



## Standing Committee on Finance

26 October 2018

Nineteenth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance  
Bonn, Germany, 29–31 October 2018

### **Background paper on the report of the Standing Committee on Finance to the Conference of the Parties**

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

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

- a) Consider and agree on the draft of its report to COP 24, including its workplan for 2019, including related recommendations as appropriate;
- b) Agree on the procedure for the inter-sessional finalization of the report.

### **I. Options for consideration by the Standing Committee on Finance**

1. The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) may wish to consider the draft report of the SCF to the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 24) as contained in the annex to this report, with a view to agree on the report, including its workplan for 2019.
2. The SCF may also wish to agree on related recommendations as appropriate during the meeting.
3. The SCF may further wish to agree on the procedure for the inter-sessional finalization of its report to COP 24, possible options would include:
  - (a) Members providing comments on the remaining part of the draft report that was not agreed upon during the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, which would be circulated upon closure of the SCF meeting, clearly highlighting additions made;
  - (b) Members agreeing to the revised draft report based on comments received from members on a non-objection basis.

## **Annex**

### **Draft report of the Standing Committee on Finance to the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties**

[TO BE EDITED]

#### **I. Introduction**

##### **A. Mandate**

1. The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) prepares annual reports to the Conference of the Parties (COP) as mandated in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 120. COP 18 endorsed<sup>1</sup> the work programme of the SCF for 2013–2015,<sup>2</sup> COP 22 endorsed<sup>3</sup> the workplan of the SCF for 2017<sup>4</sup>, while COP 23 endorsed<sup>5</sup> the workplan of the SCF for 2018<sup>6</sup>.

##### **B. Scope of the report**

2. This document presents the outcomes of the work of the SCF in 2018 and its recommendations for consideration at COP 24, and reports on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> meetings of the SCF and its 2018 Forum.

##### **C. Recommendations for action by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-third session**

3. The COP may wish to consider the following when deliberating the relevant agenda items:

(a) The draft decisions on draft guidance to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (see annexes X and X);

(b) The key findings from the 2018 forum of the SCF, which focused on climate finance architecture (see annex X);

4. Additionally, the COP may wish to take note of the following:

(a) The membership of the SCF (see annex I);

(b) The report on the 2018 Forum of the SCF (see annex X);

(c) The summary of the 2018 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, as contained in annex X, and particularly the key findings of the 2018 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, as contained in annex X, paragraphs X–XX;

(d) The information on the next Forum of the SCF (see para. XX below);

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 5/CP.18, paragraph 3.

<sup>2</sup> Contained in annex II to document FCCC/CP/2012/4.

<sup>3</sup> Decision 8/CP.22, paragraph 2.

<sup>4</sup> Contained in annex VIII to document FCCC/CP/2016/8.

<sup>5</sup> Decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 2.

<sup>6</sup> Contained in annex VIII to document FCCC/CP/2017/9.

- (e) The updated workplan of the SCF for 2019 (see annex X).

## **II. Proceedings of the meetings of the Standing Committee on Finance in 2018**

### **A. Membership**

5. Ms. Bernarditas Muller (Philippines) and Mr. Georg Børsting (Norway) were elected as the Co-Chairs of the SCF in 2017. As Ms. Muller resigned inter-sessionally [3 August 2018], Mr. Zaheer Fakir (South Africa) was elected as a Co-Chair at SCF 18. Regarding changes in membership, Mr. Edmund Mortimer (Australia) replaced Mr. Peter Horne (Australia), Ms. Vicky Noens (Belgium) replaced Mr. Jozef Buys (Belgium), Mr. Ivan Zambrana Flores (Bolivia) replaced Mr. Rafael da Soler (Brazil), Ms Sonja Djukic (Canada) replaced Mr. Stefan Schwager (Switzerland), Mr. Jonghun Lee (Republic of Korea) replaced Mr. Muhammad Khan (Pakistan), and Mr. Zaheer Fakir (South Africa) replaced Mr. Richard Sherman (South Africa). A list of the members of the SCF as at X October 2018 is contained in annex I.

### **B. Meetings**

6. The three meetings of the SCF in 2018 were attended by approximately 100+SCF 19 Party observers and representatives of non-governmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations, think tanks, multilateral development banks and operating entities of the Financial Mechanism. The observers actively took part in the deliberations of the SCF.

