

Report back agenda item 4: Guidance from the Conference of the Parties resulting from the Review of the Functions of the Standing Committee on Finance and the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance

(a) Options to enhance the participation of members:

The SCF may wish to consider the co-chairs proposal:

“Recommends that the COP adopts a decision allowing a constituency to replace a SCF member representing the constituency to attend a meeting of the SCF that the member is unable to attend. The option for the replacement of a particular SCF member can only be exercised by a constituency once during one calendar year.”



(b) The SCF may also wish to consider the possible actions in response to mandates received from COP23:

Mandate 1: Request the SCF to continue to provide and enhance the dissemination and utilization of specific and targeted outputs and recommendations in order to effectively advance the work of the COP (Dec. 8/CP.23, para 6)

- **Co-chairs proposal:** address as part of the approach to outreach and communication activities of the SCF in 2018 and ongoing activities under the BA, the 2018 and 2019 forum and the draft guidance to the OE of the FM

Mandate 2: Encourages the SCF to prioritize specific areas of work (Dec. 8/CP.23, para 8)

- **Co-chairs proposal:** address as part of the SCF's deliberations on the 2018 workplan



(b) The SCF may also wish to consider the possible actions in response to mandates received from COP23:

Mandate 3: Request the SCF to further strengthen its stakeholder engagement (Dec. 8/CP.23, para 14)

- **Co-chairs proposal:** a) Invite interested stakeholders and observer organisations to provide views on how to further strengthen the SCF's stakeholder engagement; b) postpone this mandate to SCF 18 and request the secretariat to identify actions to enhance stakeholder engagement based on best practices under the Convention, and based on stakeholder inputs.

Mandate 4: Recognize that there is a need for the SCF to improve some of its in-session and intersessional working modalities with the aim of further enhancing its efficiency and effectiveness, ensuring the inclusiveness and transparency of its proceedings (Dec. 8/CP.23, para 17)

- **Co-chairs proposal:** postpone this mandate to SCF 18

