



**Agenda and Annotations for the
First Meeting of the Standing Committee**

**6–8 September 2012
Bangkok, Thailand**

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Election of officers;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (c) Modalities of work of the Standing Committee.
3. Discussions on the scope and functions of the Standing Committee.
4. Preparation of the work programme of the Standing Committee 2012 and 2013–2015.
5. Other matters:
 - (a) Date and venue of next meeting.
6. Report of the meeting.
7. Closure of the meeting.



II. Annotations to the agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The first meeting of the Standing Committee will be opened on 6 September 2012 by the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC secretariat, who will preside over the meeting until a Chair and a Vice-Chair have been elected. Opening statement will be made by the Executive Secretary.
2. Members will be invited to introduce themselves and to convey their expectations for the Standing Committee.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Election of officers

3. *Background:* The COP, by its decision 2/CP.17, annex VI, decided that the Standing Committee shall elect annually a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among its members for a term of one year each, with one being a member from a Party not included in Annex I to the Convention and the other being a member from a Party included in Annex I to the Convention. The positions of Chair and Vice-Chair shall alternate annually between a member from a developed country Party and a member from a developing country Party.
4. *Action:* Members of the SC will be invited to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

5. The provisional agenda for the first meeting of the Standing Committee will be presented for adoption.

SC/2012/1/1	<i>Provisional agenda and annotations for the First Meeting of the Standing Committee. Note by the Executive Secretary.</i>
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(c) Modalities of work of the Standing Committee

6. *Background:* The Standing Committee will consider options for its working modalities to facilitate the delivery of its tasks. It will also develop further modalities for the participation of observers from the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention, from funding entities (multilateral, bilateral and regional) involved in climate finance and from observer organizations from the private sector and civil society admitted to the Convention as per decision 2/CP.17, annex VI, paragraph 5.
7. *Action:* The Standing Committee will be invited to consider the background paper prepared by the secretariat and adopt its working modalities and arrangements for participation of observers.

SC/2012/1/3	<i>Background paper on the modalities of work of the Standing Committee. Note by the secretariat.</i>
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3. Discussions on the scope and functions of the Standing Committee

8. *Background:* The COP, by its decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121, decided that the Standing Committee shall assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the financial mechanism of the Convention in terms of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, rationalization of the financial mechanism, mobilization of financial resources, and measurement, reporting and verification of support provided to developing country Parties.
9. To facilitate the discussion of the Standing Committee on its functions outlined in decision 2/CP.17, the secretariat prepared a background paper on the functions of the Standing Committee (SC/2012/1/2).



10. *Action:* The Standing Committee will be invited to exchange views on the scope of its functions as outlined in decision 2/CP.17.

SC/2012/1/2	<i>Background paper on the possible activities based on the functions of the Standing Committee. Note by the secretariat.</i>
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4. Preparation of the work programme of the Standing Committee 2012 and 2013–2015

11. *Background:* The COP, by its decision 2/CP. 17, paragraph 123, requested the Standing Committee to develop a work programme based on the activities outlined in paragraph 121 of decision 2/CP.17, for presentation at COP 18.

12. *Action:* The Standing Committee will be invited to consider and adopt its work programme for presentation at COP 18.

SC/2012/1/4	<i>Background paper on the organization of the forum. Note by the secretariat.</i>
SC/2012/1/5	<i>Background paper on approaches for maintaining linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the thematic bodies of the Convention. Note by the secretariat.</i>

5. Other matters

(a) Dates and venues of future meetings of the Standing Committee

13. The SC may wish to consider and agree on the proposed date and venue of its next meeting in 2012.

6. Report of the meeting

14. The Standing Committee will be invited to consider the elements and process for finalizing the report of the meeting.

7. Closure of the Meeting
