



Agenda and Annotations

Nineteenth Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance

29 to 31 October 2018, (Bonn, Germany)

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Annotations to the agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The nineteenth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be opened by the Co-Chairs on the morning of Monday, 29 October 2018.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. *Action: The SCF may wish to adopt the agenda for its nineteenth meeting.*

3. *Background:* The provisional agenda was prepared by the Co-Chairs, with the assistance of the secretariat, and was circulated to the SCF prior to the meeting.

SCF/2018/19/1	<i>Provisional agenda for the Nineteenth Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>
SCF/2018/19/2	<i>Provisional agenda and annotations for the Nineteenth Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance</i>

(b) Organization of the work of the meeting

4. *Action: The SCF will be invited to agree on the organization of the work of the meeting.*

5. *Background:* The nineteenth meeting of the SCF will be held from 29 to 31 October 2018 in Bonn, Germany. A detailed tentative schedule of the meeting is annexed to this document. The meeting will be open to attendance by observers from Parties and accredited observer organizations, except where otherwise decided by the SCF. Additionally, the meeting of the SCF can be viewed through an online webcast and enhanced stakeholder engagement will be piloted in this meeting, which will include participation of observers through a virtual platform. The SCF may decide at any time that the meeting or part thereof should be closed to observers or that the webcast should be interrupted.

3. Draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism

6. *Action: The SCF will be invited to agree on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, to be forwarded to COP 24 for its consideration.*

7. *Background:* At COP 17, Parties decided that the SCF shall assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the Financial Mechanism of the Convention including through providing draft guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention to the COP, with a view to improving the consistency and practicality of such guidance, taking into account the annual reports of the operating entities as well as submissions from Parties.

8. In the context of the review of the functions of the SCF, COP 23 encouraged Parties and other constituted bodies under the Convention to continue to provide submissions for the preparation of draft decisions on guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, based on the reports of the operating entities, in a timely manner to the SCF.¹

SCF/2018/19/3	<i>Background paper on the draft guidance to the Operating Entities of the Financial Mechanism</i>
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¹ Decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 9.

4. 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows

9. **Action:** *The SCF will be invited to consider and finalise:*

- (a) *Summary and recommendations of the 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows (BA) to be included in its report to COP 24;*
- (b) *Final draft of the technical report of the 2018 BA; and*
- (c) *Outreach activities at COP 24 to promote the findings of the 2018 BA.*

10. *Background:* COP 17 decided that the SCF should assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the Financial Mechanism of the Convention in terms of measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of support provided to developing countries, inter alia, through the preparation of biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BAs). The BAs are to include information on the geographical and thematic balance of flows drawing from available sources of information, including, inter alia, from biennial reports and biennial update reports. Further guidance is contained in decisions 1/CP.18, paragraph 71, 5/CP.18, paragraph 11, 3/CP.19, paragraph 11, 9/CP.21, paragraph 13, and paragraph 37(f) in the annex to decision 8/CP.22.

11. COP 23 noted the outcome of discussions on the 2018 BA, including the outline of the technical report and the summary and recommendations on the 2018 BA, as well as an indicative timeline.²

12. During its eighteenth meeting, the SCF held a technical expert meeting on the 2018 BA on 10 September 2018. Further, during its eighteenth meeting the SCF agreed that:

- (a) The deadline for sending written comments on the second order draft of the 2018 BA technical report is end of September 2018;
- (b) The co-facilitators, with the assistance of the secretariat, will organise a webinar to further discuss the elements of draft summary and recommendations with a view to develop a full draft for consideration at the nineteenth meeting of the SCF;
- (c) Under the guidance of the co-facilitators, the secretariat will develop the third order draft of the 2018 BA technical report inter-sessionally, with a view to make the draft available prior to the nineteenth meeting of the SCF.

SCF/2018/18/4 Background paper on the 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows of the Standing Committee on Finance

Draft summary and recommendations by the SCF on the 2018 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows

Third order draft of the 2018 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows technical report

5. Theme for the next Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance

13. **Action:** *The SCF will be invited to agree on the theme for the next Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance and to provide further guidance on intersessional work regarding the organization of the next Forum. The SCF will be invited to agree on the theme keeping in mind the background paper for this item as well as the addendum that will include the submissions received.*

14. *Background:* At its eighteenth meeting, the SCF considered Sustainable Cities as a possible theme for its next forum, based on the ongoing climate finance work by relevant stakeholders, such as C40, ICLEI and UN Habitat. The Committee also discussed sustainable transportation and water infrastructure that may be considered as possible themes or sub-themes of the Forum. Capacity-building, gender and youth will be considered as cross-cutting sub-themes of the Forum.