7. The SCF conducted its meetings through plenary sessions and breakout group discussions. All meetings of the SCF were webcast and the recordings of the meetings are available on demand on the SCF web pages.<sup>7</sup> The representatives of observer organizations were invited to express their views on the various issues under discussion and to engage actively in the deliberations of the breakout groups.

8. The meeting documents are also available on the SCF web pages. A total of 25 (TBC) background notes and various technical papers were produced to support the deliberations of the SCF.

9. The 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SCF was held in Bonn, Germany, from 10 to 12 April 2018. At its 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the SCF agreed:

- (a) To have an option for a replacement of a particular SCF member once during one calendar year;
- (b) To address the mandates provided by decision 8/CP.23 9 (paragraphs 6 and 8) as part of its ongoing activities as well as part of its deliberations on the 2018 workplan;
- (c) To identify actions to enhance stakeholder engagement based on best practices under the Convention, including with a view to strengthening stakeholder participation from developing countries, in line with decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 14;
- (d) To identify options for improving the in-session and intersessional working modalities of the SCF with the aim of further enhancing its efficiency and effectiveness, ensuring the inclusiveness and transparency of its proceedings, in line with decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 17;

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<sup>7</sup> <<http://unfccc.int/6881.php>>.

(e) To continue consideration of the mandates received from COP 23 at its next meeting;

(f) To organize a side event during the forty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies to provide an overview to stakeholders of the progress made in the implementation of its workplan, particularly the 2018 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance, the 2018 Forum and the draft guidance to the operating entities;

(g) On the importance of emphasizing what is new in the 2018 Biennial Assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA) and what has involved since 2016 and 2014 BAs on matters relating to methodological issues related to the measurement, reporting and verification of climate finance, and climate finance flows data, as well as consideration of the emergent trends and implications of climate finance flows in the context of UNFCCC objectives and the goal outlined in Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement

(h) On the emergent nature of information that is relevant to tracking global progress towards the goal outlined in Article 2, paragraph 1 (c) of the Paris Agreement, and the preliminary nature of this work in the context of the 2018 BA;

(i) To continue consultations with the Chairs of the ongoing work under agenda item 13 of the forty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the ongoing work under agenda item 5 of the fifth part of the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) with a view to providing technical input on matters relating to the transparency of support to the ongoing work under these bodies;

(j) To revise the draft concept note for the 2018 Forum of the SCF and further develop the programme and continue to engage with the Government of the Republic of Korea on organizational arrangements;

(k) To consider draft guidance to the operating entities at its 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and to prepare draft guidance to the operating entities;

(l) To continue its consideration of the linkages with the constituted bodies in the context of its 2018 workplan;

(m) To appoint representatives to various thematic areas of work;

(n) To confirm arrangements and venues for SCF 18 and SCF 19 by 14 May, following the confirmation of a possible additional APA session.

10. The 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SCF was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 10 to 12 September 2018. At its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the SCF agreed:

(a) To elect Mr. Zaheer Fakir as the Co-Chair from Non-Annex I countries for the remainder of the year 2018;

(b) For the Co-Chairs to send an acknowledgement to Ms. Bernarditas Muller for her contributions as outgoing Co-Chair from Non-annex I countries;

(c) To adopt the report of the 2018 SCF Forum, including the revised executive summary;

(d) That sustainable cities could be one of the potential themes of the next SCF Forum, and that possible sub-topics or cross-cutting elements could be capacity building, gender and youth;

(e) To issue a call for submissions on the possible theme of the next Forum;

- (f) To consider options for the next Forum at SCF 19, based on discussions held during SCF 18 and considering options prepared by the co-facilitators;
- (g) To enhance the website dedicated to the 2018 BA, including by making the wealth of knowledge generated in the 2018 BA preparation process more accessible to the wider audiences;
- (h) To prepare introductory material on how draft guidance is prepared by the SCF, and for the secretariat to make it available on the SCF webpage;
- (i) To appoint focal points to advance and take forward possible recommendations and innovative solutions to enhance stakeholder engagement at future SCF meetings and events;
- (j) To implement, resources permitting, ways to enhance virtual participation by stakeholders in future SCF meetings;
- (k) To compile SCF work for each of the thematic areas, as appropriate, with the support of the secretariat, and circulate the compilation with the aim to provide them as inputs as needed;
- (l) To appoint a focal point to the thematic issue on financing for forests and adaptation, and adjust working groups for all areas of work.

