



Standing Committee on Finance

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Background paper on the 2018 workplan of the Standing Committee on Finance

Expected actions by the Standing Committee on Finance

The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be invited to consider the additional mandates and guidance received from the COP with a view to agreeing on its activities for 2018, including:

- a) The consideration of additional mandates previously discussed at SCF 17 such as financing for forests, pre-2020 implementation and ambition, the Talanoa Dialogue, the Durban Forum, as well as gender and climate finance;
- b) The consideration of further issues, such as adaptation, loss and damage and agriculture.

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

A. 2018 workplan and the distribution of work throughout 2018

1. The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) may wish to consider the information on additional mandates, related tasks and activities for the various areas of work as mandated by the COP, keeping in mind the timelines for SCF work in 2018 as well previous COP decisions appended in annexes I and II to this document.
2. In particular, the SCF may wish to consider issues such as:
 - (a) **Financing for forests:** options paper in annex IV, a possible focal point to represent the SCF in relevant events and to prepare a summary report for inclusion in the SCF report to COP 24;
 - (b) Inputs requested by the COP 23 President and COP 24 President-Designate for the **stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition** at COP 24, which will consider, inter alia, the inputs of the constituted bodies;
 - (c) **Talanoa Dialogue:** to which, inter alia, Parties, stakeholders and expert institutions are encouraged to prepare analytical and policy relevant inputs to inform the dialogue and submit these and other proposed inputs, including those from intergovernmental organisations and UNFCCC bodies by 29 October 2018 for discussions in conjunction with COP 24;
 - (d) The invitation to the constituted bodies by COP 24 to enhance their engagement in the **technical examination processes**;
 - (e) The invitation by COP 21 to integrate the lessons learned at, and the main outcomes of the meetings of the **Durban Forum**;
 - (f) **Gender:** possible areas of work in 2018 relating to gender considerations such as the 2018 BA, draft guidance the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, consideration of the 2019 SCF Forum, as well as the COP 23 invitation for the SCF

to host a dialogue in 2019 on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action (Decision 3/CP.23, annex, Table 4, D.1);

- (g) **Adaptation:** Appointment of focal points to liaise with the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group on adaptation related matters;
- (h) **Loss and damage:** The invitation to constituted bodies by COP 22 to, as appropriate, continue or to initiate, as appropriate, the integration of efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on;
- (i) **Agriculture:** The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) were requested to jointly address issues related to agriculture, including through workshops and expert meetings, working with constituted bodies under the Convention.

II. Background

3. The COP, in decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 3, endorsed the updated workplan of the SCF for 2018. In addition, COP 22 provided further guidance, described below, which has been incorporated into the SCF 2018 workplan. COP 23 also provided additional guidance to be incorporated into the SCF 2018 workplan.

(a) Financing for forests-related considerations

4. COP 23 reiterated that the SCF will integrate financing for forests-related considerations into its 2017 workplan, where appropriate, and continue work on this matter in the context of the overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, taking into account all relevant decisions on forests.¹

(b) Gender and climate change

5. The COP 22 decision on gender and climate change requested all constituted bodies under the UNFCCC process to include information on progress made towards integrating a gender perspective in their processes in their regular reports according to the entry points identified in a technical paper to be prepared by the secretariat, identifying entry points for integrating gender considerations in workstreams under the UNFCCC process, for consideration by SBI 48 (April–May 2018).²

6. At its 15th meeting, the SCF took note of the forthcoming request to provide information on progress made in integrating a gender perspective into its work. Furthermore, the SCF discussed integrating gender considerations in the sixth review of the Financial Mechanism and the 2018 BA. The SCF also took note of the ongoing work of the SBI on the development of a gender action plan.³

7. COP 23 invited, inter alia, members of constituted bodies to participate and engage in implementing the gender action plan, with a view to advancing towards the goal of mainstreaming a gender perspective into all elements of climate action.⁴

8. As part of the gender action plan, the SCF is invited to host a dialogue in 2019 on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action.⁵

9. Furthermore, also as part of the gender action plan, Parties, United Nations entities, the Financial Mechanism and other stakeholders are to strengthen the capacity of gender mechanisms,

¹ Decision 7/CP.23, paragraph 12.

