



Standing Committee on Finance

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

Expected actions by the Standing Committee on Finance

The Standing Committee on Finance will be invited to:

- a) Consider activities to be undertaken by the SCF to enhance linkages and cooperation with other constituted bodies;
- b) Appoint and confirm focal points with 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 potential areas of enhanced cooperation. Current activities include:

- (a) Attendance of SCF focal points in meetings of other constituted bodies and reporting back to the SCF on possible linkages and collaboration;
- (b) Provision of inputs to other constituted bodies, drawing upon ongoing and previous relevant work of the SCF;

2. The SCF may wish to appoint and confirm focal points in 2024 for constituted bodies and thematic areas. See Table 1 for a list of focal points in 2023.

Table 1

List of SCF focal points for other constituted bodies and thematic areas in 2023

<i>Constituted bodies and thematic areas</i>	<i>Focal points</i>
Adaptation-related matters, including the Adaptation Committee (AC) and Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)	Kevin Adams, Gabriela Blatter, Zaheer Fakir, Richard Muyungi
Capacity-building-related matters, including the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB)	Mattias Frumerie, Apollonia Miola
Indigenous People-related matters, including the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP)	Ivan Zambrana Flores, Apollonia Miola
Loss and damage-related matters, including the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (ExCom)	Kevin Adams, Diann Black-Layne, Javier Antonio Gutierrez Ramirez

<i>Constituted bodies and thematic areas</i>	<i>Focal points</i>
Response measures-related matters, including the Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures (KCI)	Katarzyna Kowalska
Technology-related matters, including the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN)	Diann Black-Layne, Katarzyna Kowalska, Vicky Noens
Matters related to financing for forests	Ivan Zambrana Flores, Richard Muyungi
Matters relating to gender and Action for Climate Empowerment	Gertraud Wollansky

II. Background

3. COP 17 decided that the SCF maintains linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the constituted bodies of the Convention.¹ COP 19 called on the SCF to further enhance its linkages with the SBI and the constituted bodies of the Convention.² COP 21 requested the SCF to continue to strengthen its engagement with all relevant stakeholders and bodies under the Convention.³ In the context of the review of the functions of the SCF, COP 23 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

4. COP 28 noted with appreciation the efforts of the SCF to strengthen its engagement with stakeholders in the context of its workplan, including the constituted bodies, private entities and other entities outside the UNFCCC process. COP 28 encouraged the SCF to continue such efforts in 2024, including, as appropriate, with people and communities on the front line of climate change, including Indigenous Peoples and local communities.⁵

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

5. The SCF has actively engaged in adaptation-related matters, particularly on adaptation and adaptation finance and support on the National Adaptation Plans. Areas of possible collaboration in 2024 include:

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

(b) Participation in the meetings of the Adaptation Committee in March 2024⁶ and September 2024 (tbc) as well as second part of the dialogue on addressing developing countries' capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding;⁷

(c) Continued engagement in the AC - LEG - SCF joint working group on adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation support;⁸

¹ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121(b).

² Decision 7/CP.19, paragraph 10.

³ Decision 6/CP.21, paragraph 2.

⁴ Decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 11.

⁵ Decision 5/CP.28, paragraph 15 ([Advance unedited version](#)).

⁶ <https://unfccc.int/event/AC-25>.

⁷ <https://unfccc.int/event/ac-dialogue-gaps-accessing-adaptation-funding-part2>.

⁸ <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/mandates-from-the-cma/methodologies-adequacy-and-effectiveness>.

- (d) Continued engagement in the AC taskforce on national adaptation plans;
- (e) Continued engagement in the advisory group of Party experts for assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs.⁹

B. Collaboration with the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage

6. The SCF has engaged with the WIM Excom in relation to action and support relating to loss and damage. Possible areas of collaboration in 2024 include:

- (a) Further collaboration on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;
- (b) Participation in the meeting of the ExComin in the second half of 2024 and continued participation in the work of the expert group on action and support of the ExCom in the context of its five-year rolling workplan.¹⁰

C. Collaboration with the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

7. Possible areas of cooperation in 2024 include participation in the meetings of the FWG of the LCIPP in May 2024 and November 2024, upon invitation.

D. Collaboration with the Paris Committee on Capacity-building

- 8. The SCF has engaged with the PCCB, including through participation in the informal coordination group (ICG) of the PCCB¹¹ and providing input on a capacity-building booklet on accessing, mobilizing and scaling up climate finance.¹²
- 9. Possible areas of collaboration in 2024 include continued participation in activities and meetings of the PCCB and ICG as may be relevant to the work of the SCF, including on tools and methodologies for assessing and addressing capacity gaps and needs relating to accessing climate finance.

