



## Standing Committee on Finance

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### Background paper on linkages with the constituted bodies of the Convention and Paris Agreement

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

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

- (a) Consider activities to be undertaken by the SCF to enhance linkages and cooperation with the subsidiary bodies and other constituted bodies;
- (b) Appoint and reconfirm focal points in relation to various thematic areas of work.

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

1. SCF may wish to consider the overall approach to maintaining linkages and enhancing engagement with the constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and the possible areas of cooperation.<sup>1</sup>

2. In doing so, the SCF may wish to consider its existing activities, and whether and how to further enhance its modalities. Activities at present include:

(a) Sharing the SCF work plan with the thematic bodies, highlighting specific areas of work that the SCF and the constituted bodies may wish to collaborate on (see possible areas of cooperation in section III);

(b) Drawing on its existing work and related outputs with regard to its representation in, and inputs provided to, other bodies;

(c) Sharing of ad hoc requests by other thematic bodies to all SCF members, e.g. to provide inputs to products being developed by those bodies, with the respective SCF focal point(s) taking the lead;

(d) Having SCF representatives attend meetings of constituted bodies (either in person or virtually) and report back to the SCF.

3. Furthermore, the SCF may wish to appoint new and reconfirm existing focal points, as appropriate, to represent the SCF when engaging in work in the thematic areas of other constituted bodies, including:

(a) Adaptation-related matters, including Task Force on National Adaptation Plans of the Adaptation Committee (AC); joint working group between the AC, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and the SCF on methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support; and LEG;

<sup>1</sup> The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its 17<sup>th</sup> session, decided that the SCF shall maintain linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the thematic bodies of the Convention. Furthermore, Parties, at COP 19, called on the SCF to further enhance its linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention.

- (b) Technology-related matters, including Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) and Technology Executive Committee (TEC);
- (c) Capacity-building related matters, including Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB);
- (d) Loss and damage-related matters, including Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (ExCom);
- (e) Response measures-related matters, including Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures (KCI);
- (f) Matters related to financing for forests; and
- (g) Gender-related matters.

## II. Background

4. At the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), Parties decided that the SCF maintains linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the constituted bodies of the Convention.<sup>2</sup> At COP 19, Parties called on the SCF to further enhance its linkages with the SBI and the constituted bodies of the Convention.<sup>3</sup> COP 21 requested the SCF to continue to strengthen its engagement with all relevant stakeholders and bodies under the Convention.<sup>4</sup> 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 of focal points to liaise with other constituted bodies.<sup>5</sup> In the context of the review of the functions of the SCF, COP 23 also requested the 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.<sup>6</sup>

## III. Recent developments and possible areas of cooperation between the SCF and the thematic bodies

### A. Collaboration with Adaptation Committee and Least Developed Countries Expert Group

5. In 2021 representatives of the SCF participated in:
- (a) The 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AC;
  - (b) The first meeting of the joint working group between the AC, the LEG and the SCF on methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support in August 2021.
6. Possible areas of collaboration with the AC and LEG include:
- (a) Continue participation in the AC, LEG and SCF joint working group on methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support;
  - (b) Participate in the work of the AC in addressing capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding and follow up work on technologies for adaptation, as appropriate;<sup>7</sup>
  - (c) Provide input to the Adaptation Finance Bulletin of the AC;<sup>8</sup>

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

<sup>3</sup> Decision 7/CP.19, paragraph 10.

<sup>4</sup> Decision 6/CP.21, para. 2.

<sup>5</sup> Decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 11.

<sup>6</sup> Decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 11.

<sup>7</sup> FCCC/SB/2021/6, para. 65, and annex.

<sup>8</sup> <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/adaptation-committee->

(d) Cooperation on the global goal on adaptation as informed by the Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies.

## **B. Collaboration with Climate Technology Centre and Network, and Technology Executive Committee**

(a) In 2021 representatives of the SCF participated in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CTCN Advisory Board, including providing updates on the SCF work;

(b) Possible area of collaboration with the TEC includes providing input to technical papers by the TEC on innovative financing and investment options at different stages of the technology cycle, including mapping, based on existing data and literature.<sup>9</sup>

## **C. Collaboration with Paris Committee on Capacity-building**

7. In 2021 representatives of the SCF participated in:

(a) The fifth meeting of the PCCB and the first meeting of the informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;

(b) A webinar exploring capacity-building tools and methodologies, including the PCCB toolkit to assess capacity-building gaps and needs<sup>10</sup> on 15 March 2022.

8. Possible areas of collaboration with the PCCB include:

(a) Organize joint activities, including but not limited to, events and webinars regarding the identification and assessment of capacity-building gaps and needs, building on the Needs Determination Report (NDR) of the SCF and other relevant work;

(b) Exchange information on tools, methodologies, case studies and best practices for assessing capacity needs and gaps of developing country Parties as regards accessing and mobilising climate finance;

(c) Participate in activities and meetings of the PCCB's informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;

(d) Consider participation of PCCB representatives in the SCF Forum.