² Decision 21/CP.22, paragraphs 13 and 14.

³ FCCC/CP/2017/9, paragraph 43.

⁴ Decision 3/CP.23, paragraph 2.

⁵ Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 4 D.1.

including for parliamentarians, the International Parliamentary Union, commissions, funding ministries, non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations, for the integration of gender-responsive budgeting into climate finance, access and delivery through training, expert workshops, technical papers and tools in 2018.⁶

10. At SBI 48, the secretariat will hold a dialogue, open to Parties and observers, with the chairs of the UNFCCC constituted bodies to discuss the outcomes of the technical paper on entry points requested in decision 21/CP.22, paragraph 13, and any potential recommendations.⁷

(c) Issues related to adaptation

11. Due to a recent change in membership, the SCF may be invited to confirm a Non-Annex I member to liaise with the Adaptation Committee and Least Developed Countries Expert Group. In this role, the adaptation focal point would serve as a member of the Adaptation Committee task force on National Adaptation Plans and the Technical Adaptation Processes on Adaptation working group.

(d) Loss and damage

12. COP 22 invited the constituted bodies to, as appropriate, as those bodies undertake their work, continue or to initiate, as appropriate, the integration of efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on.⁸

13. The SCF may also wish to consider the request from the Co-Chairs of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage to support their work in defining the scope of a technical paper elaborating the sources of financial support as provided through and outside of the Financial Mechanism for addressing loss and damage, as well as the modalities for accessing such support.

(e) Durban Forum

14. COP 21 invited representatives of the relevant bodies established under the Convention, operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and relevant experts and practitioners to integrate into their work programmes and activities the lessons learned at, and the main outcomes of the meetings of the Durban Forum.⁹

(f) Pre-2020 implementation and ambition

15. COP 23 decided to convene a stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition at COP 24, which will apply the format of the 2016 facilitative dialogue and consider, inter alia, the inputs of the COP, Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), the SBI, the SBSTA, the constituted bodies under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism. The COP also decided to convene a stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition at COP 25, which will apply the format of the aforementioned stocktake and consider, inter alia, the inputs of the COP, CMP, the SBI, the SBSTA, the constituted bodies under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.¹⁰

16. As per decision 1/CP.23, annex II, regarding the Talanoa Dialogue, inter alia, Parties, stakeholders and expert institutions are encouraged to prepare analytical and policy relevant inputs to inform the dialogue and submit these and other proposed inputs, including those from intergovernmental organisations and UNFCCC bodies, by 29 October 2018 for discussions in conjunction with COP 24.

17. Further to this decision, the SCF was invited by the President of COP 23/CMP 13/CMA 1.2 and the President of COP 24/CMP 14/CMP 1.3 to submit by 1 October 2018, a concise written input

⁶ Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 4 D.3.

⁷ Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 3 C.1.

⁸ Decision 3/CP.22, paragraph 8.

⁹ Decision 14/CP.21, paragraph 8.

¹⁰ Decision 1/CP.23, paragraphs 17 and 18.

on the SCF's work of relevance to pre-2020 implementation and ambition. This input will be made available on the UNFCCC website and serve as an input to the stocktake to be convened at COP 24 in Katowice, Poland in December 2018.¹¹ The SCF Co-Chairs have acknowledged this request by the COP 23 President and COP 24 President-Designate and confirmed that such written input would be provided.

