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NOTIFICATION

Thirteenth Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance

Standing Committee on Finance Meeting

18–20 July 2016

Bonn, Germany

Pursuant to decision 2/CP.17, I am pleased to notify admitted intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and the United Nations organizations (UN) that the thirteenth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will take place from 18 to 20 July 2016 in Bonn, Germany.

Please find attached the provisional agenda, and other details of the meeting will soon be made available on the UNFCCC website at: <<http://unfccc.int/6881.php>>.

The thirteenth meeting of the SCF will be open to accredited observers. Representatives from the IGOs and UN organizations must register for the meeting using the observer registration form which is attached. The filled out observer registration form should then be sent by e-mail or fax to the UNFCCC secretariat using the following e-mail address: **standingcommittee@unfccc.int** or Fax number: **+49 228 815 1999**.

The deadline for registration as an observer is **24 June 2016**. In view of the need to confirm the arrangements for the meeting as early as possible, please be advised that the secretariat may not be in a position to process Observer Registration Forms received after this deadline.

Distribution: To United Nations organizations and intergovernmental organizations admitted as observers by the Conference of the Parties.



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I would like to remind all IGO and UN organizations representatives that the Conference of the Parties, by decision 23/CP.18, invited Parties to commit to meeting the goal of gender balance by, inter alia, nominating women to bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, with the aim of a gradual but significant increase in the participation of women. To this end, I would like to encourage IGOs to adopt a similar approach with regard to gender balance in the nomination of their respective representatives to attend the upcoming meeting.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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Enclosure: Registration form
Provisional agenda

Thirteenth Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance

18 to 20 July 2016
Bonn, Germany

Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
 2. Organizational matters.
 3. 2016 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance.
 4. 2016 Biennial Assessment and Overview of climate finance flows.
 5. Draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.
 6. 2017 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance.
 7. Linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the thematic bodies of the Convention.
 8. Other matters:
 - (a) Date and venue of next meeting;
 - (b) Report of the thirteenth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance.
 9. Closure of the meeting.
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Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The thirteenth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be opened by the Co-Chairs on Monday, 18 July 2016.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. **Action: The SCF may wish to adopt the agenda for its thirteenth meeting.**

3. *Background:* The provisional agenda was prepared by the Co-Chairs, with the assistance of the secretariat and was circulated to the SCF prior to the meeting.

SCF/2016/13/1	<i>Provisional agenda for the Thirteenth Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>
SCF/2016/13/2	<i>Provisional agenda and annotations for the Thirteenth Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>

(b) Organization of the work of the meeting

4. **Action: The SCF will be invited to agree on the organization of the work of the meeting.**

5. *Background:* The thirteenth meeting of the SCF will be held from 18–20 July 2016 in Bonn, Germany. A detailed tentative schedule of the meeting is annexed to this document. The meeting will be open to attendance by observers from Parties and accredited observer organizations, except where otherwise decided by the SCF. Additionally, the meeting of the SCF will be webcasted. The SCF may decide at any time that a meeting or part thereof should be closed to observers and the webcast should be interrupted.

(c) Update on the work on coherence and coordination: financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches

6. **Action: The SCF will be invited to take note of the update on the work on “coherence and coordination: financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches” to be provided by the co-facilitators of the dedicated SCF working group, and to consider the outcomes of the side event organized on the sidelines of the forty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB 44) in this context.**

7. *Background:* During SCF 12, the SCF agreed to nominate Mr. Paul Oquist and Mr. Georg Børsting to coordinate the work on the topic of coherence and coordination of forest finance in 2016.¹ As agreed, the SCF held a side event on the 23 May 2016 on the sidelines of SB 44,² the outcomes of which the SCF agreed to consider at its next meeting.³

(d) Update on the work on consideration of the long-term finance issues referred to in decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 12

8. **Action: The SCF will be invited to take note of the update on the work on the consideration of the long-term finance issues referred to in decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 12 to be provided by the co-facilitators of the dedicated SCF working group.**

¹ See document SCF/2016/12/10 paragraph 13.

² All relevant information, including presentations, is available at: < <http://unfccc.int/8985.php>>.

³ See document SCF/2016/12/10 paragraph 14.

