



## **Background document on the 2019 workplan of the Standing Committee on Finance**

### **Twentieth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance Bonn, Germany, 21–22 March 2019**

#### *Expected actions by the Standing Committee on Finance*

The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be invited to consider the mandates and further guidance received at COP 24 with a view to agreeing on its workplan for 2019, including:

- a) The organization of its work for 2019, identification of co-facilitators/focal points, and composition of working groups;
- b) The consideration of new mandates from the Katowice conference;
- c) Its communication and outreach activities.

## **I. Possible actions for consideration by the SCF**

### **A. 2019 workplan and the distribution of work throughout 2019**

1. The COP, in decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 2, endorsed the workplan of the SCF for 2019.<sup>1</sup> In addition, further guidance was provided to the Committee in other relevant decisions at the Katowice conference. Annex II to this document identifies these tasks and activities, the relevant reference documents, and the timelines for these various areas of work as mandated by COP 24 and CMA 1, as well as from previous COP decisions.

2. The SCF may wish to consider the information on:

(a) The timeline and proposed approach for meetings and inter-sessional work of the SCF in 2019 as contained in annex I to this document;

(b) The tasks and activities, relevant reference documents, and timelines for the various areas of work as mandated by COP 24 and CMA 1, as well as from previous COP decisions as outlined in annex II to this document, including mandated and requested activities related to:

- (i) Information relevant to Article 2.1(c) of the Paris Agreement (paragraph 32);
- (ii) First report on the determination of needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement (paragraph 39);
- (iii) Support to enhance the capacity of developing country Parties in preparing, communicating and accounting for their nationally determined contributions (paragraph 40);
- (iv) Considering ways to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries, in the context of the limit to the increase in the global average temperature referred to in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement, as well as the technical work of the AC and the LEG

<sup>1</sup> As contained in document FCCC/CP/2018/8, annex VI.

on developing methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support (paragraphs 41–42);

(v) Inputs to the global stocktake (paragraph 53);

(vi) Timing of the second review of the SCF (paragraph 57);

(c) Any outreach and communication activities of the SCF in 2019, for example related to the Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows, the 2019 Forum, and a possible side event during the fiftieth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2019) in order to allow the SCF to inform Parties and other interested stakeholders of the status of the implementation of its work plan.

**Annex I: Timeline and proposed approach for meetings and inter-sessional work of the SCF in 2019**

20<sup>th</sup> meeting (21 to 22 March)

- Election of officers
- 2019 workplan
- 2020 Biennial Assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA)
- First report on determination of the needs of developing countries related to the implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement
- Draft guidance to the operating entities (OEs)
- MRV of support beyond the BA
- 2019 Forum
- Enhancing stakeholder engagement
- Linkages with the SBI and the constituted bodies of the Convention

Outcomes

- *Agreement on 2019 workplan, considering additional mandates from COP 24*
- *Topic, scope, venue, outreach activities of the Forum, guidance for inter-sessional work and decision making*
- *Initiation of work on implementation of work plan for MRV of support / on 2020 BA, guidance for inter-sessional work*
- *Guidance for work on provision of draft guidance, including inter-sessional work*
- *Agreement on approach to issue of linkages*

Retreat:

- 2019 workplan
- COP 24 mandates
- Election of officers

Inter-sessional work:

- Forum (logistics and substantive work)
- BA/MRV of support
- Needs
- Guidance to the OEs
- Linkages
- Side event at SB 50
- Outreach / communications activities

21<sup>st</sup> meeting (10 to 13 September (dates TBC))

- Report on the 2019 Forum
- Topic of the next Forum
- 2020 BA
- First report on determination of the needs of developing countries related to the implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement
- Draft guidance to the OEs
- MRV of support beyond the BA
- Review of the functions of the SCF
- SCF report to COP 25
- Linkages with the SBI and the constituted bodies of the Convention

Outcomes

- *Agreement on the SCF report, including SCF 2020 work plan / procedure for finalization of report*
- *Finalization of the 2019 Forum report*
- *Agreement on outline for the 2020 BA, related recommendations*
- *Workplan for MRV of support, related recommendations*
- *Draft guidance to the OEs, related recommendations*
- *Agreement on theme for next Forum, related recommendations*
- *Agreement on recommendations for a timeline for the second review of the functions of the SCF*
- *Agreement on linkages related activities*

Inter-sessional work:

- COP report
- Linkages
- Outreach / communications activities

25<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of Parties, COP 25

## Annex II

### Mandated activities of the Standing Committee on Finance

Mandated SCF activity	Background and Reference Documents	SCF Outputs/Deliverables 2019	Timeline for SCF work including inter-sessional work	Submissions by Parties and others	Expected SCF inputs to SB50/51, COP 25, other
<b>FORUM</b>					
<p>1. Organize a forum for the communication and exchange of information among bodies and entities dealing with climate change finance in order to promote linkages and coherence;</p> <p>2. SCF to conclude its deliberations on the topic of its next forum at the latest at its first meeting in 2018;</p> <p>3. SCF to ensure the value added of its forum when deciding on the topic of each forum, to provide clear recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate, regarding follow-up actions on the forum, and to enhance the dissemination, use and ownership of the accumulated knowledge and expertise gathered at the forum;</p> <p>4. SCF to further strengthen its stakeholder engagement.</p>	<p>1. Decision 2/CP.17, para 121(a)</p> <p>2. Decision 7/CP.23, para. 9</p> <p>3. Decision 8/CP.23, para. 12</p> <p>4. Decision 8/CP.23, para. 14</p>	<p>2019 in-person Forum</p> <p>Report on the Forum</p>	<p>Inter-sessionally: Agreement on topic/venue/scope/programme/concept note, etc;</p> <p>SCF 20: Agreement on programme of the Forum, guidance for finalization of preparations;</p> <p>SCF 20: Deliberations on enhancement of the dissemination, use and ownership of the accumulated knowledge and expertise gathered at the forum, and strengthening of stakeholder engagement.</p>	tbd	<p>Report on the forum to be included in the SCF report to the COP 25</p> <p>Recommendations to COP 25 as appropriate</p>
<b>LINKAGES WITH SBI AND THE THEMATIC BODIES OF THE CONVENTION</b>					
<p>5. SCF to maintain linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention;</p> <p>6. SCF to further enhance its linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention;</p>	<p>5. Decision 2/CP.17, para. 121(b)</p> <p>6. Decision 7/CP.19, para.10</p> <p>7. Decision 6/CP.20, para.5</p>	<p>Meetings/interaction of the focal points/Co-Chairs with other bodies/working groups/task forces</p>	<p>SCF 20: Deliberations on further refining its approach to maintaining linkages with the subsidiary and constituted bodies; appointment of focal points;</p>	n.a.	<p>Outcomes of the meetings and interactions with other bodies to be included in the SCF report to COP 25, information on focal points</p>

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<p>7. Invitation to the SCF to further strengthen its engagement with all relevant stakeholders and bodies of the Convention;</p> <p>8. SCF to continue to provide information on appointment of focal points to liaise with other constituted bodies;</p> <p>9. SCF to further refine its approach to maintaining linkages with the subsidiary and constituted bodies according to resources available and in the context of its existing working modalities;</p>	<p>8. Decision 7/CP.23, para. 11</p> <p>9. Decision 8/CP.23, para. 11</p>	<p>(TEC, AC, ExCom, etc.)</p>			<p>Recommendations to COP 25 as appropriate</p>
<p>10. One of the Co-Chairs or a member designated by the Co-Chairs to represent the SCF in order to become a member of CTCN-AB;</p>	<p>10. Modalities and procedures of the Climate Technology Centre and Network and its Advisory Board Decision 25/CP.19, Annex II, para.3(e)</p>	<p>Participation in the CTCN-AB as a SCF representative</p>	<p>SCF 20: Nomination of SCF representative(s)/focal point(s)</p>	<p>n.a.</p>	<p>Participation in meetings Information on engagement to be included in the SCF report to COP 25</p>
<p>11. A member to represent the SCF in order to participate in the AC's task force on NAPs;</p>	<p>11. Work of the Adaptation Committee Decision 16/CP.19, para.1(d)</p>	<p>Participation in the AC task force on NAPs</p>	<p>SCF 20: Nomination of SCF representative(s)/focal point(s)</p>	<p>n.a.</p>	<p>Participation in meetings Information on engagement to be included in the SCF report to COP 25</p>
<p>12. COP 21 launched a technical examination process on adaptation (TEP-A) (2016–2020): will endeavor to identify concrete opportunities for strengthening resilience, reducing vulnerabilities and increasing the understanding and implementation of adaptation actions;</p>	<p>12. Decision 1/CP.21, paras. 124 to 131; decision 5/CP.22, para. 6</p> <p>13. Report of AC to COP 22: AC/2016/22, para. 9: Terms of reference for the AC working group on the TEP-A</p> <p>14. Decision 13/CP.23, para. 6 (Assessment of</p>	<p>Participation in the AC task force on working group on the TEP-A as a SCF representative</p>	<p>SCF 20: Nomination of SCF representative(s)/focal point(s)</p>	<p>n.a.</p>	<p>As appropriate Information on engagement to be included in the SCF report to COP 25</p>

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<p>13. One representative of SCF to participate in AC working group on the TEP-A;</p> <p>14. Constituted bodies invited to enhance their engagement in the technical examination processes;</p>	<p>the technical examination processes on mitigation and adaptation)</p>				
<p>15. Six representatives from bodies established under the Convention and from the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism will be invited to participate in all the meetings of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) in line with the annual theme of the Committee, for a term of one year; PCCB may invite other bodies established under the Convention and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention to identify representatives to collaborate, as appropriate, on specific activities related to its work;</p> <p>16. SBI agreed that one representative(s) of the SCF will be invited to participate in the first meeting of the PCCB, which will be held in conjunction with SBI 46 (May 2017);</p> <p>SBI agreed that in 2017 the first focus area or theme for the PCCB will be on capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of the Paris Agreement;</p>	<p>15. Decision 2/CP.22, annex, paras. 3, 13, 5(d)</p> <p>16. SBI Conclusion: Paris Committee on Capacity-building FCCC/SBI/2016/L.34, paras. 1 and 2</p> <p>17. Decision 16/CP.23, para. 8 (Annual technical progress report of the PCCB; and document FCCC/SBI/2017/11, annex III, in particular paragraphs 60 and 61)</p>	<p>Participation in third meeting of the PCCB</p>	<p>SCF 20: Nomination of SCF representative(s)/focal point(s)</p>	<p>n.a.</p>	<p>Participation in meetings</p> <p>Information on engagement to be included in the SCF report to COP 25</p>

