



Standing Committee on Finance

02 March 2023

**Thirtieth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance
6 – 7 March 2023**

**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 will be invited to agree on:

- 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. The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) may wish to consider the overall approach in maintaining linkages and enhancing engagement with the UNFCCC constituted bodies and identify possible areas of enhanced cooperation. Current activities include:

(a) Sharing the SCF work plan with other constituted bodies, highlighting specific areas of work that the SCF and the constituted bodies could explore to collaborate on (see possible areas of cooperation in section II);

(b) Attendance of SCF focal points in meetings of other constituted bodies and reporting back to the SCF on possible linkages and collaboration;

(c) Provision of inputs to other constituted bodies and participating in meetings upon invitation, drawing upon ongoing or previous work of the SCF.

2. The SCF may wish to appoint this year's focal points for other constituted bodies and thematic areas, including:

(a) Adaptation-related matters, including the Adaptation Committee (AC) and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG);

(b) Technology-related matters, including Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN);

(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) Matters related to financing for forests;

(f) Matters relating to gender and Action for Climate Empowerment.

II. Background

3. At the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), Parties decided that the SCF maintains linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the constituted bodies of the Convention.¹ COP 27 welcomed the efforts of the SCF to continue to strengthen its engagement with stakeholders in the context of its workplan, including UNFCCC constituted bodies, private entities and other entities outside the UNFCCC, and encouraged the Committee to continue such efforts in 2023.²

A. Adaptation Committee and Least Developed Countries Expert Group

4. In 2022 representatives of the SCF participated in:

(a) A dialogue organized by the AC on strengthening coherence and collaboration in addressing support for adaptation;

(b) The AC–LEG–SCF joint working group meetings on methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support, where SCF focal point provided insights on the sources of information relevant to the review.

5. Areas of possible collaboration in 2023 include:

(a) Collaboration on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;

(b) Continue participation in the AC, LEG and SCF joint working group on methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support;³

(c) Participate in the work of the AC in addressing capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding, including a Dialogue with other constituted bodies, to be held at the 58th session of the Subsidiary Bodies;⁴

(d) Participate in the AC task force on national adaptation plans.⁵

B. Technology Executive Committee and Climate Technology Centre and Network

6. In 2022 representatives of the SCF participated in the 19th meeting of the CTCN Advisory Board and provided update on the SCF work. The SCF also engaged in a discussion with the TEC on providing inputs to the SCF on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.

7. Areas of possible collaboration in 2023 include:

(a) Attendance in the regular meeting of TEC and CTCN to participate in the discussions relating technology and finance, based on the 2023–2027 rolling workplan of the TEC⁶ and joint work programme of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism for 2023–2027;⁷

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

² Decision -/CP.27, paragraph 18.

³ <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/adaptation-committee-ac/mandates-from-the-cma/methodologies-adequacy-and-effectiveness#Progress-updates-of-the-AC-and-the-LEG-in-collaboration-with-the-SCF-on-their-work-in-addressing-this-mandate-since-2020>.

⁴ AC will discuss plans for the Dialogue at its 23rd meeting. Background document: <https://unfccc.int/node/627055>.

⁵ <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/adaptation-committee-ac/AC-NAPTF>.

⁶ Available at:

https://unfccc.int/ttclear/misc_/StaticFiles/gnwoerk_static/TEC_key_doc/69e5143f37834a8c8e0550534a3f0f5a/7f63a0ef1c3d481ba27efb21834c02e1.pdf.

⁷ Available at:

https://unfccc.int/ttclear/misc_/StaticFiles/gnwoerk_static/TEC_key_doc/07dee8e9fdb44cbe9b26a23a661a0a67/b0d73a0435d44c6da05d2ba44175ceaf.pdf.

- (b) Collaboration with the TEC on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.

C. Paris Committee on Capacity-building

8. In 2022 representatives of the SCF:
- (a) Participated in the sixth meeting of the PCCB and the second meeting of the informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;
- (b) Participated in a webinar on capacity-building tools and methodologies and contributed information on methodologies and case studies for assessing capacity needs and gaps of developing country Parties;
- (c) Collaborated with the PCCB on capacity-building issues discussed at the SCF Forum on Financing Nature-based Solutions.
9. Possible areas of collaboration with the PCCB include:
- (a) Participate in activities and meetings of the PCCB's informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;
- (b) Participate in the discussions of the PCCB relating to assessing capacity gaps and needs to implement the Paris Agreement,⁸ drawing upon experience of the SCF in preparing the determination of needs report.

D. Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage

10. In 2022, representatives of the SCF participated in:
- (a) The 15th 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;
11. 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;
- (b) The current five-year rolling workplan⁹ includes the following activity that may be of interest to the SCF: Compile information, identify gaps, and prepare guidance, tools and methodologies, as appropriate, for assessing needs related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage at various levels (Activity 16).

E. Gender and Actions for Climate Empowerment

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 2022 the SCF:
- (a) Discussed gender considerations and climate finance at the SCF Forum on Financing Nature-based Solutions;

⁸ The PCCB will consider this matter at its next meeting.

⁹ Available at: https://cop23.unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Second_5yrRWP_edited.pdf.

(b) Undertook an analysis of gender and climate finance as part of the technical work on the fifth BA;

(c) Considered gender balance in selecting speakers for its events and webinars held in 2022.

13. Possible areas of cooperation on this matter:

(a) Participation in 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;¹⁰

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

(c) Consider incorporating gender in the context of financing just transition for the SCF Forum programme;

(d) Consider the invitation to the UNFCCC constituted bodies to undertake the activities set out in the Action for Climate Empowerment, as appropriate.¹¹

F. Forest financing and other possible areas of linkages

14. In 2022 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 eighth meeting of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform.

15. Possible areas of cooperation include:

(a) Respond to calls for inputs and submissions from other bodies, institutions or processes, for example, for the first global stocktake, drawing upon the work of the SCF;

(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 policy¹² in the context of the SCF Forum.

¹⁰ Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 3: Facilitate the exchange of views and best practices of the Chairs of constituted bodies (at SB 58) on how to strengthen the integration of the gender perspective into their work, taking into account the synthesis reports on progress in integrating a gender perspective into constituted body processes.

¹¹ Decision -/CP.27 (Action plan under the Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment), annex, paragraph 2.

¹² Decisions 7/CP.19, paragraph 11 and 8/CP.22, paragraph 10.