



Standing Committee on Finance

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**Background paper on the linkages with the Subsidiary Body for
Implementation and the thematic bodies under the Convention**

Expected actions by the Standing Committee on Finance

The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be invited to take note of the information contained in the background paper and to consider any implications on linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the thematic bodies of the Convention and consider any action it may deem necessary.

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

1. The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) may wish to take note of and consider any action it may deem necessary on the following information:
 - (a) Climate finance related discussions held during the 50th session of the Subsidiary Bodies;
 - (b) Recent developments and activities relating to climate finance under the UNFCCC, including discussions held under other constituted bodies.
2. The information is contained in the annex.

II. Background

3. At COP 17, Parties decided that the SCF is to maintain linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention¹. Furthermore, Parties, at COP 19, called on the SCF to further enhance its linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention.²
4. At its 20th meeting, the SCF agreed on its continued approach to maintaining linkages with the thematic bodies under the Convention, taking into account the request by COP 23 to further refine its approach to maintaining linkages with the subsidiary and thematic bodies based on available resources available and working modalities.³

¹ Decision 2//CP.17, paragraph 121(b).

² Decision 7/CP.19, paragraph 10.

³ SCF/2019/20/9.

Annex

Linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the constituted bodies of the Convention

I. Linkages during the 50th session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies

1. During the 50th session of the subsidiary bodies which took place on 17–27 June 2019 in Bonn, Germany, several events took place in which SCF members participated. These include, among others:

(a) First Meeting of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (14–16 June 2019), Mr. Ivan Zambrana Flores attended;

(b) Gender workshop on the impact of the gender action plan, priority area C – coherence (17 June 2019), Mr. Pieter Terpstra attended;

(c) Koronivia workshop: Methods and approaches for assessing adaptation, adaptation co-benefits and resilience (17–18 June 2019), Mr. Ivan Zambrana Flores attended;

(d) Informal open dialogue between representatives of constituted bodies on the three functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (18 June 2019), Mr. Ivan Zambrana Flores attended;

(e) Koronivia workshop: Improved soil carbon, soil health and soil fertility under grassland and cropland as well as integrated systems, including water management (18–19 June 2019), Mr. Ivan Zambrana Flores attended;

(f) Third meeting of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (20–22 June 2019), Mr. Mattias Frumerie attended;

(g) Technical Expert meeting on adaptation – adaptation finance, including the private sector (25–26 June 2019), Mr. Mattias Frumerie attended;

2. Furthermore, the SCF Co-Chairs convened a meeting with representatives of the constituted bodies on 25 June 2019. In addition to SCF members, the meeting was attended by representatives of the Adaptation Committee, the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network, the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the Technology Executive Committee, and the Paris Committee on Capacity-building.

3. Participants welcomed the organization of the meeting to ensure alignment of the work and functions of the constituted bodies and engaged in an exchange on the possible linkages between the SCF and the work undertaken by other constituted bodies.

II. Gender related matters

4. *Background:* COP 22 requested all constituted bodies to include in their regular reports information on progress made towards the integration of gender perspectives in their respective processes⁴. COP 23 adopted the gender action plan,⁵ and further requested the secretariat to prepare, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at SBI 51, a synthesis report on the implementation of the gender action plan and to elaborate recommendations for consideration by the COP at its 25th session.⁶

⁴ Decision 21/CP.22, paragraphs 13 and 14.

⁵ Decision 3/CP.23, paragraph 1.

⁶ Decision 3/CP.23, paragraph 5.

5. At its 20th meeting, the SCF agreed that the Co-Chairs, with the support of the secretariat, to facilitate arrangements for a capacity-building webinar for integrating gender considerations, to be organized intersessionally with SCF members and selected experts on gender.