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17. PCCB agreed to continue its 2017 focus area or theme of capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of the Paris Agreement in 2018;					
<b>DRAFT GUIDANCE TO GEF/GCF</b>					
18. SCF to provide draft guidance to the OEs of the FM, with a view to improving consistency and practicality of such guidance, taking into account annual reports and submissions from Parties; 19. COP 20 endorsed the recommendations on the provision of guidance to the operating entities provided in para. 10 of the report of the SCF to COP 20 (FCCC/CP/2014/5): compilation and analysis of past guidance, collaboration between the SCF and the thematic bodies, and complementarity between the operating entities and the funds they administer (see review of FM below); 20. SCF to take into consideration the submissions by Parties when providing guidance to the GEF and the GCF for consideration by the COP; 21. SCF to take into consideration the submissions referred to in	18. Decision 2/CP.17, para. 121 (c) / Decision 9/CP.18, para.9  19. Decision 6/CP.20, paras. 19  20. Decision 10/CP.22, para. 15 / Decision 11/CP.22, para. 21  And decision 5/CP.24, para 10, decision 6/CP.24, para 20  21. Decision 10/CP.23, para 15, decision 9/CP.23, para. 20  Reports of the GEF and of the GCF to be produced for COP24 SCF background documents prepared for previous SCF meetings / compilation and	SCF draft guidance to the OEs of the FM to be contained in the SCF report to COP 25 Updated compilation and analysis of past guidance provided to the operating entities; SCF recommendations based on compilation and analysis of past guidance to be contained in the SCF report to COP 24 as appropriate SCF engagement with the GCF on the operational framework for complementarity	SCF 20: Consideration of: - Approach to provision of draft guidance to the operating entities; - Updated compilation and synthesis of past guidance; - Further engagement with the GCF on the operational framework for complementarity and coherence between the GCF and other institutions SCF 21: Finalization of work on draft guidance to the OEs to COP 25 and CMA 2; <i>Intersessional</i> technical work by a working group of the SCF co-facilitators and working group including engagement at the AC and the TEC meetings, as appropriate;	Submissions by Parties 10 weeks prior to COP 25 on views and recommendations on elements to be taken into account in guidance to the GEF and the GCF Submissions by SCF members Inputs to the SCF by the AC, TEC etc.	Recommendations to be included in report of the SCF to COP 25 and CMA 2, as appropriate, including draft decisions containing draft guidance to the GEF and the GCF Information, inter alia, on engagement with the GCF on the operational framework for complementarity and coherence between the GCF and other institutions

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<p>decision 10/CP.23, para 14 / decision 9/CP.23, para 19 when providing its draft guidance for the GEF/GCF for consideration by the COP;</p> <p>SCF deliberations on the compilation and analysis of past guidance to the operating entities and a draft set of core guidance to the operating entities (FCCC/CP/2017/9, paras. 21 to 23);</p> <p>22. SCF to prepare draft guidance for the entities entrusted with the operation of the Financial Mechanism, and on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Fund, for consideration and adoption by CMA 2 (Nov 2019);</p>	<p>analysis of past guidance provided to the operating entities</p> <p>Submissions by SCF members and Parties</p> <p>Inputs from other bodies under the Convention such as AC, TEC, etc.</p> <p>22. Decision 3/CMA.1, para 8</p>	<p>and coherence between the GCF and other institutions as appropriate</p>			
<b>FOURTH BIENNIAL ASSESSMENT AND OVERVIEW OF CLIMATE FINANCE FLOWS</b>					
<p>23. SCF to prepare a biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA), to include information on the geographical and thematic balance of such flows;</p> <p>24. SCF to consider relevant work by other bodies and entities on MRV of support and the tracking of climate finance;</p> <p>25. SCF to consider ways of strengthening methodologies for reporting climate finance;</p> <p>26. SCF to consider ongoing technical work on operational definitions of climate finance, to assess how adaptation and</p>	<p>23. Decision 2/CP.17, para. 121(f)</p> <p>24. Decision 1/CP.18, para. 71</p> <p>25. Decision 5/CP.18, para. 11</p> <p>26. Decision 3/CP.19, para. 11</p> <p>27. Decision 6/CP.20, para. 11</p> <p>28. Decision 9/CP.21, para. 13</p> <p>29. Decision 8/CP.22, para. 3</p> <p>30. Decision 7/CP.23, para. 6</p>	<p>Fourth BA, to be prepared before COP 26</p>	<p>SCF 20: Agreement on the outline for fourth BA to be included in its report to COP 25;</p> <p><i>Inter-sessional</i> technical work by the working group of the SCF.</p>	<p>Relevant information contained in national reports, including, inter alia, the National Communications, Biennial Reports and Biennial Update Reports submitted under the Convention in the period 2016–2020</p>	<p>Summary and recommendations on the fourth BA to be included in its report to COP 26</p>