18. COP 23 also invited the constituted bodies to enhance their engagement in the technical examination processes.¹²

(g) Issues related to agriculture

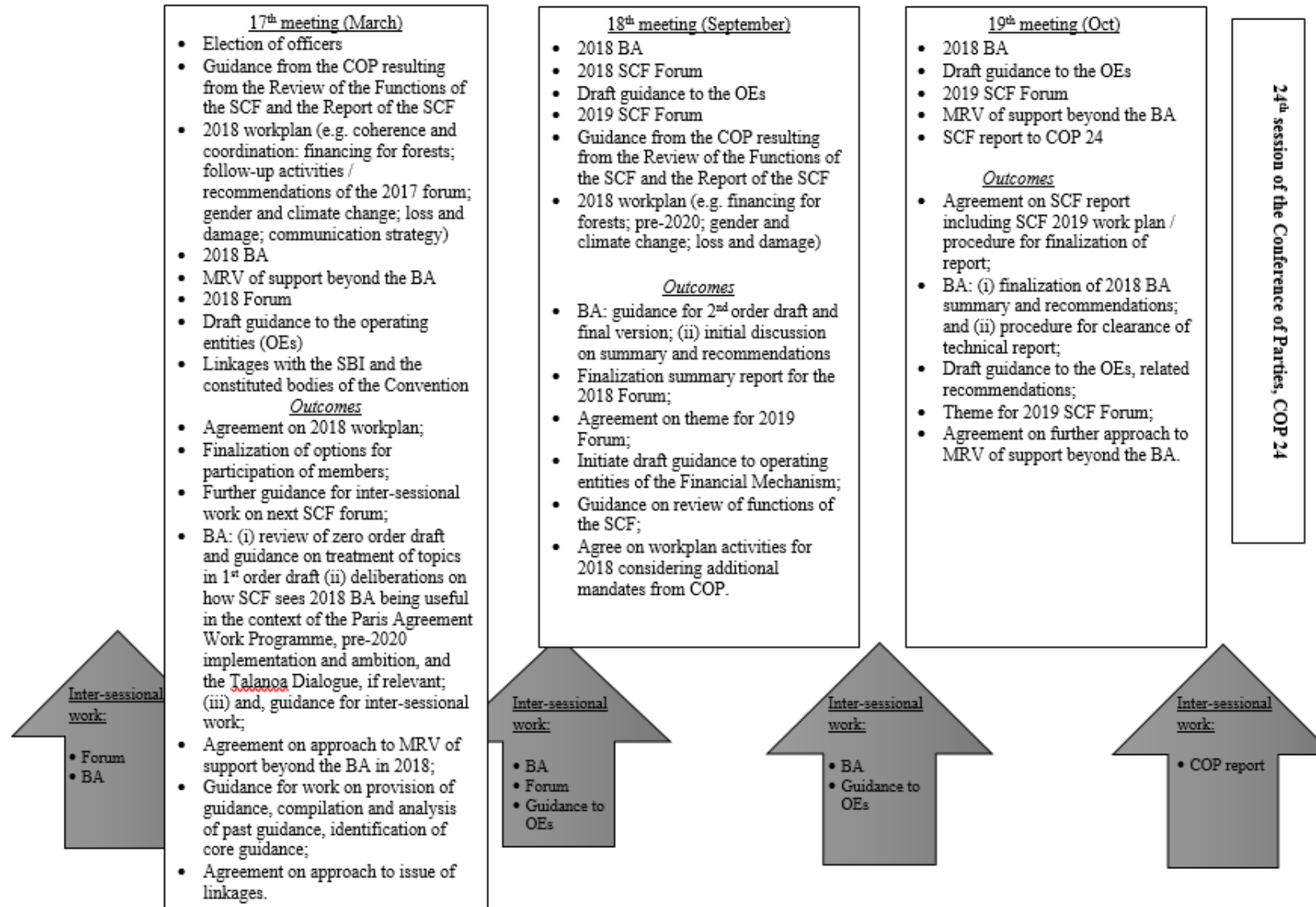
19. As per decision 4/CP.23, paragraph 1, the SBSTA and SBI are requested to jointly address issues related to agriculture, including through workshops and expert meetings, working with constituted bodies under the Convention and taking into consideration the vulnerabilities of agriculture to climate change and approaches to address food security.

20. The SCF may wish to deliberate on possible activities at COP 24 by a representative of the SCF.

¹¹ Decision 1/CP.23, paragraph 17.

¹² Decision 13/CP.23, paragraph 6.