9. *Background:* During SCF 12, the SCF agreed that Mr. Randy Caruso, Mr. Paul Oquist and Mr. Richard Sherman would lead the preparation of inputs to the in-session workshop on long-term climate finance in 2016. Furthermore, it was agreed that these inputs would be prepared inter-sessionally.⁴ In line with this agreement, the inputs of the SCF were prepared and delivered during the workshop by Mr. Randy Caruso on 18 May 2016.⁵

3. 2016 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance

10. *Action: The SCF will be invited to finalize the programme for the 2016 forum, including the identification of resource persons and speakers.*

11. *Background:* The COP, by decision 2/CP.20, paragraph 1, approved an initial two-year workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (ExCom),⁶ which includes an invitation to the SCF to dedicate its 2016 Forum to financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

12. At its 11th meeting, the SCF accepted the invitation of the ExCom to dedicate its 2016 forum to financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, recognizing that further work needs to be undertaken in terms of the forum's scope and purpose and emphasizing the relevance of the forum to the 2016 BA. During SCF 12, the SCF decided that the co-facilitators and the working group, with the support of the secretariat, will work on a draft programme of the forum, taking into consideration views expressed during the meeting, for consideration by the SCF, as well as that, once the decision had been made on the forum venue, the co-facilitators and the secretariat would expedite the organization of the forum.

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Background paper on the 2016 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance

4. 2016 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

13. *Action: The SCF will be invited to consider the background document with a view to reviewing the first order draft of the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA) and the draft outline of the summary and recommendations, and to provide further guidance on the work to be undertaken intersessionally prior to SCF 14. Furthermore, the SCF will be invited to take note of new developments emanating from the Paris Agreement (PA) and decision 1/CP.21.*

14. *Background:* COP 17 decided that the SCF should assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the Financial Mechanism of the Convention in terms of MRV of support provided to developing countries, inter alia, through preparing a BA.

15. Decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 11, states that the SCF, in the context of the preparation of its BA, is to consider ongoing technical work on operational definitions of climate finance, to assess how adaptation and mitigation needs can most effectively be met by climate finance and to include the results in its report to the COP. Furthermore, COP 20 decided that, in the context of its ongoing work, including the preparation of the BA, the SCF is to further explore how it can enhance its work on the MRV of support, based on best available information on the mobilization of various resources, including private and alternative resources, through public interventions.

16. The initial two-year workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, which was approved by COP 20, also contains the invitation to the SCF to include information on financial instruments

⁴ See document SCF/2016/12/10 paragraph 7.

⁵ Available at: < http://unfccc.int/files/cooperation_support/financial_mechanism/long-term_finance/application/pdf/scf_input_ltf_in-session_workshop_2016.pdf>. More information on the in-session workshop is available at: < <http://unfccc.int/9518.php>>.

⁶ FCCC/SB/2014/4, annex II. Area 7, paragraph (e).

that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse in its next BA.⁷ In addition, the SCF, at its 11th meeting,⁸ agreed to include an overview of forest finance flows in the 2016 BA.

17. COP 21, in decision 9/CP.21, paragraph 13, also requested the SCF to take into account the enhanced information provided by Parties included in Annex II to the Convention referred to in paragraph 6 of this decision in its BAs.

18. During its twelfth meeting, the SCF noted, with regard to the further guidance for the preparation of the first order draft the need:

(a) To improve the draft structure of the technical report, to be reflected in the first order draft, including giving consideration to the organization of data by types of finance flows, and where available, presentation of tabular data on sectoral and geographic distribution in the overview chapter;

(b) To consider using additional graphics and infographics in order to bring out the key messages and to enhance readability of the report;

(c) To present the variations in the methodological approaches used for data collection and aggregation and how the estimates for the different types of flows presented in the draft were derived;

(d) To explain recent trends in data and the reasons behind these trends;

(e) To explain how the recipient country perspective is addressed in the next iteration of the draft;

(f) To include information and data relevant to Article 2, paragraph 1(c) in the overview and assessment chapters.

19. At SCF 12, SCF members were invited to send written comments on the scope and structure of the zero order draft to the co-facilitators and the secretariat. Furthermore, it was decided that the co-facilitators, with the support of the secretariat, will prepare a draft outline of the summary and recommendations inter-sessionally.

20. The SCF will hold a technical meeting subsequent to the SCF meeting on 21 July 2016 (tbc).

Measurement, reporting, and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

21. *Background:* With regard to the issue of measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) of support beyond the BA, during SCF 12, the SCF agreed that, in accordance with its 2016-2017 workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA, it would explore relevant issues in the context of the BA in 2016, taking into account new developments emanating from the Paris Agreement (PA) and decision 1/CP.21. It was agreed that the SCF's work on MRV of support beyond the BA would be pursued in the context of the 2016 BA.