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<p>mitigation needs can most effectively be met by climate finance and to include the results in its report to the COP;</p> <p>27. In the context of its ongoing work, including the preparation of the BA, 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;</p> <p>28. SCF to take into account the enhanced information provided by Annex II Parties referred to in decision 11/CP.21, para 6, in its BA;</p> <p>29. COP noted the 2016 BA while particularly welcoming the summary and recommendations by the SCF as contained in the annex to decision 8/CP.22 (e.g. 37(f) Request the SCF in preparing future BAs to assess available information on investment needs and plans related to Parties' nationally determined contributions and national adaptation plans);</p> <p>30. COP noted the outcome of discussions on the 2018 BA, including the outline of the technical report and the summary and recommendations on the 2018 BA, as well as an indicative timeline;</p>	<p>31. Decision 8/CP.23, para 14</p> <p>32. Decision 4/CP.24, para 4, 5, 10</p>				

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<p>31. SCF to further strengthen its stakeholder engagement;</p> <p>32. COP encouraged the SCF to take into account the best available science in future biennial assessment and overviews of climate finance flows;</p> <p>It requested the SCF to use in the BA the established terminology in the provisions of the Convention and the Paris Agreement in relation to climate finance, where applicable;</p> <p>It requested the SCF to map, every four years, as part of its BA, the available information relevant to Article 2, paragraph 1 (c) of the Paris Agreement, including its reference to Article 9, thereof.</p>					
<b>MRV BEYOND THE BA</b>					
<p>33. SCF to consider ways to increase its work on the MRV of support beyond the BA;</p> <p>34. SCF, as part of its ongoing work on MRV of support, and with a view to recommending improvements to the methodologies for reporting financial information, to consider the findings and recommendations of the BA in its annual report to COP 21; SCF, in the context of its ongoing work, including the preparation of the BA, to further explore how it can enhance its work on the MRV of support,</p>	<p>33. Decision 7/CP.19, para. 9</p> <p>34. Decision 6/CP.20, paras. 10 and 11</p> <p>35. Decision 6/CP.21, para. 4</p> <p>36. Decision 9/CP.21, paras. 11 and 14</p> <p>37. Decision 8/CP.22, para. 5</p> <p>38. Decision -/CP.23, paras 7–8</p> <p>Report of the SCF to COP 21 – Workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA 2016–2017</p>	<p>Implementation of workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA</p> <p>Recommendations to be contained in the SCF report to COP 25 as appropriate</p>	<p>SCF 20: Agreement on approach to implementation of workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA</p> <p>SCF 21: Agreement on information to be included in report /recommendations to COP 25 as appropriate</p> <p><i>Inter-sessional</i> work by a working group of the SCF</p>	<p>Views on methodologies for the reporting of financial information referred to in decision 2/CP.17, para 19 (FCCC/SBSTA/2015/MISC.3 and Add.1)</p> <p>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 Paris Agreement (FCCC/SBSTA/2016/MISC.3)</p> <p>Views regarding modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for</p>	<p>Information on progress made in the implementation of its extended workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA to be included in report of the SCF to COP 25</p> <p>Recommendations to be included in report of the SCF to COP 25 as appropriate</p>

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<p>based on best available information on the mobilization of various resources, including private and alternative resources, through public interventions;</p> <p>35. (33) SCF, in implementing its workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA, to continue to engage with relevant bodies under the Convention, multilateral and bilateral agencies, and international institutions;</p> <p>36. SCF to take into account the work on the methodologies for the reporting of financial information by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention in the context of its workplan on MRV of support; SCF to be informed by exploration by secretariat of ways to create links to other reporting software and platforms to facilitate the importation and exportation of activity-level data, in the consideration of its workplan on MRV of support;</p> <p>37. SCF, in fulfilling its function on MRV of support, and in the context of its existing workplan, to cooperate with relevant stakeholders and experts and to consider ongoing work under the Convention and further action envisaged under the Paris Agreement;</p>	<p>(FCCC/CP/2015/8, annex VII)</p> <p>2014 and 2016 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows</p> <p>Technical paper summarizing existing international methodologies (FCCC/TP/2015/2)</p> <p>Summary of the joint in-session technical workshop referred to in para 4 of decision 11/CP.20</p> <p>On-going work under APA, particularly agenda item 5 (modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement)</p> <p>On-going work under SBSTA on modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, para.7 of the Paris Agreement</p>			<p>action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement (FCCC/APA/2016/INF.3 and Add.1 and 2).</p>	