6. *Activities undertaken by the SCF in relation to gender:* The capacity-building webinar on gender took place on 3 September 2019, where the members had an opportunity to share views related to gender and climate finance. 6 SCF members attended the webinar. The objective was to highlight the linkages of climate finance and gender and thereby further strengthen the SCF's capacity to integrate gender into the work of the SCF in the current and forthcoming workplans.⁷

7. The main outcomes of the capacity-building webinar for integrating gender considerations include the following:

(a) Members identified possible entry points in SCF work where the integration of gender considerations could be strengthened, including in the Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows, the Needs Determination Report and the guidance to the GCF and GEF;

(b) Members expressed an interest in following up the webinar with further discussion on the topics presented, including exploring ways to contribute to gender-responsiveness in climate finance from the national level through to multilateral funds.

III. Capacity-building related matters

8. *Background:* At its 20th meeting, the SCF agreed to engage with the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) and its working group on cities and seek their expert views on the capacity-building related components of the next SCF 2019 Forum.⁸

9. During the intersessional period, the Co-Chairs of the PCCB have invited the SCF to become one of the leading PCCB partners for the Means of Implementation Day at the 2nd Capacity-building Hub during the COP 25 in Santiago, Chile.⁹

10. *Activities undertaken by the SCF in relation to PCCB:* The SCF collaborated with the PCCB with its 2019 SCF Forum on various activities, including:

(a) PCCB was invited to provide inputs in designing the session on capacity-building for city actors for accessing climate finance, and to facilitate the session;

(b) PCCB provided useful information on possible resource persons to be invited;

(c) Co-Chair of the PCCB Ms. Marzena Chodor, attended the SCF 2019 Forum and moderated the capacity-building related session.

11. *Action:* The SCF may wish to consider any action it may deem necessary in the context of the invitation by the Co-Chairs of the PCCB.

IV. Adaptation related matters

12. *Background:* At the 20th meeting of the SCF, the SCF deliberated on linkages between the SCF and the Adaptation Committee (AC), including on the mandates stemming from COP 24. It was agreed that the SCF Co-Chairs and SCF focal points on adaptation, with the support of the secretariat, to undertake activities with the AC, including the exchange of workplans between the two Committees, exchange of timelines for future relevant work, a response to correspondence received from the AC Co-Chairs, and continued engagement by the respective focal points for each of the Committees.

⁷ Presentations and supporting documents are available at: <https://unfccc.int/topics/climate-finance/resources/standing-committee-on-finance-info-repository#eq-1>.

⁸ Available at: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Report%20of%20the%20meeting%20SCF%2020Formatted%20.pdf>

⁹ Available at: <https://unfccc.int/topics/capacity-building/events-meetings/capacity-building-hub/2nd-capacity-building-hub>.

13. The 16th meeting of the Adaptation Committee took place from 9 to 12 September, during which the AC considered the following issues of relevance to the SCF:

(a) Inventory of methodologies for assessing adaptation needs in the context of national adaptation planning and implementation.¹⁰ The AC requested the secretariat to prepare, by COP 25, different options for the inventory, visualizing them in mock-ups with associated cost estimates.

(b) Technical Examination Process on Adaptation (TEP-A). The Technical Examination Meeting on Adaptation (TEM-A) on the topic of adaptation finance, including the private sector took place from 25 to 26 June 2019 in Bonn, Germany.¹¹ The AC finalized a set of draft recommendations stemming from this year's TEP-A to be included in the AC's annual report to the COP and agreed on the 2020 topic of "Education and training, public participation and youth to enhance adaptation action";

(c) Gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans and how to address them.¹² The AC took note of the document and agreed to revise it further in collaboration with the LEG. Information thereon will be included in the AC's annual report to the COP;

(d) Capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding.¹³ The AC welcomed the draft document and agreed to consult with the LEG, PCCB and SCF on follow-up activities with a focus on sustained long-term in-country capacity building in accessing adaptation funding;

(e) Inputs for the draft guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism. The AC agreed on inputs for the draft guidance to the GCF and forwarded it to the SCF accordingly.

