



Standing Committee on Finance

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Background paper on the first report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement

Expected actions by the Standing Committee on Finance

The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be invited to finalize

- a) The first report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement (NDR); and
- b) The executive summary by the SCF.

I. Possible actions for consideration by the Standing Committee on Finance

1. The SCF may wish to finalize:
 - (a) The first report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement; and
 - (b) The executive summary by the SCF.
2. Additionally, the SCF may wish to consider the updated outreach plan contained in the annex to support the dissemination of the first NDR key findings.

II. Background

3. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 13, requested the 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 COP 26 and Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its third session (CMA 3).
4. In paragraph 14 of the same decision, the COP also 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.¹
5. COP 25 and CMA 2 encouraged the SCF to present, to the extent possible, disaggregated information in relation to, *inter alia*, mapping data availability and gaps by sector, assessing climate finance flows and presenting information on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement.²
6. COP 25 and CMA 2 further encouraged the SCF, in implementing its strategic outreach plan, to build on existing efforts to reach out to developing country Parties and relevant developing country stakeholders when generating data and information for the

¹ Decision 4/CP.24, para 14.

² Decision 11/CP.25, para 9 and decision 5/CMA.2, para 9.

determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement.³

7. At SCF 25, the Committee agreed to revise the third-order draft of the first NDR on the basis of the views expressed by the SCF and observers at the SCF meeting and the technical stakeholder dialogue. The SCF requested the co-facilitators to prepare the final draft of the report and the draft executive summary for consideration and finalization at SCF 26. Furthermore, the SCF invited members to submit written inputs on the draft executive summary by 17 September 2021. At SCF 25, the Committee also agreed to develop an updated outreach plan to assist dissemination of the first NDR for consideration at SCF 26.

III. Progress on the first report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement

8. The secretariat and the technical team, under the guidance of the co-facilitators, have implemented the amendments suggested at the technical stakeholders' dialogue and SCF 25, and prepared the editing, layout and graphics for the final draft of the report.

9. The secretariat, under the guidance of the co-facilitators, has also prepared the draft executive summary, based on the elements agreed at SCF 25, incorporating comments and suggestions made by members at SCF 25.

10. In presenting the draft, the co-facilitators acknowledge the work of the technical team has undertaken to complete the final draft including in identifying key messages and findings from each chapter and the development of the graphics for the executive summary.

11. The secretariat, under the guidance of the co-facilitators, is planning outreach and dissemination activities for the report in line with the updated outreach plan as contained in the annex.

³ Decision 11/CP.25, para 12 and decision 5/CMA.2, para 12.

Annex I

Updated outreach plan for the first report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement

1. Outreach is an important component of the preparation and development of the first NDR as well as the dissemination of its findings. At SCF 22, a revised outreach plan was circulated to SCF members for their consideration in light of the revised timelines and milestones in the development of the first NDR.⁴
2. The revised outreach plan included two phases designed to engage stakeholders during the report development in phase one, and to support outreach for the report launch and dissemination in phase two. Below is the updated outreach plan for phase two.

B. Outreach components

3. The outreach will focus on launching the report and dissemination of key findings among a broad group of stakeholders through speaking opportunities at events and virtual events as well as on social media and through the UNFCCC website. The plan is developed in coordination with the UNFCCC Communications division. The components of the outreach plan during the launch phase include:

(a) **Events** for speaking opportunities and report launch. In addition to UNFCCC relevant events during COP 26, the secretariat will advise on potential events and speaking opportunities in late 2021 and 2022 as they arise. A potential speaking opportunity during COP 26 is to present the key findings related to capacity-building needs of developing country Parties at the capacity-building hub.

(b) **Dissemination packs** for SCF members. With the finalisation of the technical report and executive summary, the team will prepare a presentation slide deck on the contents of the first NDR, talking points notes and social media quotes, including infographics, for SCF members for their potential use in their capacity as members of the committee and participation in various events.

(c) **Website.** The NDR webpage on unfccc.int will include interactive graphics and key messages of the report, as well as a press release.

(d) **Social media.** The UNFCCC social media channels will be used, in coordination with the Communications division, to disseminate the report findings and recommendations. SCF members will be encouraged to do similar.

C. Launch activities

4. Upon finalisation of the report, the outreach activities will include the following:
 - (a) **Website article:** During the week of 18th October, a website article to note the outcomes of the SCF 26 meeting will be posted on the UNFCCC website which will include information on finalisation of the first NDR, quotes from co-facilitators, SCF Chairs and the UNFCCC Executive Secretary as well as a link to the report. Links to the executive summary and report infographics will be circulated via social media channels on UNFCCC accounts.
 - (b) **SCF COP 26 side event:** During the Finance Day on Wednesday 3 November 2021, the SCF side event will support the official launch of the first NDR report with presentations, photos and media interviews provided by co-facilitators and SCF members. The launch event will be followed by a press release and website article noting the in-person

⁴ Available at https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/BN_SCF22-NDR.pdf.

launch of the report and follow up with further links through social media channels to the key findings of the report.

D. Post-launch outreach

5. Post COP 26, outreach will continue to disseminate the key findings through:
 - (a) Outreach webinars held on specific topics and/or on a regional basis based on expressions of interest to the co-facilitators and/or the Secretariat;
 - (b) Participation in regional climate weeks including related discussions on climate finance, where resources are available;
 - (c) Speaking opportunities and panel invitations for conferences and events related to climate finance and targeting specific public, private and civil society stakeholders, including the in-person SCF forum and other events;
 - (d) Brochures/information products featuring the key messages of the first NDR and key figures (1-2 pages).
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