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<p>38. SCF to enhance its work on MRV of support beyond the biennial assessment, acknowledging the progress made by the SCF and noting the need to avoid duplication of ongoing work under SBSTA and APA;</p> <p>SCF, in fulfilling its function with regard to MRV of support, and in the context of its extended workplan, to continue its cooperation with relevant stakeholders and experts;</p>					
<b>NEEDS</b>					
<p>39. SCF requested to prepare, every four years, a report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and Paris Agreement, for consideration by the COP, starting at COP 26 (Nov 2020), and the CMA, starting at CMA 3 (Nov 2020)</p>	<p>39. Decision 4/CP.24, para 13</p>		<p>SCF 20: Deliberation on the preparation of the first report</p>		<p>Information to be included in the report of the SCF to COP 25</p>
<b>MITIGATION</b>					
<p>40. Encourages the relevant operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and constituted bodies under the Convention serving as the Paris Agreement to continue to provide, within their mandates, support for capacity-building as referred to in para above (para above: Reaffirms and underscores that,</p>	<p>40. Decision 4/CMA.1, para 2</p>	<p>As appropriate</p>	<p>SCF 20: Consider in the context of its deliberations on the 2019 workplan</p>	<p>As appropriate</p>	<p>As appropriate</p>

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in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 5 of the Paris Agreement, support shall be provided to developing country Parties for the implementation of Article 4 of the Paris Agreement, including to continue to enhance the capacity of developing country Parties in preparing, communicating and accounting for their nationally determined contributions)					
<b>ADAPTATION</b>					
41. In line with its mandate, and in collaboration with the TEC and the PCCB, consider, taking into account the recommendations of the AC and the LEG, as well as relevant submissions from Parties and observer organizations, ways to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries, in the context of the limit to the increase in the global average temperature referred to in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement, and to include recommendations in the SCF annual report;	41. Decision 11/CMA.1, para 21	Information for the Report to COP 25	SCF 20: Consider in the context of its deliberations on the 2019 workplan	As appropriate	Information for the Report to COP 25, as appropriate
42. Invites the AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the SCF, and relevant experts, to contribute to the technical work on developing methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support, by continuing to compile existing methodologies for reviewing the	42. Decision 11/CMA.1, para 35	TBC	TBC	TBC	As appropriate

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adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support;					
<b>LOSS AND DAMAGE</b>					
<p>43. Constituted bodies invited to, as appropriate, as those bodies undertake their work, to continue or to initiate, as appropriate, the integration of efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on;</p> <p>44. Reiteration of invitation as outlined in (42) above;</p> <p>45. Executive Committee encouraged to collaborate with other bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement within the scope of their respective mandates and to continue considering ways for facilitating the mobilization and securing of expertise, and enhancement of support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, including its work on enhancing action and support, and when considering the composition and mandates of its expert groups and those it may establish;</p> <p>46. COP encouraged the SCF to provide input to the technical paper of the Executive</p>	<p>43. Decision 3/CP.22, para. 8</p> <p>44. Decision 5/CP.23, para 14 (Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts)</p> <p>45. Decision 5/CP.23, para 20</p> <p>46. Decision 4/CP.24, para 11</p>	<p>Continue its consideration of how to include financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage in its work related to the BA;</p> <p>Continue exchanging information and following up developments with the Executive Committee on matters relating to financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage as appropriate;</p> <p>Enhance the dissemination of the outcomes of the 2017 forum through outreach activities and products</p>	<p>SCF 20: In the context of deliberations on 2019 workplan:</p> <p>- Integration in SCF work of efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on as appropriate;</p> <p>SCF 20: to agree on and/or note of the information provided to the ExCom on loss and damage</p>	n.a.	<p>Recommendations to COP 25 as appropriate</p> <p>Information to be included in the report of the SCF to COP 25</p>

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Committee on the sources of financial support					
<b>CAPACITY-BUILDING UNDER THE CONVENTION</b>					
47. Invites representatives of the relevant bodies established under the Convention, OEs of the FM, [...] to integrate into their work programmes and activities the lessons learned at, and the main outcomes of the meetings of the Durban Forum;	47. Agenda and Report of the Durban Forum on Capacity-Building Decision 14/CP.21, para. 8	As appropriate	As appropriate	n.a.	As appropriate
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
48. SBSTA and SBI to jointly address issues related to agriculture, including through workshops and expert meetings, working with constituted bodies under the Convention and taking into consideration the vulnerabilities of agriculture to climate change and approaches to address food security;	48. Decision 4/CP.23, para 1	tbd	tbd	n.a.	tbd
<b>GENDER AND CLIMATE CHANGE</b>					
49. Constituted bodies requested to include in their regular reports information on progress made towards integrating a gender perspective in their processes according to the entry points identified in the technical paper referred to in para. 13 of decision 21/CP.22 (to be considered by SBI 48 (April–May 2018)); 50. Parties, members of constituted bodies (...) invited	49. Decision 21/CP.22, paras. 13–14, 28 50. Decision 3/CP.23, para 2 (Establishment of a gender action plan) 51. Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 4 D.1 (Establishment of a gender action plan) 52. Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 4 D.3 (Establishment of a gender action plan)	Provision of information on progress made towards integrating a gender perspective Dialogue on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work;	SCF 20: Deliberation on the Dialogue on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action;	n.a.	Report of the SCF to COP 25 Dialogue on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action (2019)

