Submissions on possible future institutional linkages and relations between the Adaptation Fund and other institutions under the Convention

Background:

At its ninth meeting, the SCF agreed to invite submissions from SCF members, observers and thematic bodies under the Convention by 8 May on the following issues:

(a) Possible future relations between the Adaptation Fund and with other institutions under the Convention;

(b) Possible future institutional linkages between the Adaptation Fund and other institutions under the Convention, taking into account any legal and technical implications identified.

The comment and questions below are aimed at guiding the preparation of the submissions.

Discussions at SCF 9 were guided by the following working definitions of the terms "relations" and "institutional linkages".

The term 'relations' was interpreted as meaning that no COP/CMP decision is formally needed. The term 'institutional linkages', on the other hand, was interpreted as meaning a sort of interaction that would require a COP/CMP decision in most cases. Institutional linkages were therefore seen as a more formal sort of arrangement between the AF and other institutions under the Convention.

- What are the possible options for enhancing institutional linkages and relations between the AF and other institutions under the Convention (noting the above distinction between these terms)?

- For each option, are there
  (a) operational procedures that could enhance cooperation and address the relations and institutional linkages; and
  (b) technical and/or legal barriers to be addressed, and if so, how could these issues best be resolved?

- Which option(s) are the most feasible? Which options may have most desired effect and which options should be the immediate focus of the SCF (i.e. the SCF work plan in 2015)?

- To the extent possible, please elaborate on any options by taking into account the level of engagement, i.e. resource mobilization/exchange, policy coordination and exchange of information and best practices.