14. *Action:* With respect to linkages with the work of the AC, the SCF may wish to consider addressing, inter alia, in the context of the guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, preparation of the 2020 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows and report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement, the following:

(a) Capacity gaps in accessing financing for adaptation activities in developing countries;

(b) Activities that address gaps and needs in the context of the NAPs, as well as respond to the call for inputs through the engagement in the AC task force on NAPs.

15. One of the SCF members, Mr. Pieter Terpstra from Netherlands, has resigned the SCF. In this context, the SCF may wish to nominate an SCF member, who would fill this position and represent the SCF in the TEP-A and NAP Taskforce, and other adaptation related events under the UNFCCC.

V. Technology related matters

16. *Background:* Ms. Vicky Noens, as a member of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) was invited to the Board's 13th meeting held from 27 to 29 March 2019 to present an update of the SCF's work that may be relevant to climate technology. As Ms. Noens was not available to take part in the meeting, a note on the outcomes of the 20th meeting of the SCF was communicated to the Board on 28 March 2019. The note can be found on the SCF website.

17. The fourteenth meeting of the CTCN-AB was held from 11 to 13 September 2019 in Paris during which the Board considered the following issues:

¹⁰ Scoping note available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/AC%202016%20needs%20assessment%20inventory_2019.08.15.pdf.

¹¹ A summary of the proceedings, information on regional TEMs and proposed recommendations are available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/ac16_6_tepa.pdf.

¹² Available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/ac16_7a_gaps_needs_naps.pdf.

¹³ Draft information paper available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/ac16_8b_capacity_gaps.pdf.

- (a) Coordination with other constituted bodies, including the AC, SCF and the Financial Mechanism;
- (b) Matters relating to the Technology Mechanism;
- (c) Network engagement and outreach;
- (d) CTCN Annual Operating Plan and Budget for 2020.

18. During the intersessional period, the TEC was invited by the SCF to provide inputs to the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism. More information on this linkage can be found in the SCF background note on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.

19. The nineteenth meeting of the TEC was held from 16 to 19 September 2019 in Bonn during which the TEC considered the following issues:

(a) Development of its rolling workplan for 2019–2022; the workplan contains activities in five areas: innovation; implementation; enabling environment and capacity building; collaboration and stakeholder engagement and support. The latter area includes continued collaboration with the SCF in providing inputs to the SCF on draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.

(b) Implementation of ongoing work, including a paper on good practices in conducting technology needs assessments and implementing their results, collaboration with the GCF on support for climate technologies, follow-up key messages and relevant recommendations of the updated evaluation report of the GEF Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer and inputs to the SCF on draft guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.

VI. Loss and damage related matters

20. *Background:* By decision 4/CP.22, the COP requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper elaborating the sources of financial support, as provided through the Financial Mechanism, for addressing loss and damage as described in relevant decisions, as well as modalities for accessing such support. In defining the scope of the technical paper, the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage (ExCom) requested the support of the SCF. Mr. Randy Caruso participated virtually in the 8th meeting of the ExCom where he provided a presentation to the ExCom on the mandate of the SCF and its areas of work that are relevant for the scoping of the technical paper. The technical paper elaborating the sources of financial support, as provided through the Financial Mechanism, for addressing loss and damage has been published in June 2019.¹⁴

21. The ExCom has designated one member from Annex I country and one member from Non-annex I country as liaison members for the SCF. The current ExCom workplan includes two activities which involve the SCF:¹⁵

(a) Invite the SCF to continue its collaboration and engagement with the Executive Committee, including through consideration of how to include financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage in its work related to the Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows;

(b) Invite, in collaboration with the SCF, relevant actors to consider how to facilitate or enhance, as appropriate, the availability of finance relevant to loss and damage at the regional and national levels.

22. At 9th meeting of the ExCom (9–11 April 2019), the ExCom tasked the liaison members to consider intersessionally on ways forward in implementing the two activities which involve the SCF and present the proposals to the ExCom at its 10th meeting (23–25 October 2019).

¹⁴ Available at: FCCC/TP/2019/1.

¹⁵ Available at: <https://unfccc.int/documents/28319#beg>, page 14–15.