Timeline and proposed approach for meetings and inter-sessional work of the SCF in 2018



Annex II

Mandated activities of the Standing Committee on Finance

Mandated SCF activity	Background and Reference Documents	SCF Outputs/Deliverables 2018	Timeline for SCF work including inter-sessional work	Submissions by Parties and others	Expected SCF inputs to SB48/49, COP 24, other
COHERENCE AND COORDINATION: LINKAGES WITH THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND THE THEMATIC BODIES OF THE CONVENTION					
ONGOING					
1) SCF to consider the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches;	(1) Decision 7/CP.19, para. 11 (2) Decision 8/CP.22, para. 10/ decision 7/CP.23, para. 12	Integration of financing for forests-related considerations in the implementation of 2018 workplan	SCF 17: In the context of deliberations on 2018 workplan: integration of financing for forests-related considerations, continuation of work in the context of overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, taking into account all relevant decisions on forests	n.a.	Report on implementation of 2018 workplan to COP 24 Recommendations to COP 24 as appropriate
2) SCF to maintain linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention; 3) SCF to further enhance its linkages with the SBI and the thematic bodies of the Convention; 4) Invitation to the SCF to further strengthen its engagement with all relevant stakeholders and bodies of the Convention; 5) SCF to continue to provide information on appointment of focal points to liaise with other constituted bodies; 6) 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;	(3) Decision 2/CP.17, para. 121 (b) (4) Decision 7/CP.19, para.10 (5) Decision 6/CP.20, para.5 (6) Decision 7/CP.23, para. 11 (7) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 11	Meetings/interaction of the focal points/Co-Chairs with other bodies (TEC, AC, ExCom, etc.)	SCF 17: Deliberations on further refining its approach to maintaining linkages with the subsidiary and constituted bodies; appointment of focal points;	n.a.	Information on the focal points, outcomes of the meetings and interactions with other bodies to be included in the SCF report to COP 24 Recommendations to COP 24 as appropriate
7) A member to represent the SCF in order to participate in the AC's task force on NAPs;	(9) Work of the Adaptation Committee Decision 16/CP.19, para.1(d)	Participation in the AC task force on NAPs	SCF 17: Nomination of SCF representative(s)/focal point(s)	n.a.	Participation in meetings Information on engagement to be included in the SCF report to COP 24

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<p>8) AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the SCF and other relevant institutions, to develop methodologies, and make recommendations for consideration and adoption by CMA1 on: (a) Taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries in the context of the limit to global average temperature increase referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement; (b) Reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support referred to in Article 7, paragraph 14(c), of the Agreement (SB 47: SBSTA and SBI agreed to continue their consideration of this matter at SBSTA 48 and SBI 48 (April–May 2018) with a view to making a recommendation to be forwarded by COP 24 to CMA 1 for its consideration and adoption);</p> <p>9) Subsidiary and constituted bodies to accelerate their work on the work programme under the Paris Agreement and to forward the outcomes to COP 24 at the latest;</p>	<p>(10) Decision 1/CP.21, para. 45; FCCC/SB/2017/L.6, para. 4 (11) Decision 1/CP.23, para 4</p>	<p>Collaboration with the AC and the LEG as appropriate</p>	<p>SCF 17: Nomination of SCF representative(s)/focal point(s)</p>	<p>n.a.</p>	<p>As appropriate Information on engagement to be included in the SCF report to COP 24</p>
<p>10) COP 21 launched a technical examination process on adaptation (TEP-A) (2016–2020): will endeavor to identify concrete opportunities for strengthening resilience, reducing vulnerabilities and increasing the understanding and implementation of adaptation actions;</p> <p>11) One representative of SCF to participate in AC working group on the TEP-A;</p> <p>12) Constituted bodies invited to enhance their engagement in the technical examination processes;</p>	<p>(12) Decision 1/CP.21, paras. 124 to 131; decision 5/CP.22, para. 6 (13) Report of AC to COP 22: AC/2016/22, para. 9: Terms of reference for the AC working group on the TEP-A (14) Decision 13/CP.23, para. 6 (Assessment of the technical examination processes on mitigation and adaptation)</p>	<p>Participation in the AC task force on working group on the TEP-A as a SCF representative</p>	<p>SCF 17: Nomination of SCF representative(s)/focal point(s)</p>	<p>n.a.</p>	<p>As appropriate Information on engagement to be included in the SCF report to COP 24</p>
COMPLETED					
<p>13) One of the Co-Chairs or a member designated by the Co-Chairs to represent the SCF in order to become a member of CTCN-AB;</p>	<p>(8) Modalities and procedures of the Climate Technology Centre and Network and its Advisory Board Decision 25/CP.19, Annex II, para.3(e)</p>	<p>Participation in the CTCN-AB as a SCF representative</p>	<p>SCF 17: Nomination of SCF representative(s)/focal point(s)</p>	<p>n.a.</p>	<p>Participation in meetings Information on engagement to be included in the SCF report to COP 24</p>

