

Decision -/CP.20

Methodologies for the reporting of financial information by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 4, 5, 7, 10 and 12 of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 9/CP.2, 11/CP.4, 4/CP.5 and 1/CP.16, paragraph 40,

1. *Decides* to extend by one year the deadline of the mandate given to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 19, with a view to recommending a decision on the methodologies for the reporting of financial information, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 19, to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session (November–December 2015);
2. *Invites* Parties and observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 25 March 2015, views on the methodologies for the reporting of financial information, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 19, for compilation into a miscellaneous document;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a technical paper, prior to the forty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2015), summarizing existing international methodologies and drawing on relevant information contained in submissions from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 17, on their experience with reporting the first biennial reports, the submissions referred to in paragraph 2 above, information submitted by Parties on appropriate methodologies and systems used to measure and track climate finance, as referred to in decision 5/CP.18, paragraph 10, and the work of the Standing Committee on Finance on the 2014 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows;
4. *Also requests* the secretariat to organize a joint in-session technical workshop in conjunction with the forty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies, drawing on the information referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, so as to inform the work of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 19;
5. *Decides* that the workshop referred to in paragraph 4 above shall be jointly organized under the auspices of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the Standing Committee on Finance;
6. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance, as a part of its work on measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, taking into consideration the outcomes of the joint in-session technical workshop referred to in paragraph 4 above, to include its recommendations on the methodologies for the reporting of financial information, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 19, in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session;
7. *Also requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to present an update on its work on this matter to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice for its consideration at its forty-third session (November–December 2015);
8. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to the provisions contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 above;

9. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.
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