11. The 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SCF was held in Bonn, Germany from 29 to 31 October 2018. At its 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, the SCF agreed on:

- (a) [PLACEHOLDER ON ANY OUTCOMES FROM SCF 19]

### **III. Work of the Standing Committee on Finance in 2018**

#### **A. Draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism**

12. In accordance with decision 2/CP.17,<sup>8</sup> the SCF is mandated to 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 as well as submissions from Parties.<sup>9</sup>

13. This matter was discussed by the SCF during its 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> meetings, and work on this issue was advanced intersessionally by the co-facilitators of the working group, Ms. Diann Black-Layne, Ms. Sonja Djukic and Ms. Vicky Noens. Representatives of the operating entities were actively engaged in the discussions during the three meetings of the SCF and provided information upon request.

14. The SCF developed the draft guidance to the GEF and the GCF in the form of draft decisions, based on the annual reports of the operating entities and the inputs submitted by Parties, members of the SCF, the AC and the TEC. The SCF assessed the inputs received against the database of previous guidance provided to the operating entities<sup>10</sup> and a set of criteria prepared by the SCF<sup>11</sup> to avoid any duplication or redundancy of draft guidance and improve its overall quality. The SCF agreed to invite the COP to consider the draft decisions

<sup>8</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121(c).

<sup>9</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121(c).

<sup>10</sup> The Excel database is accessible at: <<https://unfccc.int/topics/climate-finance/meetings--events/scf-committee-meetings#eq-19>>.

<sup>11</sup> See SCF document SCF/2017/15/11, paragraph 51.

as the basis for negotiations. Each draft decision contains an appendix, which contains other inputs considered by the SCF during the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

15. During its X<sup>th</sup> meeting, the SCF agreed to accept the invitation from the GCF Board to attend the third annual meeting between the GCF Board and the constituted bodies under the Convention, to be held during COP 24. It further agreed that the SCF would be represented in this meeting by the Co-Chairs and other members as needed, and that the SCF would draw relevant information for the preparation of inputs to the meeting from its previous work.

## **B. Forums of the Standing Committee on Finance**

### **1. Follow-up activities on the 2017 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance**

[PLACEHOLDER]

### **2. 2018 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance**

16. COP 23 invited the SCF to conclude its deliberations on the topic of its 2018 Forum at the latest at its first meeting in 2018, and welcomed the offer by the Republic of Korea to host the 2018 Forum.

17. At its 17th meeting, the SCF agreed on the theme of its 2018 Forum: “Climate Finance Architecture: enhancing collaboration, seizing opportunities”. It also agreed on the three overall objectives of the Forum:

(a) To identify trends, developments and challenges under the climate finance architecture at the international and national level in order to improve climate finance flows from the international to the national level;

(b) To enhance collaboration between the UNFCCC climate funds<sup>12</sup> and other actors;

(c) To exchange experiences and to identify opportunities for further collaboration at the international and national level.

18. The Forum was held on 5–6 July 2018 in Songdo, Republic of Korea, and about 130 participants representing national and sub-national governments, civil society, academia, think-tanks, multilateral and national banks and the private sector attended the Forum.

19. At its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the SCF revised and adopted the report of the 2018 SCF Forum, including the revised executive summary as contained in annex X.

### **3. Next Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance**

20. At its 18th meeting, the SCF initiated deliberations on the theme of its next forum, co-facilitated by Mr. Mohamed Nasr and Mr. Pieter Terpstra. SCF considered sustainable cities as a possible theme for its next forum, based on ongoing work on climate finance by relevant stakeholders, including C40, ICLEI and UN Habitat. The SCF also discussed sustainable transportation and water infrastructure as possible themes or sub-themes. Capacity-building, gender and youth will be considered as sub-topics or cross-cutting elements of the Forum.

21. The SCF agreed:

(a) To issue a call for submissions on the possible theme of the next forum;

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<sup>12</sup> Adaptation Fund, Global Environment Facility, Green Climate Fund, Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund.

(b) To request the co-facilitators to prepare options for consideration by the SCF at its next meeting, based on the discussions held during this meeting.