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<p>14) Six representatives from bodies established under the Convention and from the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism will be invited to participate in all the meetings of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) in line with the annual theme of the Committee, for a term of one year;</p> <p>15) PCCB may invite other bodies established under the Convention and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention to identify representatives to collaborate, as appropriate, on specific activities related to its work;</p> <p>16) SBI agreed that one representative(s) of the SCF will be invited to participate in the first meeting of the PCCB, which will be held in conjunction with SBI 46 (May 2017);</p> <p>17) SBI agreed that in 2017 the first focus area or theme for the PCCB will be on capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of the Paris Agreement;</p> <p>18) PCCB agreed to continue its 2017 focus area or theme of capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of the Paris Agreement in 2018;</p>	<p>(15) Decision 2/CP.22, annex, paras. 3, 13, 5(d)</p> <p>(16) SBI Conclusion: Paris Committee on Capacity-building FCCC/SBI/2016/L.34, paras. 1 and 2</p> <p>(17) Decision 16/CP.23, para. 8 (Annual technical progress report of the PCCB; and document FCCC/SBI/2017/11, annex III, in particular paragraphs 60 and 61)</p>	<p>Participation in second meeting of the PCCB</p>	<p>SCF 17: Nomination of SCF representative(s)/focal point(s)</p>	<p>n.a.</p>	<p>Participation in meetings</p> <p>Information on engagement to be included in the SCF report to COP 24</p>
FORUM					
ONGOING					
<p>19) SCF to provide clear recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate, regarding follow-up actions on the forum, and to enhance the dissemination, use and ownership of the accumulated knowledge and expertise gathered at the forum;</p> <p>20) SCF to further strengthen its stakeholder engagement;</p>	<p>(18) Decision 2/CP.17, para 121(a)</p> <p>(19) Decision 7/CP.23, para. 9</p> <p>(20) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 12</p> <p>(21) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 14</p>	<p>Report on the Forum Means for continued exchange of information on the virtual Forum</p>	<p>Inter-sessionally: Agreement on topic/venue/scope/programme/concept note, etc.</p> <p>SCF 17: Agreement on programme of the Forum, guidance for finalization of preparations;</p> <p>SCF 17: Deliberations on enhancement of the dissemination, use and ownership of the accumulated knowledge and expertise gathered at the forum, and strengthening of stakeholder engagement;</p>	<p>tbd</p>	<p>Report on the forum to be included in the SCF report to the COP 24</p> <p>Recommendations to COP 24 as appropriate</p>

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			SCF 18: Agreement on report of the Forum, including recommendations as appropriate; <i>Extensive inter-sessional</i> technical work by the co-facilitators and working group, including agreement on finalization of programme, speakers list, etc.		
COMPLETED					
<p>21) Organize a forum for the communication and exchange of information among bodies and entities dealing with climate change finance in order to promote linkages and coherence;</p> <p>22) SCF to conclude its deliberations on the topic of its next forum at the latest at its first meeting in 2018;</p> <p>23) SCF to ensure the value added of its forum when deciding on the topic of each forum</p>	(18) Decision 2/CP.17, para 121(a) (19) Decision 7/CP.23, para. 9 (20) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 12 (21) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 14	2018 in-person Forum	<p>Inter-sessionally: Agreement on topic/venue/scope/programme/concept note, etc.</p> <p>SCF 17: Agreement on programme of the Forum, guidance for finalization of preparations;</p> <p>SCF 17: Deliberations on enhancement of the dissemination, use and ownership of the accumulated knowledge and expertise gathered at the forum, and strengthening of stakeholder engagement;</p> <p>SCF 18: Agreement on report of the Forum, including recommendations as appropriate; <i>Extensive inter-sessional</i> technical work by the co-facilitators and working group, including agreement on finalization of programme, speakers list, etc.</p>	tbd	Report on the forum to be included in the SCF report to the COP 24 Recommendations to COP 24 as appropriate
24) SCF invited to follow up on the recommendations and follow-up activities of the 2017 forum in its 2018 workplan;	(22) Decision 7/CP.23, para. 4 (Report of the SCF, and document FCCC/CP/2017/9, annex VIII)	Continue its consideration of how to include financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage in its work related to the BA; Continue exchanging information and following up developments with the Executive Committee on matters relating to financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage as appropriate; Enhance the dissemination of the outcomes of the forum through outreach activities and products	SCF 17: In the context of deliberations on 2018 workplan: - Deliberations on implementation of follow-up activities and recommendations; and - Integration in SCF work of efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on as appropriate	n.a.	Recommendations to COP 24 as appropriate

