

Standing Committee on Finance invites inputs related to its fourth forum on "financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change"

Dear Sir/Madam.

In accordance with decision 2/CP.17 paragraph 121(a), the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) organizes annual forums for the communication and continued exchange of information among bodies and entities dealing with climate change finance, in order to promote linkages and coherence.

At its <u>eleventh meeting</u> held in October 2015 in Bonn, Germany, the SCF decided to respond positively to the invitation, by the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, to dedicate its 2016 forum to the theme of *financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change*, in the context of Action Area 7 of the workplan of the Executive Committee.

The SCF also agreed to invite inputs on the topics below, in order to inform the Forum's preparatory work:

1. Scope and purpose of the Forum

The SCF invites its members and interested stakeholders to the Forum to submit their inputs on the scope and purpose of the Forum and also to provide relevant information/case studies that would inform the Forum.

2. Potential institutions and events to partner with in the organization of the Forum

Building on the experience from the previous Forums, where the SCF worked with a wide range of partner institutions and held the Forum in conjunction with relevant events, the SCF agreed to explore partnerships for the upcoming fourth SCF Forum and hence invites its members and interested stakeholders to the Forum to provide information on potential organizations with whom to partner as well as events (ideally taking place between May and September 2016), with which the Forum could be held in conjunction.

With the aim of advancing the preparation for the SCF Forum, the SCF would appreciate receiving your inputs on these matters through this email address (standingcommittee@unfccc.int) by 29 February 2016.

This invitation, as well as any received inputs, will be posted online: http://unfccc.int/7561

The SCF looks forward to your inputs and to further cooperate with you in preparation for the Forum.