[PLACEHOLDER ON ANY OUTCOMES FROM SCF 19]

## C. The 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows

22. COP 23 noted the outcomes of discussions on the 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows, including the outline of the technical report and the summary and recommendations on the 2018 BA as well as the indicative timeline.<sup>13</sup>

23. In accordance with decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121(f), the SCF prepared the 2018 BA. As in the case of the 2014 BA and 2016 BA, the preparation of the 2018 BA was guided by decisions 1/CP.18, paragraph 71, 5/CP.18, paragraph 11, 3/CP.19, paragraph 11, and 6/CP.20, paragraph 11, 1/CP.21, paragraph 91<sup>14</sup>, X/CPY. Furthermore, the SCF considered the invitation by the Executive Committee and included the information on financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in the 2018 BA.<sup>15</sup>

24. The SCF agreed on the general outline of the 2018 BA at its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Work on the preparation of the 2016 BA was considered during the three meetings of the SCF in 2018, the two informal technical meetings organized in conjunction with the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> meetings as well as intersessionally by a working group, co-facilitated by Ms. Outi Honkatukia and Mr. Seyni Nafo. The SCF also launched a call for evidence to engage and welcome submissions from data providers, producers and aggregators.

25. The preparation of the 2018 BA involved meta-data and information gathering from a range of sources, which informed the work of the SCF. The SCF provided guidance on the content of the report, including the scope of the work and issues that need to be highlighted. In addition to the thorough review by the SCF of the report, two webinars were also conducted to exchange views on the content of the 2018 BA and the key messages included in the summary and recommendations by the SCF.

26. At the technical level, the work combined literature review and data collection with virtual and informal technical meetings. External contributors provided inputs to the preparation process and included international financial institutions and other organizations that produce and aggregate data on climate finance flows such as multilateral development banks (African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, and the International Finance Corporation and the World Bank from the World Bank Group), bilateral development finance institutions, international organizations, research institutions and think tanks, private sector financial institutions, academia and civil society organizations.

27. Continued interaction with external contributors, who provided data and information on climate finance flows, was an important part of the work on the 2018 BA, including during literature review and fact checking processes.

28. The summary and recommendations of the 2018 BA adopted by the SCF at its 19<sup>th</sup> meeting are contained in annex II.

[PLACEHOLDER ON ANY OUTCOMES FROM SCF 19]

<sup>13</sup> FCCC/CP/2017/9, annex VI and decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 6.

<sup>14</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 94(e).

<sup>15</sup> <<http://unfccc.int/8805.php>>.

## **D. Measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows**

29. COP 19 invited the SCF to consider ways to increase its work on the MRV of support beyond the BA in accordance with its workplan for 2014–2015 and its mandates.<sup>16</sup> COP 21 requested the SCF, in implementing its workplan on the MRV of support beyond the BA,<sup>17</sup> to continue to engage with relevant bodies under the Convention, multilateral and bilateral agencies, and international institutions.<sup>18</sup> Furthermore, COP 21 requested the 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 the MRV of support.<sup>19</sup> In addition, COP 22 requested the SCF, in fulfilling its function on the 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.<sup>20</sup> COP 23 noted the extended two-year workplan on the MRV of support beyond the biennial assessment, and requested the SCF to enhance its work on the 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 the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Ad Hoc Working group on the Paris Agreement.<sup>21</sup> COP 23 also requested the SCF to fulfil its function with regard to the MRV of support, and in the context of its extended workplan, to continue its cooperation with relevant stakeholders and experts.<sup>22</sup>

30. At its 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the SCF established a working group on the matter, to be co-chaired by Mr. Randy Caruso and Mr. Seyni Nafo. Furthermore, SCF agreed to agreed that its Co-Chairs, as well as the co-facilitators of the relevant working group, will continue consultations with the Chairs of the SBSTA and the APA with a view to providing technical input to their ongoing work on transparency of support.

## **E. Coherence and coordination: the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches**

31. COP 19 requested the SCF to consider, in its work on coherence and coordination, inter alia, the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches.<sup>23</sup> COP 23 reiterated that the SCF would integrate financing for forest-related considerations into its 2018 workplan, where appropriate, taking into account all relevant decisions on forests.<sup>24</sup> In line with this, during its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the SCF appointed a focal point on the issue of forest financing and noted that this issue is taken into account by the co-facilitators of the different substantive areas of work of the SCF, where appropriate.

## **F. Gender**

32. COP 22, in its decision on gender and climate change, requested all constituted bodies under the UNFCCC process to include in their regular reports information on progress made

<sup>16</sup> Decision 7/CP.19, paragraph 9.