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THIRD BIENNIAL ASSESSMENT AND OVERVIEW OF CLIMATE FINANCE FLOWS					
ONGOING					
<p>25) SCF to prepare a biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA), to include information on the geographical and thematic balance of such flows;</p> <p>26) SCF to consider relevant work by other bodies and entities on MRV of support and the tracking of climate finance;</p> <p>27) SCF to consider ways of strengthening methodologies for reporting climate finance;</p> <p>28) SCF to consider ongoing technical work on operational definitions of climate finance, to assess how adaptation and mitigation needs can most effectively be met by climate finance and to include the results in its report to the COP;</p> <p>29) In the context of its ongoing work, including the preparation of the BA, to further explore how it can enhance its work on the MRV of support, based on best available information on the mobilization of various resources, including private and alternative resources, through public interventions;</p> <p>30) SCF to take into account the enhanced information provided by Annex II Parties referred to in decision 11/CP.21, para 6, in its BA;</p> <p>31) COP noted the 2016 BA while particularly welcoming the summary and recommendations by the SCF as contained in the annex to decision 8/CP.22 (e.g. 37(f) Request the SCF in preparing future BAs to assess available information on investment needs and plans related to Parties' nationally determined contributions and national adaptation plans);</p>	<p>(23) Decision 2/CP.17, para. 121 (f)</p> <p>(24) Decision 1/CP.18, para. 71</p> <p>(25) Decision 5/CP.18, para. 11</p> <p>(26) Decision 3/CP.19, para. 11</p> <p>(27) Decision 6/CP.20, para. 11</p> <p>(28) Decision 9/CP.21, para. 13</p> <p>(29) Decision 8/CP.22, para. 3</p> <p>(30) Decision 7/CP.23, para. 6</p>	<p>Third BA, to be prepared before COP 24</p>	<p>SCF 17/18/19: Preparation of the third BA in line with indicative timeline;</p> <p>SCF 17: First order draft of the technical report;</p> <p>SCF 18: Second order draft of the technical report;</p> <p>SCF 19: Third order and final draft of the technical report; Second order and final draft of the summary and recommendations;</p> <p><i>Two technical expert meetings</i> in conjunction with SCF 17 and SCF 18</p> <p><i>Inter-sessional</i> technical work by the working group of the SCF.</p>	<p>Relevant information contained in national reports, including, inter alia, the National Communications, Biennial Reports and Biennial Update Reports submitted under the Convention in the period 2014–2018</p>	<p>Summary and recommendations on the third BA to be included in its report to COP 24</p>