22. During the forty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), under agenda item 12 on "Modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement", SBSTA initiated its consideration of the development of modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the PA.⁹ Furthermore, SBSTA invited Parties and observer organizations to submit their views on the development of modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the PA, by 29 August 2016, for compilation into a miscellaneous document. Furthermore, SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize an in-session workshop in conjunction with SBSTA 45 to inform the work of the SBSTA on this matter, drawing on the submissions and on the relevant findings of bodies under the Convention.

⁷ Initial two-year workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts in accordance with decisions 3/CP.18 and 2/CP.19, Action Area 7

⁸ As contained in FCCC/CP/2015/8, paragraph 20.

⁹ Conclusions contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2016/L.5.

SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration of this matter at SBSTA 45. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper, prior to SBSTA 46 summarizing information from the in-session workshop and submissions.

23. At the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA), under agenda item 5 on “Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement”, Parties engaged in initial discussions on this matter. In order to focus the work of the APA, the APA invited Parties to submit, by 30 September 2016, their views on, inter alia, this agenda item. APA requested the secretariat to compile, by 7 October 2016, the submissions of Parties’ views into information documents, with views on each agenda item of the APA to be compiled in a separate information document. Furthermore, APA invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to provide information, views and proposals on any work of the APA before each of its sessions.

SCF/2016/13/4

Background paper on the 2016 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

5. Draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism

24. **Action:** *The SCF will be invited to consider the background paper with a view to continue its discussions on the frequency of guidance to be provided to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, and the development of draft core guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.*

25. *Background:* In its report to COP 20, the SCF proposed a number of activities to improve the consistency and practicality of providing draft guidance to the operating entities, which the COP endorsed in decision 6/CP.20, paragraph 19.¹⁰ These included an analysis of past guidance provided in order to identify a set of core guidance to serve as basis for the provision of future guidance in order to reduce redundancies, incoherence, and inconsistencies within the guidance provided to the operating entities; increased collaboration between the SCF and the thematic bodies of the Convention in the provision of draft guidance to the operating entities; and consider the issue of complementarity between the operating entities and the funds they administer when the GCF is operationalized. Furthermore, the COP requested the SCF to provide advice on the issue of the frequency of guidance to the Financial Mechanism and to report back to COP 21 on this issue.¹¹

26. In its report to COP 21, the SCF listed options for the frequency of guidance provided to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, and indicated that the SCF will undertake further work on this issue in 2016. On the compilation and analysis of past guidance, the SCF reported on the extensive progress made by the SCF in 2015, and that additional SCF work would be needed in order to identify a draft set of core guidance that could serve as a basis for the provision of future guidance.¹²

27. During SCF 12, the SCF agreed that an official communication would be sent to the Adaptation Committee (AC) and the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) by the SCF co-chairs, inviting those bodies to provide inputs on the draft guidance to the operating entities. Furthermore, it was agreed that the SCF working group, led by the co-facilitators and supported by the secretariat, will work intersessionally on the issues of frequency of guidance and development of draft core guidance, with an aim of continuing this discussion at SCF 13.¹³

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Background paper on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism

¹⁰ Contained in paragraph 10 of document FCCC/CP/2014/5.

¹¹ Decision 6/CP.20, paragraph 20.

¹² Decision 6/CP.21, paragraph 1.

¹³ See document SCF/2016/12/10 paragraphs 38 and 39.

6. 2017 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance

28. **Action:** *The SCF will be invited to engage in initial discussions on possible topics for its 2017 forum with a view to providing relevant information on its deliberations in its report to COP 22.*

29. **Background:** At COP 17, the SCF was mandated to organize a forum for the communication and continued exchange of information among bodies and entities dealing with climate change finance in order to promote linkages and coherence.

30. For the 2014 and 2015 forum of the SCF, the COP provided guidance to the SCF with regard to the general topics to be addressed by the SCF in the context of its forum. COP 21 did not provide specific guidance to the SCF on a specific theme to be addressed by the SCF in the context of its 2017 forum.

7. Linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the thematic bodies of the Convention

31. **Action:** *The SCF will be invited to consider the information provided by Mr. Randy Caruso with regard to latest updates on the work to be conducted in response to decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 45.*

32. **Background:** At COP 17, Parties decided that the SCF is to maintain linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the thematic bodies of the Convention. Parties, at COP 19, called on the SCF to further enhance its linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention.