<sup>17</sup> FCCC/CP/2015/8, annex VII.

<sup>18</sup> Decision 6/CP.21, paragraph 4.

<sup>19</sup> Decision 9/CP.21, paragraph 14.

<sup>20</sup> Decision 8/CP.22, paragraph 5.

<sup>21</sup> Decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 7.

<sup>22</sup> Decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 8.

<sup>23</sup> Decision 7/CP.19, paragraph 11.

<sup>24</sup> Decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 12.



towards integrating a gender perspective into their processes according to the entry points identified in a technical paper to be prepared by the secretariat for consideration at SBI 48 identifying entry points for integrating gender considerations into workstreams under the UNFCCC process.<sup>25</sup> COP 22 also requested the SBI to develop a gender action plan in order to support the implementation of gender-related decisions and mandates under the UNFCCC process, which may include priority areas, key activities and indicators, timelines for implementation, the responsible and key actors and indicative resource requirements for each activity, and to further elaborate its process of review and monitoring.

33. COP 23 adopted the Gender Action Plan and invited the SCF to host a dialogue in 2019 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<sup>26</sup>.

34. In response to the mandate outlined in paragraph X above, the SCF has been considering the following areas for integrating a gender perspective into its work:

(a) Including available information on gender and climate finance from a range of sources, including national reports under the Convention and other reports and studies in the 2018 BA;

(b) Considering gender as a potential theme, or cross-cutting element in the deliberation of the theme of the next SCF forum;

(c) Establishing working group on gender and climate finance which is facilitated by the Co-Chairs of the SCF;

[PLACEHOLDER ON ANY OUTCOMES FROM SCF 19]

## **G. Linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the constituted bodies under the Convention**

35. At COP 19, Parties adopted the rules of procedure of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), according to which the members of the Board include one of the Co-Chairs of the SCF, or a member designated by the Co-Chairs of the SCF, as an SCF representative for the Advisory Board of the CTCN.<sup>27</sup>

36. COP 21 requested the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, in collaboration with the SCF and other relevant institutions, to develop methodologies and make recommendations for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its first session on:

(a) Taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries in the context of the limit to global average temperature increase referred to in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement;

(b) Reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support referred to in Article 7, paragraph 14(c), of the Paris Agreement.<sup>28</sup>

37. The terms of reference for the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) provide that six representatives from bodies established under the Convention and from the operating

<sup>25</sup> Decision 21/CP.22, paragraphs 13 and 14.

<sup>26</sup> Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 4 D.1.

<sup>27</sup> Decision 25/CP.19, paragraph 3.

<sup>28</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 45.

entities of the Financial Mechanism be invited for a term of one year to participate in all the meetings of the PCCB in line with the annual theme of the committee.<sup>29</sup>

38. COP 23 welcomed the appointment of focal points of the SCF to liaise with the other constituted bodies under the Convention, and requested the SCF to continue to provide information on the appointment in its annual reports to the COP.<sup>30</sup>

39. At the forty-eighth session of the subsidiary bodies, the SCF held a side event to provide an overview of the progress made in the implementation of its workplan.

40. With regard to its overall approach to the matter of linkages, the SCF continued its overall approach to maintaining linkages with the constituted bodies, including by:

(a) Sharing its workplan with the other constituted bodies, highlighting specific areas of work of the SCF that could be of particular interest for cooperation between the respective body and the SCF;

(b) Drawing on its existing work and related outputs in providing input to the other bodies;

(c) Sending representatives to the meetings of the other constituted bodies (either in person or via virtual means) in their personal expert capacity, who would report back to the SCF on the outcomes of their attendance at those meetings.

41. During COP 23, xxx attended the annual meeting between the GCF and the constituted bodies under the Convention.

42. As part of the SBI assessment on the progress made in the process to formulate and implement National Adaptation Plans, the SCF provided an input to an expert meeting organized by the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the Adaptation Committee held in Sao Tome, 7–9 February 2018.<sup>31</sup>

43. During its 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the SCF nominated focal points to represent the SCF with regards to the thematic bodies under the Convention:

(a) Mr. Peter Horne and Mr. Richard Sherman participated in the task forces and working groups of the Adaptation Committee and facilitated the input to the SCF for the draft guidance to the operating entities.

