

Virtual Technical Stakeholders Dialogue on the preparation of First Report on the Determination of the Needs of Developing Country Parties (2020)

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Background

The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), a constituted body under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, assists the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) in exercising its functions in relation to the Financial Mechanism.

For the first time, the SCF will prepare a report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement, for consideration by COP 26 and CMA 3.¹ In the preparation of the report, the COP requested the SCF to collaborate, as appropriate, with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the subsidiary and constituted bodies, multilateral and bilateral channels, and observer organizations.²

Scope of the first report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties

The first report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties will map available information and data on the needs of developing country Parties from a variety of sources, including national reports submitted to the UNFCCC as well as regional and global reports. In presenting the needs of developing country Parties, the report will characterize needs for finance, technology development and transfer and capacity-building by region, theme, sector and means of implementation across Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. Furthermore, the report will highlight processes and approaches utilized for the determination of needs of developing country Parties; underlying assumptions and methodologies, as well as challenges, gaps and opportunities in needs determination. The draft report has also benefited from informal expert meetings and webinars held in 2020 and 2021.³

Objectives

This technical stakeholders dialogue on the first report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties (2020) will bring together the SCF with external contributors and experts for an informal exchange on the latest developments in methodological issues relating to determining the needs of developing country Parties from national, regional and global reports and data availability and gaps on the needs of developing country Parties.

¹ Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 13.

² Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 14.

³ Information about the report preparation process, including technical activities can be viewed here:

<https://unfccc.int/topics/climate-finance/workstreams/needs-report>

Agenda

First Report on the Determination of Needs of Developing Country Parties	
13:30 – 14:15	<p>Introduction by the Standing Committee on Finance Co-Facilitators: mandates, objectives, scope, and expectations of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Zaheer Fakir• Mr. Mattias Frumerie <p>Overview of pre-final draft First NDR (2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter II – Overview of the needs of developing country Parties and their available information: Aidy Halimanjaya• Chapter III – Processes and approaches for determination of needs in developing country Parties: George Mwaniki• Chapter IV –Methodologies underlying assumptions used in determining the needs of developing country Parties: Sandra Guzmán• Exchange of views on challenges, opportunities and gaps in determining the needs of developing county Parties: Aidy Halimanjaya, George Mwaniki, Sandra Guzmán, Athena Ronquillo-Ballesteros <p>Brief Q&A following each chapter presentation</p>
14:15 – 15:00	<p>Open Discussion</p> <p>This discussion session is to invite feedback on the content, structure and narrative of the draft of the First NDR from technical experts and stakeholders as well as SCF members</p> <p><i>Guidance questions and areas for consideration:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What key trends do you consider important to be highlighted in the First NDR?• Available quantitative and qualitative information and lack thereof?• Imbalance of information available across countries (for some countries there is less information available)?• The evolving nature of needs (e.g. for different temperature scenarios)?• Different assumptions of financial needs based on economic modelling?• Varying time periods of financial information especially in BURs and NCs?• What are the important aspects to capture in relation to the national, regional and global levels to determine needs, as well as related to methodologies and processes that could be reflected in the report?• What are measures to overcome existing gaps in the availability of information on underlying assumptions, methodologies, approaches and processes?• Coverage of the challenges, opportunities, gaps and other topics in determining the needs of developing country Parties (Chapter 5)?• What are the gaps in knowledge and evidence on countries' determination of needs that could benefit from case studies?

Background material

Participants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the following background material:

- Outline of the 2020 report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties: At its 21st meeting, the SCF agreed on the general outline for the 2020 needs report which is viewable in Annex III in the annual report of the SCF to COP 25: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2019_10_cma2019_03_adv.pdf#page=17. The outline is also contained in the annex to this document.
- Background paper: In preparation of the 21st meeting of the SCF, the UNFCCC secretariat was requested to prepare a background paper on sources of information and methodologies and approaches for determining the needs of developing countries. This paper is available at: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/BPonSourcesOfInformationAndMethodologies.pdf>.
- Call for evidence: A call for evidence was issued by the SCF on 22 November 2019 to collect [information and data for the preparation of the 2020 Report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CallForEvidence2019.pdf). The submissions received in response to the call are accessible at: <https://unfccc.int/topics/climate-finance/workstreams/needs-report/repository-of-information-on-the-needs-of-developing-country-parties#eq-3>.
- Summary of Experts Meeting: The elaboration of the Needs Reports could also, where applicable, be informed by work in relation to the mandate requesting the secretariat to assist developing countries in assessing their needs.⁴ As part of this mandate, the UNFCCC secretariat, with the support of the Asian Development Bank and the Governments of the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Korea, convened an experts meeting on assessing and determining the needs of developing countries on 10-11 July 2019 in Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines to share experiences and lessons learned in assessing the needs of developing countries and translating these needs into action, including through the development of climate finance strategies. The summary of the meeting is available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/ExpertsMeeting_Summary.pdf.

Format

The meeting will be informal and interactive, with the objective to exchange policy and technical perspectives. There will be no formal output. The team working on the preparation of the First NDR (2020) will compile the inputs and gather the insights generated from the discussions for further consideration and follow-up with organizations/experts as necessary.

⁴ In decision 6/CP.23, paragraph 10, the COP requested the secretariat, in collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, United Nations agencies and bilateral, regional and other multilateral channels, to explore ways and means to assist developing country Parties in assessing their needs and priorities, in a country-driven manner, including technological and capacity-building needs, and in translating climate finance needs into action. In response to this mandate, the secretariat set up the Needs-Based Finance (NBF) project to assist interested developing countries in the assessment of needs and priorities and in translating climate finance needs into action.