Mandated SCF activity	Background and Reference Documents	SCF Outputs/Deliverables 2019	Timeline for SCF work including inter-sessional work	Submissions by Parties and others	Expected SCF inputs to SB50/51, COP 25, other
<p>to participate and engage in implementing the gender action plan, with a view to advancing towards the goal of mainstreaming a gender perspective into all elements of climate action;</p> <p>51. SCF invited to host a dialogue on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action;</p> <p>52. Parties, United Nations entities, the Financial Mechanism and other stakeholders to strengthen the capacity of gender mechanisms, including for parliamentarians, the International Parliamentary Union, commissions, funding ministries, non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations, for the integration of gender-responsive budgeting into climate finance, access and delivery through training, expert workshops, technical papers and tools (2018);</p>					



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<b>GLOBAL STOCKTAKE (ARTICLE 14 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT)</b>					
<p>53. Relevant constituted bodies and forums and other institutional arrangements under or serving the Paris Agreement and/or the Convention to prepare for the technical assessment, with the assistance of the secretariat, synthesis reports on the information identified in para below in their areas of expertise (Currently the constituted bodies and forums include the Standing Committee on Finance)</p> <p>The technical dialogue will be open, inclusive, transparent and facilitative, and will allow Parties to engage and discuss with the constituted bodies and forums and other institutional arrangements under or serving the Paris Agreement and/or Convention and experts and consider inputs and assess the collective efforts</p> <p>The sources of input for the global stocktake will consider information at a collective level on: (d) The finance flows, including the information referred to in Article 2, paragraph 1(c), and means of implementation and support</p>	<p>53. Decision 19/CMA.1, paras 24, 30, 36, 37</p>	<p>As appropriate</p>	<p>As appropriate</p>	<p>n.a.</p>	<p>As appropriate</p>

Mandated SCF activity	Background and Reference Documents	SCF Outputs/ Deliverables 2019	Timeline for SCF work including inter- sessional work	Submissions by Parties and others	Expected SCF inputs to SB50/51, COP 25, other
<p>and mobilization and provision of support, including the information referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 4 and 6, Article 10, paragraph 6, Article 11, paragraph 3, and Article 13, in particular paragraphs 9 and 10, of the Paris Agreement. This should include information from the latest biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows of the SCF, (f) Barriers and challenges, including finance, technology and capacity-building gaps faced by developing countries</p> <p>The sources of input for the GST include: reports from relevant constituted bodies and forums and other institutional arrangements under or serving the Paris Agreement and/or the Convention</p>					
<b>ADOPTION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT DECISION 1/CP.21</b>					
54. SCF shall serve the Paris Agreement in line with its functions and responsibilities established under the COP; Encourages SCF to prioritize specific areas of work in the light of its workload in a given year and emphasizes the need to continue to enhance all the functions of the SCF,	54. Decision 1/CP.21, para 63	As appropriate	As appropriate	n.a.	As appropriate

Mandated SCF activity	Background and Reference Documents	SCF Outputs/Deliverables 2019	Timeline for SCF work including inter-sessional work	Submissions by Parties and others	Expected SCF inputs to SB50/51, COP 25, other
including to take into consideration its mandate to serve the Paris Agreement in line with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 63;					
55. COP 21 resolves to strengthen, in the period 2016–2020, the existing technical examination process on mitigation as defined in decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 5(a), and decision 1/CP.20, paragraph 19, taking into account the latest scientific knowledge, including by:  Encouraging Parties, Convention bodies and international organizations to engage in this process, including, as appropriate, in cooperation with relevant non-Party stakeholders, to share their experiences and suggestions, including from regional events, and to cooperate in facilitating the implementation of policies, practices and actions identified during this process in accordance with national sustainable development priorities;	55. Decision 1/CP.21, para 109	As appropriate	As appropriate	n.a.	As appropriate
<b>SEVENTH REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM (IN 2021)</b>					
56. SCF to provide expert input to the seventh review of the Financial Mechanism in 2021 with a view to the review being completed by COP 27 (November 2021).	56. Decision 11/CP.23, para. 5 (Sixth review of the Financial Mechanism)	Expert input	2021	tbd	Expert input to COP 27

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<b>SECOND REVIEW OF THE SCF</b>					
57. COP decides to agree on the timeline for the second review of the functions of the SCF at COP 25 at the latest	57. Decision 8/CP.23, para 19		SCF 20/21: agree on recommendations to the COP on the timelines for the second review of the functions of the SCF		Recommendations to COP 25
<b>REPORT TO COP</b>					
58. SCF shall meet at least twice a year and submit a report to the COP; 59. 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; 60. Encourages SCF to prioritize specific areas of work in the light of its workload in a given year and emphasizes the need to continue to enhance all the functions of the SCF, including to take into consideration its mandate to serve the Paris Agreement in line with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 63; 61. COP recognized 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;	58. Decision 8/CP.22, para. 11, decision 7/CP.23, para 13 59. Decision 8/CP.23, para. 6 60. Decision 8/CP.23, para. 8 61. Decision 8/CP.23, para. 17	Report to COP 25	SCF 21: agree on its report / approach to finalization of the report	n.a.	Report of the SCF to COP 25

## Annex III

### Workplan of the Standing Committee on Finance for 2019

[English only]

