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Day 1 – 17 July 2023

Time	Description	Speakers and moderators
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:20	Session 1: Opening of the Forum	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening remarks, welcoming the participants and introduction of the Forum Overview of the 2-day Forum and messages to the participants on the Forum objective, which is to facilitate discussions on financing transition pathways that aim to catalyse the achievement of the goals of the Paris Agreement, in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals.¹ 	<p>SCF Forum co-facilitators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Katarzyna Kowalska Ambassador Mohamed Nasr <p>Executive Secretary of UNFCCC, Mr. Simon Stiell</p> <p>Senior representative of UNESCAP, ILO or relevant organization</p>
09:20 – 10:20	Session 2: Scene-setting on financing just transitions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A scene-setting presentation will be delivered around the following issues: (1) Opportunities and benefits that can be harnessed through transitions towards low emissions and climate-resilient development pathway and by coordinating 	<p>Session moderator: SCF member</p> <p>Scene-setting presenter and panel members (tbc)</p>

¹ As agreed by the SCF at its 30th meeting: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Forum%20outcomes.pdf>.

	climate action in the context of sustainable development; (2) Ensuring transition processes are just and inclusive to leave no one behind, mitigate social risks and impacts and build stronger political support and social legitimacy for climate action at all levels; (3) Available information and data on needs, gaps, and opportunities for financing just transitions, including information in sectoral contexts; (4) Key enablers of national and sectoral just transitions towards meeting the Paris Agreement goals and achieving equitable socio-economic outcomes. <ul style="list-style-type: none">A small panel of senior representatives from governments and institutions will be invited to share their insights on how finance can be utilized to unlock the full potential of transitions and address the priorities of countries for just and inclusive transitions.		
10:20 – 10:40	Family photo and coffee break		
10:40 – 11:20	Session 3: Integrating just transitions into national climate plans and development strategies		
	<p>This plenary session will focus on the development and implementation of countries’ national climate plans and development strategies that can harness the benefits and opportunities of transitions and ensure just and inclusive transitions for the workforce and other people who may be adversely impacted by the transitions.</p> <p>It will also focus on insights and lessons learned by financial institutions and support providers in assisting countries to reflect elements of just transitions, such as socioeconomic equity and sustainable development, into the national climate plans.</p>	<p>Session moderator: SCF member</p> <p>A short testimonial from a representative of the workforce on the importance of financing just transition in the context of national climate plans will set the tone of the session.</p> <p>Presenter and panel members: (tbc)</p> <p>A short presentation from ILO or relevant organization on views on just transition from the wider landscape</p> <p>A member of Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures could be one of the panellists, to share the Committee’s work on this session topic.</p> <p>Plenary discussion</p>	
11:20 – 12:40	Breakout group discussions on integrating just transitions into national climate plans and development strategies		
	<p>Group #1: Identification of challenges and opportunities relating to just transitions</p> <p>This group will discuss ways to identify opportunities provided and challenges posed by climate actions to workforce, sectors, regions,</p>	<p>Group #2: Inclusive stakeholder engagement and governance mechanisms for just transitions.</p> <p>This group will discuss identification of stakeholders impacted by the transitions, in</p>	<p>Group #3: Development and alignment of sectoral plans for just transitions</p> <p>This group will discuss identification of sector-specific opportunities and challenges for fair and equitable transitions and</p>

	and communities. It will also discuss availability and analysis of data and information relating to potential benefits, risks, and impacts of transitions. Moderator and case study presenter: (tbc)	the context of nationally defined development priorities, ways to overcome resistance against transitions and ensuring ownership and accountability, and possible coordination and governance mechanisms at the national and sub-national levels. Moderator and case study presenter: (tbc)	vertical and horizontal alignments of the sectoral just transition plans. It will also look at facilitating tripartite discussions (government-employer-workers) within sectors and industries and capacity-building support for facilitating just transitions of sectoral stakeholders. Moderator and case study presenter: (tbc)
12:40 – 13:00	Report-back of the breakout groups moderators, followed by a moderator discussion	Session moderator: SCF member Breakout group moderators	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 14:40	Session 4: Options to mobilize and access financial resources for just transitions		
	This plenary session will focus on possible ways to mobilize and access financial resources required for just transitions, by exploring potential sources and instruments and highlighting examples from international, regional, and domestic levels. Also, the session will highlight experiences of countries to access financial resources for just transitions through multilateral and bilateral channels and available support programmes and activities.	Session moderator: SCF member A short testimonial from a representative of indigenous peoples or local community on the importance of accessing finance for just transition will set the tone of the session Presenter and panel members: (tbc) Plenary discussion	
14:40 – 15:00	Coffee break		
15:00 – 16:30	Breakout group discussions on mobilization of and access to finance for just transitions		
	Group #1: Financial sources for just transitions This group will discuss available public, private and innovative sources of finance for just transitions at international, regional and national levels, and programmatic focus of these sources. It will also discuss best practices and lessons learned in accessing these sources.	Group #2: Financial instruments for just transitions. This group will discuss available financial instruments, including grants, loans, bonds, blended finance, and insurance, for a range of users from retail customers to businesses, corporations, and capital markets. Potential benefits, implications, and available support for utilizing the instruments by the affected regions and groups will also be discussed.	Group #3: Experience of sub-national and local actors in mobilizing and accessing financing for just transitions This group will focus on lessons learned in mobilizing and accessing financing just transitions at the sub-national and local levels. There will be case studies with examples of sources and instruments (and the associated policies and regulations), which aim to address the needs and priorities