(b) Mr. Richard Sherman also attended the technical expert workshop of the Green Climate Fund on climate adaptation finance held in Songdo, Republic of Korea from 7 to 9 March.

(c) Mr. Ismo Ulvila participated in the second meeting of the PCCB and provided a presentation on capacity-building related elements in the areas of the SCF, in particular the BA, the forum and the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention.

(d) Ms. Vicky Noens represented the SCF remotely at the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Advisory Board of the CTCN, where she updated the Board on the work of the SCF and highlighted areas of work that are particularly relevant to the work of the CTCN.

(e) Mr. Randy Caruso participated virtually in the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage where he provided a presentation to the Committee on the mandate of the SCF and its areas of work that are relevant for the scoping of the technical paper elaborating the sources of financial support,

<sup>29</sup> Decision 2/CP.22, annex, paragraphs 3 and 6.

<sup>30</sup> Decision 7/CP.23.

<sup>31</sup> Available at:

<https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/SCF%20input%20NAP%20Expert%20meeting.pdf>.

as provided through the Financial Mechanism, for addressing loss and damage as described in relevant decisions, as well as modalities for accessing such support<sup>32</sup>.

44. During its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the SCF nominated focal points to represent the SCF with regards to the following:

- (a) Mr. Mohamed Nasr and Mr. Pieter Terpstra for adaptation related matters
- (b) Mr. Carlos Ivan Zambrana Flores for issues related to financing for forests, as well as indigenous peoples.

45. [placeholder on any matters arising further engagement by the SCF on the technical paper on financing for loss and damage]

46. [placeholder on work in relation to the PCCB webinar on gender]

[TO BE UPDATED]

## **H. Review of the functions of the Standing Committee on Finance**

[TO BE UPDATED]

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<sup>32</sup> Decision 4/CP.22.

## **Annex I**

### **Members of the Standing Committee on Finance as at 23 October 2018 [to be updated]**

#### **B. Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

Mr. Georg Børsting (Norway)  
Ms. Sonja Djukic (Canada)  
Mr. Randy Caruso (United States of America)  
Ms. Outi Honkatukia (Finland)  
Mr. Kazuhiro Iryu (Japan)  
Mr. Pieter Terpstra (Netherlands)  
Mr. Ismo Ulvila (European Union)  
Mr. Edmund Mortimer (Australia)  
Ms. Gemma O'Reilly (Ireland)  
Ms. Vicky Noens (Belgium)

#### **Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**

##### **African States**

Mr. Zaheer Fakir (South Africa)  
Mr. Mohamed Nasr (Egypt)

##### **Asia-Pacific States**

Mr. Ayman Shasly (Saudi Arabia)  
Mr. Jonghun Lee (Republic of Korea)

##### **Latin American and Caribbean States**

Mr. Paul Herbert Oquist Kelley (Nicaragua)  
Mr. Ivan Zambrana Flores (Bolivia)

##### **Least developed countries**

Ms. Edith Kateme-Kasajja (Uganda)

##### **Other Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**

~~Ms. Bernardita Muller (Philippines)~~  
Mr. Hussein Alfa Nafu (Mali)

##### **Small island developing States**

Ms. Diann Black-Layne (Antigua and Barbuda)

## **Annex II**

### **Summary and recommendations by the Standing Committee on Finance on the 2018 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows**

[English only]

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## **Annex III**

### **Draft decision on draft guidance to the Green Climate Fund**

[English only]

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## **Annex IV**

### **Draft decision on draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility**

[English only]

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## **Annex V**

### **Report on the 2018 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance, “Climate Finance Architecture”**

[English only]

[TEXT ALREADY COMPLETED AND TO BE INCORPORATED]



## Annex VI

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

[English only]

[TO BE UPDATED]

<i>Activities</i>	<i>Outcomes/results</i>	<i>Time frame</i>
1. Mandated activities of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) as per decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121		
(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	2019 SCF forum, pending the adoption of the topic by the SCF	Mid 2019, pending the adoption of the topic 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
(b) Maintain linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the thematic bodies of the Convention	Co-Chairs of the SCF inform presiding officers of the thematic bodies of the Convention about the activities of the SCF and establish working relationships	2019
	Continuous updating and implementation of the SCF communication strategy	Ongoing
	Enhanced linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention	Ongoing
(c) Provide to the Conference of the Parties (COP) draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention, with a view to improving the	Draft guidance provided to the COP	COP 25