<i>Activities</i>	<i>Outcomes/results</i>	<i>Time frame</i>
<b>1. Mandated activities of the SCF as per decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121</b>		
<b>(a) 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</b>	2019 SCF Forum on climate finance and sustainable cities	Mid-2019, pending the adoption of the date and venue by the SCF  Ongoing activities of the virtual forum
	Continuous updating and implementation of the SCF communication strategy	Ongoing
	Established linkages and continued exchange with bodies and entities dealing with climate finance, under and outside the Convention	2019 SCF Forum Ongoing outreach activities of the virtual forum
Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 70: Implement the work programme of the SCF, including the creation of a climate finance forum that will enable all Parties and stakeholders to, inter alia, exchange ideas on scaling up climate finance	See 1(a) above	
Decision 5/CP.18, paragraph 4: Facilitate the participation of the private sector, financial institutions and academia in the forum	See 1(a) above	
Decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 12: Ensure the value added of its forum when deciding on the topic of each forum; provide clear recommendations to the COP, as appropriate, regarding follow-up actions on the forum, and enhance the dissemination, use and ownership of the accumulated knowledge and expertise gathered at the forum	Continuous updating and implementation of the SCF communication strategy	Ongoing
	Established linkages and continued exchange with bodies and entities dealing with climate finance, under and outside the Convention	
<b>(b) Maintain linkages with the SBI and the constituted bodies under the Convention</b>	Co-Chairs of the SCF inform presiding officers of the constituted bodies under the Convention about the activities of the SCF and establish working relationships	2019

<i>Activities</i>	<i>Outcomes/results</i>	<i>Time frame</i>
	Continuous updating and implementation of the SCF communication strategy	Ongoing
	Enhanced linkages with the SBI and the constituted bodies under the Convention	Ongoing
Decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 11: Further refine its approach to maintaining linkages with the subsidiary and constituted bodies according to resources available and in the context of its existing working modalities	Enhanced linkages with the SBI and the constituted bodies under the Convention	Ongoing
	Continuous updating and implementation of the SCF communication strategy	
<b>(c) Provide to the COP draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention with a view to improving the consistency and practicality of such guidance, taking into account the annual reports of the operating entities and relevant submissions from Parties</b>	Draft guidance provided to the COP	COP 25 (November 2019)
Decision 3/CMA.1, paragraph 8: Prepare draft guidance for the entities entrusted with the operation of the Financial Mechanism, and on the LDCF and the SCCF, for consideration of CMA 2		COP 25 (November 2019)
<b>(d) Make recommendations on how to improve the coherence, effectiveness and efficiency of the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism</b>	Recommendations provided to the COP, as appropriate	Sessions of the COP
Functions of the SCF as per decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 112: Rationalize the Financial Mechanism, including the undertaking of analyses and information exchanges	Recommendations provided to the COP, as appropriate	Sessions of the COP
	Exchanges through the Forum, as appropriate	Ongoing
<b>(e) Provide expert input, including through independent reviews and assessments, to the preparation and conduct of the periodic reviews of the Financial Mechanism by the COP</b>	Work on expert input to the seventh review of the Financial Mechanism (COP 27 (November 2021))	2021
<b>(f) Prepare a biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, to include information on the geographical and thematic balances of such flows</b>	Initiate technical work for the fourth biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, including development of a general outline, data collection and engagement with climate finance data producers and aggregators	2019 Outcome at COP 25
Decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 11: In the context of the preparation of its biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, consider ongoing technical work on operational definitions of climate finance, including private finance mobilized by public interventions, to assess how adaptation and mitigation needs can most	See 1(f) above	

<i>Activities</i>	<i>Outcomes/results</i>	<i>Time frame</i>
effectively be met by climate finance, and include the results in its annual report to the COP		
Decision 9/CP.21, paragraph 13: Take into account the enhanced information provided by Parties included in Annex II to the Convention referred to in paragraph 6 of decision 9/CP.21 in its biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows	See 1(f) above	2019 COP 25
Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 5: Use the established terminology in the provisions of the Convention and the Paris Agreement in relation to climate finance, where applicable		Outcome at COP 25
Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 10: Map, every four years, as part of the BA, the available information relevant to Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement, including its reference to Article 9 thereof		
Decision 19/CMA.1, paragraph 24: prepare synthesis reports for the technical assessment of the global stocktake		Ongoing
<b>2. Additional SCF mandates: general</b>		
Functions of the SCF as per decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 112: Any other functions that may be assigned to the SCF by the COP		
Functions of the SCF as per decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 112: Improve coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, including the undertaking of analyses and information exchanges	Recommendations provided to the COP, as appropriate	Sessions of the COP
	Exchanges through the Forum, as appropriate	Ongoing
Functions of the SCF as per decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 112: Mobilize financial resources, including the undertaking of analyses and information exchanges	Recommendations provided to the COP, as appropriate	Sessions of the COP
	Exchanges through the Forum, as appropriate	Ongoing
Decision 7/CP.19, paragraph 9: Consider ways to increase its work on the measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows	Implementation of the extended workplan on the measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows	Ongoing
	Recommendations provided to the COP, as appropriate	COP 25
Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 63: Serve the Paris Agreement in line with its functions and responsibilities established under the COP		Ongoing