	Moderator and case study presenter: (tbc)	Moderator and case study presenter: (tbc)	of people, including SMSEs, that require support for just transitions.
16:30 – 16:50	Report-back of the breakout groups moderators, followed by a moderator discussion	Session moderator: SCF member Breakout group moderators	
16:50 – 17:00	Wrap-up of day 1		

Day 2 – 18 July 2023

Time	Description	Speakers and moderators
09:00 – 09:15	Opening of day 2	
09:15 – 09:50	Session 5: Enabling environments and policy frameworks for financing just transitions	
	<p>This plenary session will focus on the role of policies, laws and regulations that will be conducive to mobilization of and access to financing for just transitions.</p> <p>Also, it will highlight policies and tools that can enhance the private sector's alignment with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development, and help it better understand the benefits and risks of transitions, by showcasing cases for integrating transition and just transitions into their business models.</p>	<p>Session moderator: SCF member</p> <p>A short testimonial from business owners or industry workers will set the tone of the session.</p> <p>Presenter and panel members: (tbc)</p> <p>Plenary discussion</p>
09:50 – 10:10	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:10 – 11:40	Breakout group discussions on enabling environments and policy frameworks for financing just transitions	
	<p>Group #1: Integrating just transitions in fiscal policies and public expenditures</p> <p>This group will discuss fiscal policies that can incentivize public and private investments for climate change and facilitate inclusive growth, minimizing negative and maximizing positive impacts of climate actions. It will also discuss macroeconomic policies and measures that can help allocate</p>	<p>Group #2: Building countries' capacity and readiness to access financing just transitions</p> <p>This group will discuss country experience of accessing financing for just transitions, such as by integrating just transitions principles into mitigation and adaptation projects and mainstreaming climate actions and just transition pathways in national budget processes. It will also discuss ways to build capacity and readiness of national</p>
		<p>Group #3: Enabling environments for just transitions in the private and financial sectors</p> <p>This group will discuss role of the government to create ecosystem for a just transition of the private businesses and financial institutions. It will look at potential opportunities and challenges faced by the private sector to align business with net-zero transitions, importance of scaling-up climate investments that will benefit workers,</p>

	resources to sectors and industries that require support for just transition, and public expenditure and investment programmes with climate principles that can also ensure social protection and equity for people in vulnerable situations. Moderator and case study presenter: (tbc)	institutions to overcome challenges they face in accessing financing for just transitions. Moderator and case study presenter: (tbc)	communities and people in vulnerable situations and institutional arrangements that will facilitate awareness-raising, dialogue, advocacy and partnerships with the private and financial sectors. Moderator and case study presenter: (tbc)
11:40 – 12:00	Report-back of the breakout groups moderators, followed by a moderator discussion	Session moderator: SCF member Breakout group moderators	
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch		
13:30 – 14:10	Session 6: Focusing on people and economy: financing just and inclusive transitions for all		
	This plenary session will focus on the social and economic perspectives of just transitions. It will focus on potential of people as agents and how financing for just transitions can protect their livelihoods and dignity in the transition towards a net-zero economy and address their priorities. It will also focus on ways that finance can support countries to manage risks and impacts that economic assets may face due to transitions and harness opportunities to reallocate capital and redirect investment to more low-emission and climate-resilient assets.	Session moderator: SCF member A short testimonial from a youth representative from an affected region will set the tone of the session Presenter and panel members: (tbc) Plenary discussion	
14:10–14:20	Coffee break		
14:20–15:50	Breakout group discussions on financing just and inclusive transitions for the people and the economy		
14:20–15:50	Group #1: Financing just transition of workforce This group will discuss insights from workers, communities and industries that are undergoing transitions: investment in retaining and re-skilling programs; budgeting and financing income support (incl.	Group #2: Supporting people in vulnerable situations for just transitions This group will discuss policies and regulations that can drive national and international finance towards fostering just transitions for people in vulnerable situations, including the poor, women, youth,	Group #3: Financing for transitions of economic assets This group will discuss changes that transitions can bring upon economic assets, such as due to changes of regulatory landscapes, technological advancements and shifts in market

	<p>unemployment benefits and wage subsidies); incorporating transition of workforce in climate investment strategies; engaging industry leaders and labor unions in the design, financing, and implementation of just transition projects.</p> <p>Moderator and case study presenter: (tbc)</p>	<p>indigenous peoples and other people underrepresented in economic sectors. It will focus on how finance can address social and economic equity for those who traditionally face systemic barriers to policies and how bilateral and multilateral sources of finance can contribute to addressing social and economic equity of vulnerable peoples in transitions and ensure their equitable participation and contribution to a transition towards a low-carbon and resilient economy/society.</p> <p>Moderator and case study presenter: (tbc)</p>	<p>preferences. It will also discuss opportunities and challenges that countries and asset managers encounter in managing the assets and making investment decisions, and how financing for just transitions can support them.</p> <p>Moderator and case study presenter: (tbc)</p>
15:50 – 16:10	Report-back of the breakout groups moderators, followed by a moderator discussion	Session moderator: SCF member Breakout group moderators	
16:10 – 17:00	Session 7: Wrap-up session on key outcomes and recommendations		
	Based on the two days of discussions, participants will deliberate on actions at the international, national, sub-national levels that may be pursued by actors and institutions taking part in the Forum, to finance just transitions. The discussions on the way forward would include key takeaway messages and possible recommendations for consideration by the COP.	Session moderator: SCF member Plenary discussion	
17:00 – 17:15	Closure of the Forum	SCF Co-chairs	