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consistency and practicality of such guidance, taking into account the annual reports of the operating entities and relevant submissions from Parties		
(d) Make recommendations on how to improve the coherence, effectiveness and efficiency of the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism	Recommendations provided to the COP, as appropriate	Sessions of the COP
(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	Work on expert input to the seventh review of the Financial Mechanism (COP 27)	2021
(f) Prepare a biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, to include information on the geographical and thematic balances of such flows	Work for the fourth biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, including general outline, data collection and engagement with climate finance data producers and aggregators.	2019 Outcome at COP 25
2. Further mandates of the SCF as per various decisions adopted at COP 18		
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	
3. Further mandates of the SCF as per various decisions adopted at COP 19		
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 effectively be met by climate finance, and include the results in its annual report to the COP	See 1(f) above	
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  Recommendations provided to the COP, as appropriate	Ongoing  COP 25

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Decision 7/CP.19, paragraph 11: Consider, in its work on coherence and coordination, inter alia, the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches	Financing for forest-related considerations integrated into existing workplan, where appropriate, and work on this matter continued in the context of the overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing	Ongoing
4. 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
5. Further mandates of the SCF as per various decisions adopted at COP 21	Recommendations provided to the COP, as appropriate	COP 25
Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 45: The Adaptation Committee (AC) and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), in collaboration with the SCF and other relevant institutions, to develop methodologies and make recommendations for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its first session on:	Input provided to the AC and the LEG, as appropriate	2019
(a) Taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries in the context of the limit to global average temperature increase referred to in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement		
(b) Reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support referred to in Article 7, paragraph 14(c), of the Paris Agreement		
Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 63: Serve the Paris Agreement in line with its functions and responsibilities established under the COP		Ongoing
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 thematic bodies of the Convention	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	Implementation of the extended workplan on the measurement, reporting and	Ongoing

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of climate finance flows, continue to engage with relevant bodies under the Convention, multilateral and bilateral agencies, and international institutions	verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows	
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 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
5. Further mandates of the SCF as per various decisions adopted at COP 22		
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, cooperate with relevant stakeholders and experts and consider ongoing work under the Convention and further action envisaged under the Paris Agreement	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 10: Integrate financing for forest-related considerations into its 2017 workplan, where appropriate, and continue work on this matter in the context of the overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, taking into account all relevant decisions on forests	Financing for forest-related considerations integrated into existing workplan, where appropriate, and work on this matter continued in the context of the overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing	Ongoing
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
6. Further mandates of the SCF as per various decisions adopted at COP 23		
Decision 3/CP.23, Annex, Table 4, 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 a gender perspective into its processes as appropriate	Ongoing
Decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 7: Enhance work on the measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment, acknowledging the progress	Implementation of the extended workplan on the measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial	Ongoing

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made by the SCF and noting the need to avoid duplication of ongoing work under the SBSTA and the APA	assessment and overview of climate finance flows	
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
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 Conference of the Parties	Continuous updating and implementation of the SCF communication strategy	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 thematic bodies of the Convention Continuous updating and implementation of the SCF communication strategy	Ongoing
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 Conference of the Parties, 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 Established linkages and continued exchange with bodies and entities dealing with climate finance, under and outside the Convention	Ongoing
Decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 14: Further strengthen its stakeholder engagement [Any mandates from COP24, including, inter alia, possible mandates arising from the Paris Agreement Work Programme]	Enhanced stakeholder engagement	Ongoing
7. 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 Exchanges through the forum, as appropriate	Sessions of the COP, ongoing
Rationalize the Financial Mechanism, including the undertaking of analyses and information exchanges	Recommendations provided to the COP, as appropriate Exchanges through the forum, as appropriate	Sessions of the COP, ongoing

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Mobilize financial resources, including the undertaking of analyses and information exchanges	Recommendations provided to the COP, as appropriate  Exchanges through the forum, as appropriate	Sessions of the COP, ongoing
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  Exchanges through the forum, as appropriate	Sessions of the COP, ongoing
Any other functions that may be assigned to the SCF by the COP		

*Notes:* 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 different mandates provided to the SCF.

*Abbreviations:* AC = Adaptation Committee, COP = Conference of the Parties, LEG = Least Developed Countries Expert Group, SBI = Subsidiary Body for Implementation, SCF = Standing Committee on Finance.