33. COP 21, in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 45 the COP requested the AC and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), in collaboration with the SCF and other relevant institutions, to develop methodologies, and make recommendations for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its first session on:

(a) Taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries in the context of the limit to global average temperature increase referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement;

(b) Reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support referred to in Article 7, paragraph 14(c), of the Agreement.

34. During SCF 12, the SCF agreed that Mr. Randy Caruso will represent the SCF in an expert capacity in the task force on national adaptation plans of the AC, and will stand ready to engage and liaise with the AC and the LEG in the context of the above mandate.¹⁴

8. Other matters

(a) Date of next meeting

35. The SCF may wish to consider and agree on the date of its final meeting in 2016.

(b) Report of the thirteenth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance

36. The SCF may wish to consider and adopt the report of the thirteenth meeting of the SCF inter-sessionally on a no-objection basis.

9. Closure of the Meeting

37. The thirteenth meeting of the SCF is scheduled to be closed on Wednesday, 20 July 2016, at **18:00**.

¹⁴ See document SCF/2016/12/10 paragraph 41.

ANNEX
Tentative Schedule SCF 13

Monday 18 July 2016

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:15 Opening of the Meeting

09:15 – 10:00 Organizational Matters

10:00 – 11:00 2016 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance

11:00 – 11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15 – 12:15 2016 Biennial Assessment and Overview of climate finance flows

12:15 – 13:15 Draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism

13:15 – 14:15 *Lunch break*

14:15 – 16:15 Breakout group on the 2016 Biennial Assessment and Overview of climate finance flows Breakout group on draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism

16:15 – 16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30 – 17:30 Linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the thematic bodies of the Convention

17:30 – 18:00 2017 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance

Tentative Schedule SCF 13

Tuesday 19 July 2016

- 09:00 – 11:00 Breakout group on the 2016 Forum Breakout group on draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism
- 11:00 – 11:15 *Coffee break*
- 11:15 – 13:15 Breakout group on the 2016 Biennial Assessment and Overview of climate finance flows

13:15 – 14:15 *Lunch break*

- 14:15 – 15:15 Report of the breakout group on the 2016 Biennial Assessment and Overview of climate finance flows
- 15:15 – 16:15 Report of the breakout group on the 2016 Forum
- 16:15 – 16:30 *Coffee break*
- 16:30– 17:30 Report of the breakout group on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism
- 17:30 – 18:00 Breakout group on the 2016 Biennial Assessment and Overview of climate finance flows

Wednesday 20 July 2016

- 09:00 – 11:00 Breakout group on the 2016 Biennial Assessment and Overview of climate finance flows Breakout group on the 2017 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance
- 11:00 – 11:15 *Coffee break*
- 11:15 – 13:00 Breakout group on the 2016 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance Breakout group on draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch break*

- 14:00 – 15:00 Report of the breakout group on the 2016 Biennial Assessment and Overview of climate finance flows
- 15:00 – 16:00 Report of the breakout group on the 2016 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance
- 16:00 – 16:15 *Coffee break*
- 16:15 – 16:45 Report of the breakout group on the 2017 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance
- 16:45 – 17:30 Report of the breakout group on draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism
- 17:30 – 17:45 Other matters
- 17:45 – 18:00 Closure

REGISTRATION FORM
(IGOs & UN Organizations OBSERVERS)



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NOTE FROM THE SECRETARIAT FOR OBSERVERS:

- Observers are responsible for making their own travel and hotel arrangements.
- Observers requiring a visa for Bonn, or a transit visa, are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate consular authorities as soon as this invitation is received. A copy of this invitation should be attached to the visa request in order to facilitate issuance.
- Participants are strongly recommended to obtain comprehensive international medical insurance for the period of participation. The United Nations and the Convention secretariat disclaim all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. All participants are requested to register upon arrival at the venue for the meeting. The confirmation of registration of the participant and a valid photo ID should be presented to the registration staff in order to issue the corresponding badge.
- In submitting this form through electronic means, the submitter accepts all risks and responsibilities associated with the use of electronic means of submitting the form.
- Please be informed that this registration is **valid ONLY for the twelfth meeting** of the Standing Committee on Finance.

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Date _____

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The deadline for registration is 24 June 2016