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<p>32) COP 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;</p> <p>33) SCF to further strengthen its stakeholder engagement;</p>					
MRV BEYOND THE BA					
ONGOING					
<p>34) SCF to consider ways to increase its work on the MRV of support beyond the BA;</p> <p>35) SCF, as part of its ongoing work on MRV of support, and with a view to recommending improvements to the methodologies for reporting financial information, to consider the findings and recommendations of the BA in its annual report to COP 21;</p> <p>36) SCF, in the context of its ongoing work, including the preparation of the BA, to further explore how it can enhance its work on the MRV of support, based on best available information on the mobilization of various resources, including private and alternative resources, through public interventions;</p> <p>37) SCF, in implementing its workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA, to continue to engage with relevant bodies under the Convention, multilateral and bilateral agencies, and international institutions;</p> <p>38) SCF to take into account the work on the methodologies for the reporting of financial information by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention in the context of its workplan on MRV of support;</p> <p>39) SCF to be informed by exploration by secretariat of ways to create links to other reporting software and platforms</p>	<p>(31) Decision 7/CP.19, para. 9 (32) Decision 6/CP.20, paras. 10 and 11 (33) Decision 6/CP.21, para. 4 (34) Decision 9/CP.21, paras. 11 and 14 (35) Decision 8/CP.22, para. 5 (36) Decision -/CP.23, paras 7–8 Report of the SCF to COP 21 – Workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA 2016-2017 (FCCC/CP/2015/8, annex VII) 2014 and 2016 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows Technical paper summarizing existing international methodologies (FCCC/TP/2015/2) Summary of the joint in-session technical workshop referred to in para 4 of decision 11/CP.20 On-going work under APA, particularly agenda item 5 (modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement) On-going work under SBSTA on modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, para.7 of the Paris Agreement</p>	<p>Implementation of workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA Recommendations to be contained in the SCF report to COP 24 as appropriate</p>	<p>SCF 17: Agreement on approach to implementation of workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA SCF 19: Agreement on information to be included in report /recommendations to COP 24 as appropriate <i>Inter-sessional</i> work by a working group of the SCF</p>	<p>Views on methodologies for the reporting of financial information referred to in decision 2/CP.17, para 19 (FCCC/SBSTA/2015/MISC.3 and Add.1) Views on the development of modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement (FCCC/SBSTA/2016/MISC.3) Views regarding modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement (FCCC/APA/2016/INF.3 and Add.1 and 2)</p>	<p>Information on progress made in the implementation of its extended workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA to be included in report of the SCF to COP 24 Recommendations to be included in report of the SCF to COP 24 as appropriate</p>

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<p>to facilitate the importation and exportation of activity-level data, in the consideration of its workplan on MRV of support;</p> <p>40) SCF, in fulfilling its function on MRV of support, and in the context of its existing workplan, to cooperate with relevant stakeholders and experts and to consider ongoing work under the Convention and further action envisaged under the Paris Agreement;</p> <p>41) SCF to enhance its work on MRV of support beyond the biennial assessment, acknowledging the progress made by the SCF and noting the need to avoid duplication of ongoing work under SBSTA and APA;</p> <p>42) SCF, in fulfilling its function with regard to MRV of support, and in the context of its extended workplan, to continue its cooperation with relevant stakeholders and experts;</p>					
DRAFT GUIDANCE TO GEF/GCF					
ONGOING					
<p>43) SCF to provide draft guidance to the OEs of the FM, with a view to improving consistency and practicality of such guidance, taking into account annual reports and submissions from Parties;</p> <p>44) COP 20 endorsed the recommendations on the provision of guidance to the operating entities provided in para. 10 of the report of the SCF to COP 20 (FCCC/CP/2014/5): compilation and analysis of past guidance, collaboration between the SCF and the thematic bodies, and complementarity between the operating entities and the funds they administer (see review of FM below);</p> <p>45) SCF to take into consideration the submissions by Parties when providing guidance to the GEF and the GCF for consideration by the COP;</p>	<p>(37) Decision 2/CP.17, para. 121 (c) / Decision 9/CP.18, para.9 (38) Decision 6/CP.20, paras. 19 (39) Decision 10/CP.22, para. 15 / Decision 11/CP.22, para. 21 (40) Decision 10/CP.23, para 15, decision 9/CP.23, para. 20 Reports of the GEF and of the GCF to be produced for COP24 SCF background documents prepared for previous SCF meetings / compilation and analysis of past guidance provided to the operating entities Submissions by SCF members and Parties Inputs from other bodies under the Convention such as AC, TEC, etc.</p>	<p>SCF draft guidance to the OEs of the FM to be contained in the SCF report to COP 24 Updated compilation and analysis of past guidance provided to the operating entities; SCF recommendations based on compilation and analysis of past guidance to be contained in the SCF report to COP 24 as appropriate SCF engagement with the GCF on the operational framework for complementarity</p>	<p>SCF 17: Consideration of: - Approach to provision of draft guidance to the operating entities; - Updated compilation and synthesis of past guidance; - Further engagement with the GCF on the operational framework for complementarity and coherence between the GCF and other institutions SCF 18: Further consideration of compilation and synthesis of past guidance; SCF 19: Finalization of work on draft guidance to the OEs to COP 24; <i>Intersessional</i> technical work by a working group of the SCF co-facilitators and working group including engagement at the AC and the TEC meetings, as appropriate;</p>	<p>Submissions by Parties 10 weeks prior to COP 24 on views and recommendations on elements to be taken into account in guidance to the GEF and the GCF Submissions by SCF members Inputs to the SCF by the AC, TEC etc.</p>	<p>Recommendations to be included in report of the SCF to COP 24, as appropriate, including 2 draft decisions containing draft guidance to the GEF and the GCF Information, inter alia, on engagement with the GCF on the operational framework for complementarity and coherence between the GCF and other institutions</p>

