



Standing Committee on Finance

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Background paper on work on definitions of climate finance

Expected actions by the Standing Committee on Finance

The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be invited consider the zero-order draft of the input on definitions of climate finance.

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

1. The SCF may wish to consider the zero-order draft of the input on definitions of climate finance with a view to providing guidance on the preparation of the pre-final draft for consideration and finalisation at SCF 29.

II. Background

2. The Conference of Parties (COP) at its twenty-sixth session, and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its third session, requested the SCF to continue its work on definitions of climate finance, taking into account the submissions received from Parties on this matter,¹ with a view to providing input for consideration at COP 27 (November 2022).

3. By decisions 11/COP.25, paragraph 10 and 5/CMA.2, paragraph 10, the COP and CMA invited Parties to submit their views on the operational definitions of climate finance for consideration by the SCF in order to enhance its technical work on this matter in the context of preparing its fourth biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA). Thirteen submissions were received from Parties on the operational definitions of climate finance and available on the UNFCCC website.² The information from the submissions was synthesised in section 1.4.3 of the technical report of the fourth BA and the Summary of the fourth BA by the SCF, paragraphs. 16–18.

III. Progress on the work on definitions of climate finance

4. Technical work on the preparation of the zero-order draft of the input was initiated following discussions at SCF 27. A zero-order draft was prepared intersessionally under the guidance of the co-facilitators. As at 25 May 2022, seven responses were received from Parties and stakeholders in response to the call for inputs by the SCF in 2022.³ A list of all

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² Available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/climate-finance/resources/standing-committee-on-finance-info-repository#eq-6>.

³ Available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Call_for_inputs_Definition_ClimateFinance_2022_.pdf.

submissions is available in annex 1 of the zero-order draft of the work on definitions of climate finance.

5. A synthesis of the information from submissions is included in the zero-order draft in addition to sections on operational definitions of climate finance used in national reports to UNFCCC, reporting of operating entities of the financial mechanism, and by other institutions that collect and aggregate climate finance data at international and national levels.

6. Placeholders for several sub-sections and areas that require further technical work are indicated in the draft input, among other, where available, information on the operational definitions of climate finance received referred to in biennial update reports by non-Annex I Parties.
