitoring and reporting, and issues related to ownership, impact and effectiveness.

The SCF, through the BA and other activities, contributes to the progressive improvement of compilation of climate finance information. The second BA is due for completion in 2016. It will present quantitative and qualitative information on climate finance flows for the period 2013–2014.

This meeting follows on the 1st technical meeting held on 8 April 2016. The focus will be on the following topics:

- What specific steps should be undertaken to promote harmonization in line with the recommendations made by the SCF in its 2014 BA?
- Discussion of the 2013 and 2014 data in the 1st order draft of the 2016 BA technical report.
- Discussion of the issues identified in the assessment chapter of 1st order draft of the 2016 BA technical report.

In addition, the meeting provides an excellent opportunity for the climate finance data producers and aggregators' community to discuss and exchange views with SCF members on how the different institutions can further collaborate to enhance transparency, consistency and completeness of information and data on climate finance flows in the period post-Paris.

Background notes will be circulated in advance to ensure that participants have sufficient time to prepare to engage in technical discussions on specific topics following consideration by the SCF at its 13th meeting on 18-20 July. A first order draft of the 2016 BA technical report will also be made available as room paper.

¹ Available at:

<http://unfccc.int/files/cooperation_and_support/financial_mechanism/standing_committee/application/pdf/2014_biennial_assessment_and_overview_of_climate_finance_flows_report_web.pdf>

² FCCC/CP/2014/5, Annex II. Available at: <<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/cop20/eng/05.pdf#page=16>>.

Agenda

<p>09:00 – 09:15</p>	<p>2016 BA, Marrakech and expectations of the Standing Committee on Finance for further improvements in data quality and coverage for the future BAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Seyni Nafo, SCF co-chair • Ms. Outi Honkatukia, SCF co-chair
<p>09:15 – 10:30</p>	<p>Part I</p> <p>This session will focus on work to-date and further improvements in the methodologies used for tracking and reporting climate finance flows, based on insights and takeaways in the “Methodological issues” chapter of the first order draft of the 2016 BA technical report.</p> <p>Key questions and issues to be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What specific steps have been undertaken to enhance approaches for measuring and reporting climate finance in line with the recommendations made by the SCF in its 2014 BA? Where do gaps persist? • Discussion on structure of the thematic elements of the chapter, such as sections on accounting and on other methodological issues • What steps should be undertaken by relevant bodies under the Convention to improve climate finance data quality? <p><i>Session Chair: Dennis Tirpak</i></p> <p><i>Chapter expert: Aman Srivastava</i></p> <p><i>Background papers: Technical Note by chapter expert; Outline of the 2016 BA; First order draft of the 2016 BA technical report</i></p>
<p>10:30– 12:00</p> <p>(incl. coffee break)</p>	<p>Part II</p> <p>This session will focus on discussing preliminary estimates of the BA 2016 and identifying the data needs for the 2018 BA based on the findings of the first order draft of the 2016 BA technical report.</p> <p>Key issues to be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of the BA 2016 preliminary estimates • Priority data needs for the 2018 BA based on the findings of the first order draft of the 2016 BA technical report <p><i>Session Chair: Dennis Tirpak</i></p> <p><i>Chapter expert: Erik Haites</i></p> <p><i>Background papers: Technical Note by chapter expert; Outline of the 2016 BA; First order draft of the 2016 BA technical report</i></p>
<p>12:00 – 13:00</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>

<p>13:00 – 14:30</p>	<p>Part III</p> <p>This session will focus on the policy and financial implications of climate finance flows as identified in the first order draft of the 2016 BA technical report. Participants will be invited to share information relevant to the assessment of climate finance flows.</p> <p>Key questions to be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What further considerations should be reflected in the assessment of key characteristics of climate finance including on the issue of support for adaptation? • Is there further work or insight on climate finance needs and effectiveness that might enhance the sub-section? • Are there additional factors that could be reflected in the section putting identified climate finance flows in context? Is there additional data and research on overarching trends in finance that affects land use and forests, or vulnerability to the impacts of climate change that could be included? <p><i>Session Chair: Dennis Tirpak</i></p> <p><i>Chapter expert: Smita Nakhooda</i></p> <p><i>Technical Note by chapter expert; Outline of the 2016 BA; First order draft of the 2016 BA technical report</i></p>
<p>14:30 – 14:45</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>14:45 – 16:00</p>	<p>Part IV</p> <p>Participants will be invited to share information with the SCF about the work plans of their organizations with regard to data and methodological issues and to exchange perspectives on how to collaborate more closely and strategically in this area in the future.</p> <p><i>Session Chair: Outi Honkatukia and Seyni Nafo</i></p>
<p>16:00 – 16:15</p>	<p>Closure and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Seyni Nafo and Ms. Outi Honkatukia • Secretariat

Format

The meeting will be informal and interactive. Considering the length of the draft report, participants are encouraged to read the first order draft and prepare comments and suggestions ahead of the meeting. There will be no formal output. The BA team will collate the insights generated from the review for further consideration and follow-up with organizations/experts as necessary.

Participation

The technical meeting will involve SCF members, external contributors, including key data providers and aggregators, and other climate finance stakeholders attending the thirteenth meeting of the SCF.

Background documents

- First Order Draft
- Outline of the 2016 BA
- Technical notes by chapter experts
- Any other materials from participants

Venue

United Nations Campus, Altes Abgeordnetenhaus, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1, 53113 Bonn

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During weekdays, the bus leaves every 30 min. while it leaves every 30/60 min. on Saturdays and Sundays. For exact timetables, please refer to the SWB Web site here: <http://en.swb-busundbahn.de/bus-bahn/service/airport-express-sb60.html>.

- **From Frankfurt airport (Flughafen Frankfurt)**

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From Bonn Hauptbahnhof (main station):

By tram/underground

Underground (U-Bahn) line 16, 63 or 66 towards Bad Godesberg/Koenigswinter/Bad Honnef

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When you reach the street go straight ahead until you reach Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1 and the UN Campus. (see map)

By taxi

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