



Standing Committee on Finance

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Background paper on linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and constituted 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 (SBI) and the constituted 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) will be invited:
 - (a) To take note of activities undertaken by the SCF to enhance linkages and cooperation with the subsidiary bodies and other constituted bodies;
 - (b) To appoint and reconfirm focal points in relation to various thematic areas of work.

II. Background

2. At Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Convention (COP) 17, Parties decided that the SCF is to maintain linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the constituted bodies of the Convention.¹ At COP 19, Parties called on the SCF to further enhance its linkages with the SBI and the constituted bodies of the Convention.² 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.³ 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.⁴
3. At its 21st meeting, the SCF agreed to continue consideration of the linkages with the constituted bodies under the Convention at its 22th meeting.⁵

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

² Decision 7/CP.19, paragraph 10.

³ Decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 11.

⁴ Decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 11.

⁵ SCF/2019/21/11.

III. Recent developments and activities

A. General

4. With the aim to continue engagement and collaboration with the constituted bodies, the SCF Co-Chairs sent letters to share the Committee's workplan and to inform about work of the Committee's various workstreams to the Chairs of the Adaptation Committee (AC), Technology Executive Committee (TEC), Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (ExCom), Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB), Consultative Group of Experts (CGE), Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI).

5. In response, the SCF received letters of appreciation and confirmation of continued collaboration from the PCCB and AC.

B. Collaboration with PCCB

6. *Activities in relation to PCCB:* The SCF focal point participated in the 4th meeting of the PCCB, held virtually from 22–25 June 2020, and provided inputs towards the establishment of the informal coordination mechanism (ICM).⁶

C. Collaboration with AC and LEG

7. *Background:* The AC has designated four of its members as liaison members for the SCF. At its 20th meeting, the SCF agreed that its Co-Chairs and SCF focal points on adaptation, with the support of the secretariat, would undertake activities with the AC. To this effect, workplans of the two Committees have been exchanged and timelines for future relevant work.

8. *Activities in relation to AC and LEG:*

- (a) The AC Chair informed through email the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) constituted bodies' Chairs on possible collaboration on the synthesis report for the Global Stocktake (GST);
- (b) SBSTA Chair sent a letter to the SCF Co-Chairs identifying the SCF Forum as an avenue for collaboration with the Nairobi Work Programme;
- (c) The SCF focal point participated in the 18th meeting of the LEG, held virtually from 17–20 August 2020, and joined the discussion on implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs).

D. Collaboration with ExCom

9. *Background:* 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 five-year rolling workplan includes the following two activities which concern the SCF:⁷

(a) 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;

(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.

⁶ Concept note available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/PCCB_2020_5_ICM.pdf.

⁷ Available at: <https://unfccc.int/documents/28319#beg>, page 14–15.

10. *Activities in relation to ExCom:* At 11th meeting of the ExCom⁸, held virtually from 10–12 March 2020, the ExCom discussed the *engagement and dialogue with the SCF*⁹ and considered the following:

(a) What information the ExCom should provide to the SCF when, in accordance with its mandate, it provides information, recommendations and draft guidance relating to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, relevant to reducing the risks of loss and damage and, where necessary, addressing loss and damage;

(b) Process and timeframe for the ExCom to engage with the SCF for providing technical support and guidance on approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, including extreme events and slow onset events; and

(c) Modalities of engagement, including inviting the SCF to take part in the expert group(s) of the ExCom.

E. Other matters

11. The SCF focal point participated in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) webinar on climate finance in the agriculture sector and provided presentation on the international climate finance architecture and the role of the SCF, held virtually from 13 May 2020.¹⁰

F. Focal points of the SCF to the various thematic areas of work

12. Based on the mandates received by the COP, the SCF may wish to appoint and reconfirm one or more members to be the focal point for the following:

(a) Adaptation-related matters, which includes the representation in the:

(i) Task Force on National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) of the Adaptation Committee (AC);

(ii) Working group of the AC on the technical examination process on adaptation (TEP-A);

(iii) Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG);

(b) Technology-related matters, including representing the SCF in the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN);

(c) Capacity-building-related matters, including representing the SCF in the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) for a term of one year;

(d) Loss and damage-related matters, liaison work with the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (ExCom);

(e) Gender-related matters.

⁸ Available at: <https://unfccc.int/event/11th-meeting-of-the-executive-committee-of-the-warsaw-international-mechanism-for-loss-and-damage>.

⁹ Available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Excom%2011_Background_document_5c%28ii%29.pdf.

¹⁰ Available at: <http://www.fao.org/climate-change/our-work/what-we-do/koronivia/kjwa-webinars/en/>.