<i>Activities</i>	<i>Outcomes/results</i>	<i>Time frame</i>
Decision 6/CP.21, paragraph 2: Continue to strengthen its engagement with all relevant stakeholders and bodies under the Convention	Continuous updating and implementation of the SCF communication strategy	Ongoing
	Enhanced linkages with the SBI and the constituted bodies under the Convention	Ongoing
Decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 6: 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	Continuous updating and implementation of the SCF communication strategy	Ongoing
Decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 14: Further strengthen its stakeholder engagement	Enhanced stakeholder engagement	Ongoing
<b>3. Additional mandates: needs</b>		
Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 13: SCF to prepare, every four years, a report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement, for consideration by the COP, starting at its twenty-sixth session (Nov 2020), and the CMA, starting at its third session (Nov 2020)		Ongoing
Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 14: To collaborate, as appropriate, with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the subsidiary and constituted bodies, multilateral and bilateral channels, and observer organizations		Ongoing
<b>4. Additional mandates: measurement, reporting and verification</b>		
As per decision 6/CP.20, paragraph 11: In the context of its ongoing work, including the preparation of the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, further explore how it can enhance its work on the measurement, reporting and verification of support, based on the best available information on the mobilization of various resources, through public interventions	Implementation of the extended workplan on the measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows	Ongoing
Decision 6/CP.21, paragraph 4: In implementing its workplan on the measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, continue to engage with relevant bodies under the Convention, multilateral and bilateral agencies, and international institutions	Implementation of the extended workplan on the measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows	Ongoing
Decision 9/CP.21, paragraph 14: Take into account the work on the methodologies for the reporting of financial information by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention in the context of its workplan on the measurement, reporting and verification of support	Implementation of the extended workplan on the measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows	Ongoing
Decision 8/CP.22, paragraph 5: In fulfilling its function on the measurement, reporting and verification of support, and in the context of its existing workplan,	Implementation of the extended workplan on the measurement, reporting and	Ongoing



<i>Activities</i>	<i>Outcomes/results</i>	<i>Time frame</i>
cooperate with relevant stakeholders and experts and consider ongoing work under the Convention and further action envisaged under the Paris Agreement	verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows	
Decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 7: Enhance work on the measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment, acknowledging the progress made by the SCF and noting the need to avoid duplication of ongoing work under the SBSTA and the APA	Implementation of the extended workplan on the measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows	Ongoing
Decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 8: Continue cooperation with relevant stakeholders and experts in fulfilling its function with regard to the measurement, reporting and verification of support, and in the context of the extended workplan	Implementation of the extended workplan on the measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows	Ongoing
Functions of the SCF as per decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 112: Measurement, reporting and verification of the support provided to developing country Parties, including the undertaking of analyses and information exchanges	Recommendations provided to the COP, as appropriate	Sessions of the COP
	Exchanges through the Forum, as appropriate	Ongoing
<b>6. Additional mandates: adaptation</b>		
Decision 11/CMA.1, paragraph 21: In line with the SCF mandate, and in collaboration with the TEC and the PCCB, consider, taking into account the recommendations of the AC and the LEG, as well as relevant submissions from Parties and observer organizations, ways to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries, in the context of the limit to the increase in the global average temperature referred to in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement, and to include recommendations in its annual report		2019
Decision 11/CMA.1, paragraph 34: To contribute to the technical work of the AC and the LEG on developing methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support		Ongoing
<b>7. Additional SCF mandates: loss and damage</b>		
Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 11: Encourages the SCF to provide input to the technical paper of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts on the sources of financial support	Input to the technical paper	2019

<i>Activities</i>	<i>Outcomes/results</i>	<i>Time frame</i>
<b>8. Additional SCF mandates: gender</b>		
Decision 21/CP.22, paragraph 14: All constituted bodies under the UNFCCC process to include in their regular reports information on progress made towards integrating a gender perspective into their processes according to the entry points identified in the technical paper referred to in paragraph 13 of decision 21/CP.22	Integration of a gender perspective into its processes according to the entry points identified in the technical paper	Ongoing
Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 3, activity C.2: The secretariat to provide capacity-building to chairs and members of the UNFCCC constituted bodies and technical teams of the secretariat on how to integrate gender considerations into their respective areas of work and on meeting the goal of gender balance	Organization of a session by the secretariat (e.g. in a format such as a technical segment, possible strategy meeting or webinar)	Ongoing
Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 4, activity D.1: Host a dialogue on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action	Integration of gender as a cross-cutting sub-theme in the 2019 SCF Forum as well as the further discussions related to the integration of gender considerations into the work of the SCF, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance	Ongoing
Any other functions that may be assigned to the SCF by the COP		

*Notes:* Workplan listed by core mandates followed by mandates according to key areas of work. All activities of the SCF as outlined in this table are subject to the availability of financial resources; when providing additional mandated activities to the SCF, the COP may wish to take this into consideration, as well as the need for further streamlining and rationalization of the work to be conducted by the SCF in the light of capacity constraints induced by the large array of mandates provided to the SCF.

*Abbreviations:* AC = Adaptation Committee, APA = Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement, COP = Conference of the Parties, LEG = Least Developed Countries Expert Group, SBI = Subsidiary Body for Implementation, SBSTA = Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, SCF = Standing Committee on Finance.