E. Collaboration with the Technology Executive Committee and Climate Technology Centre and Network

10. The SCF has engaged in technology-related matters, mainly through participation in the Advisory Board Meeting of the CTCN to provide an overview of SCF activities relevant to finance and technology. Areas of possible collaboration in 2024 include:

- (a) Further collaboration with the TEC on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;
- (b) Attendance in the regular meeting of the TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board meetings to participate in the discussions relating to technology and finance, based on the

⁹ Decision 3/CP.26, paragraph 3(b).

¹⁰ <https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/constituted-bodies/WIMExCom/Action-Support>.

¹¹ <https://unfccc.int/PCCB-ICG>.

¹² Available at: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Climate%20Finance.pdf>.

2023–2027 rolling workplan of the TEC¹³ and joint work programme of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism for 2023–2027;¹⁴

(c) Attendance in an in-session workshop at the 60th session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to take stock of the linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism taking into account the views expressed in the submissions on maintaining and enhancing collaboration and cooperation between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism.¹⁵

F. Gender and youth

11. COP 22 requested all constituted bodies to include in their regular reports information on progress towards integrating a gender perspective into their respective processes.¹⁶ In response, the SCF explored ways to consider gender in implementing the 2023 workplan, including through integration of gender and climate finance information in the outline of the sixth BA and the second NDR, gender considerations at the SCF Forum on financing just transitions, and consideration gender balance in selecting speakers for its events and webinars held in 2023. The SCF focal point also participated in a dialogue among the UNFCCC constituted bodies on progress in integrating gender into their work and presented work of the SCF.

12. Possible areas of work in 2024 on this matter include:

- (a) Gender consideration in the technical reports to be prepared by the SCF;
- (b) Successful organization of SCF Forum on gender-responsive finance;
- (c) Continued consideration of gender balance for events to be held in 2024;
- (d) Participating in gender events that may be organized under the UNFCCC.

G. Other possible areas of linkages

13. As part of fulfilling its mandate to maintain linkages, the SCF may wish to:

- (a) Respond to invitations and attend meetings of bodies where SCF focal points have not been appointed, on an ad-hoc basis;
- (b) Continue work on coherence and coordination, inter alia, the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy¹⁷ in the context of the SCF Forum.

14. Furthermore, the SCF may wish to take note of the COP 28 and CMA 5 decisions inviting a wide variety of stakeholders, including constituted bodies, to provide views or inputs pertaining to thematic work under the UNFCCC. Decisions containing the invitations can be found in the Annex.

¹³ Available at: https://unfccc.int/ttclear/misc_/StaticFiles/gnwoerk_static/TEC_Documents_doc/d7954e3a9dd445fb883145acc3afa9ae/6778ff8cd9bf4fa2ba88a485da2523f0.pdf.

¹⁴ Available at: https://unfccc.int/ttclear/misc_/StaticFiles/gnwoerk_static/TEC_Documents_doc/6e7cae499c2b418e93d2d2a1bcca1a20/e9a1b6ffadbe47bcb3f2634881df13f5.pdf.

¹⁵ Decision 10/CP.28, paragraph 10 ([Advance unedited version](#)).

¹⁶ Decision 21/CP.22, paragraph 14.

¹⁷ Decisions 7/CP.19, paragraph 11 and 8/CP.22, paragraph 10.

Annex

Invitation for submissions from the COP and the CMA to constituted bodies

<i>Decisions</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Invites Parties, the UNFCCC constituted bodies, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and other relevant stakeholders to submit views on maintaining and enhancing collaboration and cooperation between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism, including on linkages between the Mechanisms, taking into account the guiding questions contained in the annex; ^a	1 February 2024
Invites Parties, constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, representatives of relevant processes under the Convention, and non-Party stakeholders to views on the second review of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building based on the terms of reference contained in the annex for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its sixtieth session (June 2024); ^b	29 February 2024
Invites Parties, United Nations entities, the UNFCCC constituted bodies and relevant organizations, in accordance with their respective mandates and priorities, to submit their inputs on progress, challenges, gaps and priorities in implementing the gender action plan, categorized by deliverable or output for each activity under the gender action plan, and on future work to be undertaken on gender and climate change, with a view to the submissions informing the final review of the implementation of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan; ^c	31 March 2024
Invites Parties, constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, climate finance institutions, observers and observer organizations, and other stakeholders, particularly from the private sector, to submit their views on the issues to be addressed during the workshops; ^d	31 March 2024
Invites Parties, constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, climate finance institutions, observers and other stakeholders, including from the private sector, to submit views in advance of each technical expert dialogue and meeting under the ad hoc work programme. ^e	Prior to each technical expert dialogue and meeting

^a Decision 10/CP.28, paragraph 10 ([Advance unedited version](#)).

^b Decision 12/CP.28, paragraph 3 ([Advance unedited version](#)) and 16/CMA.5 paragraph 4 ([Advance unedited version](#)).

^c Decision 15/CP.28, paragraph 2 ([Advance unedited version](#)).

^d Decision 9/CMA.5, paragraph 11 ([Advance unedited version](#)).

^e Decision 8/CMA.5, paragraph 14 ([Advance unedited version](#)).