² FCCC/CP/2017/9, annex VI and decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 6.

15. At its eighteenth meeting, the SCF agreed:
- (a) To issue a call for submission on the possible theme of the next forum;
 - (b) To request the co-facilitators to prepare for options for consideration by the SCF at its nineteenth meeting, based on the discussions held during the eighteenth meeting.

SCF/2018/19/5 Background paper on the next forum of the Standing Committee on Finance and Add

6. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance to the Conference of the Parties

16. **Action:** *The SCF will be invited to consider and agree on the draft of its report to COP 24, including its workplan for 2019 and related recommendations as appropriate. Furthermore, the SCF will be invited to agree on the procedure for the inter-sessional finalization of the report.*

17. Background: At COP 23, Parties requested the SCF to report to COP 24 on the progress made in the implementation of its workplan.

SCF/2018/19/6 Background paper on the report of the Standing Committee on Finance to the Conference of the Parties

7. Enhancing stakeholder engagement

18. **Action:** *The SCF will be invited to consider and decide on the ways to enhance stakeholder engagement based on the information provided in the background paper and the discussions at SCF 18.*

19. Background: The COP requested the SCF to further strengthen its engagement with stakeholders (Decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 14).

20. During its eighteenth meeting, the SCF discussed options to further strengthen stakeholder engagement in the work of the SCF and agreed that innovative solutions should be considered and implemented at SCF 19 and for future SCF meetings and events. The secretariat is exploring the ways to enhance virtual participation by stakeholders in future SCF meetings, within the resources available.

21. Additional information regarding this mandate is reflected in the background paper for this agenda item.

SCF/2018/19/7 Background paper on enhancing stakeholder engagement

8. Linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the thematic bodies of the Convention

22. **Action:** *The SCF will be invited to consider the background paper under this item and any implications on linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention.*

23. Background: At COP 17, Parties decided that the SCF is to maintain linkages with the SBI 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.

SCF/2018/19/8 Background paper on linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention

9. Dates and venues of future meetings

24. The SCF may wish to consider and agree on the number and schedule for its meetings in the year 2019.

10. Report of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance

25. The SCF may wish to consider and adopt the report of the 19th meeting of the SCF inter-sessionally on a non-objection basis.

11. Other matters

26. The SCF may wish to consider any other items it deems necessary.

12. Closure of the meeting

27. The 19th meeting of the SCF is scheduled to close on Wednesday, 31 October 2018, at 15:00.

Annex**Tentative Schedule SCF 19 [TO BE REVISED]*****Monday 29 October 2018***

08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:15	Opening of the Meeting Organizational Matters	
09:15 – 09:30	Dates and venues of future meetings	
09:30 – 10:00	Linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the thematic bodies of the Convention	
10:00 – 10:30	2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of climate finance flows	
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:45 – 11:45	Draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism	
11:45 – 12:45	Theme for the next Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance	
12:45 – 13:45	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:45 – 15:45	Breakout group on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism	Breakout group on the 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of climate finance flows
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45 – 17:00	Breakout group on the 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of climate finance flows	Break out group on the theme for the next Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance

Tuesday 30 October 2018

09:00 – 09:30	Stocktake	
09:30 – 11:00	Breakout group on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism	Break out group on the theme for the next Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:15 – 12:45	Breakout group on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism	Breakout group on the 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of climate finance flows
12:45 – 13:45	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:45 – 15:30	Breakout group on the 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of climate finance flows	
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45 – 17:00	Plenary report of the breakout group on the 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of climate finance flows	

Wednesday 31 October 2018

09:00 – 10:45	Plenary report of the breakout group on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism	
10:45 – 11:30	Plenary report of the breakout group on the Theme for the next Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance	
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	

11:45 – 12:45 Enhancing stakeholder engagement

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch break

13:45 – 14:30 Report of the Standing Committee on Finance to the Conference of the Parties

14:30 – 15:00 Other matters

Closure