## **D. Collaboration with Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage**

9. In 2021, representatives of the SCF participated in:

(a) The 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ExCom, including providing an update on SCF work;

(b) An informal meeting with the expert group on action and support of the ExCom to discuss the draft guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;

10. Possible areas of collaboration with the ExCom include:

(a) Continue to participate at the meetings of the expert group on action and support of the ExCom, the date and time of the next meeting will be determined after the next ExCom 15 meeting which will take place 5–8 April 2022;

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<sup>9</sup> Contained under activity 7 of the TEC work plan. Available at: [https://unfccc.int/tclear/misc/StaticFiles/gnwoerk\\_static/TEC\\_key\\_doc/616d61dbb2284427b8e68e5ab3c74756/e3b0f587f9454f5f9ee2415c5571358d.pdf](https://unfccc.int/tclear/misc/StaticFiles/gnwoerk_static/TEC_key_doc/616d61dbb2284427b8e68e5ab3c74756/e3b0f587f9454f5f9ee2415c5571358d.pdf).

<sup>10</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/paris-committee-on-capacity-building-pccb/areas-of-work/capacity-building-portal/pccb-toolkit-to-assess-capacity-building-gaps-and-needs>.

- (b) The current five-year rolling workplan includes the following two activities which concern the SCF:<sup>11</sup>
- i. Invite the SCF to continue its collaboration and engagement with the ExCom, 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 (BA);
  - ii. 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.

## **E. Collaboration with Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures**

11. KCI Co-Chairs invited constituted bodies to participate in its fourth meeting in May 2021. The workplan of the Katowice Committee on Impacts for 2020–2025 is undertaking the following activities:

(a) Technical paper on enhancing the capacity and understanding of Parties, through collaboration and input from stakeholders, on the assessment and analysis of the impacts of the implementation of response measures to facilitate the undertaking of economic diversification and transformation and just transition;

(b) Technical paper to facilitate the development, enhancement, customization and use of tools and methodologies for modelling and assessing the impacts of the implementation of response measures, including identifying and reviewing existing tools and approaches in data-poor environments, in consultation with technical experts, practitioners and other relevant stakeholders.

## **F. Gender**

12. COP 22 requested all constituted bodies to include in their regular reports information on progress towards integrating a gender perspective into their respective processes. In response, in 2021 the SCF:

(a) Discussed gender considerations and climate finance at the technical stakeholder dialogues;

(b) Explored ways to highlight in the fourth BA information on gender in the context of climate finance outcomes;

(c) Explored ways to integrate information on gender into the first NDR;

(d) Considered gender balance in selecting speakers for the first part of the SCF Forum on finance for nature-based solutions.

13. Possible areas of cooperation on this matter:

(a) In 2022, SCF Chairs to provide their inputs to select the topic for the dialogue between the chairs of all constituted bodies, to be held during the SB 58 (June 2023), on strengthening the integration of the gender perspective into the work of the constituted bodies;

(b) Continue to strengthen, in the fifth BA, how gender is highlighted in the context of climate finance and make recommendations of further work by stakeholders, as appropriate;

(c) Consider gender-responsive nature-based solutions and enhancing access to finance by women in the SCF Forum programme;

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<sup>11</sup> Available at: <https://unfccc.int/documents/28319#beg>, page 14–15.

(d) Expand the scope of the collaboration to both gender and youth (Action for Climate Empowerment);<sup>12</sup>

(e) Participate in the dialogue to be held on Gender Day at COP 27 on good practice integration of gender-responsive budgeting into national budgets to advance gender-responsive climate policies, plans, strategies and action.

## G. Forests and other matters

14. In addition, in 2021 representatives of the SCF participated in:

(a) The informal dialogue with the constituted bodies during the May–June 2021 sessions of the subsidiary bodies, including providing information on the status of the SCF workplan and SCF efforts to enhance stakeholder engagement;

(b) The fifth meeting of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;

(c) Seminar organized by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau Development Bank and the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation on “Positions on Nature-based solutions”.

15. Possible areas of cooperation with other bodies:

(a) Respond to calls for inputs and submissions from other bodies, institutions or processes to disseminate the findings of SCF products (e.g. the global stocktake and mandates of constituted bodies);

(b) Respond to invitations to attend meetings of bodies where SCF focal points have not been appointed, on an ad-hoc basis;

(c) Continue work on coherence and coordination, *inter alia*, the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy in the context of the SCF Forum programme.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Decision 18/CP.26 and 22/CMA.3, annex, para 6(a).

<sup>13</sup> Decisions 7/CP.19, paragraph 11 and 8/CP.22, paragraph 10.