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<p>46) SCF to take into consideration the submissions referred to in decision 10/CP.23, para 14 / decision 9/CP.23, para 19 when providing its draft guidance for the GEF/GCF for consideration by the COP; SCF deliberations on the compilation and analysis of past guidance to the operating entities and a draft set of core guidance to the operating entities (FCCC/CP/2017/9, paras. 21 to 23);</p>		<p>and coherence between the GCF and other institutions as appropriate</p>			
GENDER AND CLIMATE CHANGE					
ONGOING					
<p>47) Constituted bodies requested to include in their regular reports information on progress made towards integrating a gender perspective in their processes according to the entry points identified in the technical paper referred to in para. 13 of decision 21/CP.22 (to be considered by SBI 48 (April–May 2018));</p> <p>48) Parties, members of constituted bodies (...) invited to participate and engage in implementing the gender action plan, with a view to advancing towards the goal of mainstreaming a gender perspective into all elements of climate action;</p> <p>49) SCF invited to host a dialogue on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action;</p> <p>50) Parties, United Nations entities, the Financial Mechanism and other stakeholders to strengthen the capacity of gender mechanisms, including for parliamentarians, the International Parliamentary Union, commissions, funding ministries, non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations, for the integration of gender-responsive budgeting into climate finance, access and delivery</p>	<p>(41) Decision 21/CP.22, paras. 13–14, 28 (42) Decision 3/CP.23, para 2 (Establishment of a gender action plan) (43) Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 4 D.1 (Establishment of a gender action plan) (44) Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 4 D.3 (Establishment of a gender action plan)</p>	<p>Provision of information on progress made towards integrating a gender perspective Dialogue on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work;</p>	<p>SCF 17: Deliberation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reporting requirement (subsequent to consideration of the technical paper by SBI 48); - Dialogue on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action; 	<p>n.a.</p>	<p>Report of the SCF to COP 24 (or prior, based on SCF decision) Dialogue on the implementation of its commitment to integrate gender considerations into its work, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action (2019)</p>

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through training, expert workshops, technical papers and tools (2018);					
LOSS AND DAMAGE					
ONGOING					
<p>51) Constituted bodies invited to, as appropriate, as those bodies undertake their work, to continue or to initiate, as appropriate, the integration of efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on;</p> <p>52) Reiteration of invitation as outlined in (51) above;</p> <p>53) Executive Committee encouraged to collaborate with other bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement within the scope of their respective mandates and to continue considering ways for facilitating the mobilization and securing of expertise, and enhancement of support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, including its work on enhancing action and support, and when considering the composition and mandates of its expert groups and those it may establish;</p>	<p>(45) Decision 3/CP.22, para. 8 (46) Decision 5/CP.23, para 14 (Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts) (47) Decision 5/CP.23, para 20</p>	<p>Continue its consideration of how to include financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage in its work related to the BA; Continue exchanging information and following up developments with the Executive Committee on matters relating to financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage as appropriate; Enhance the dissemination of the outcomes of the 2017 forum through outreach activities and products</p>	<p>SCF 17: In the context of deliberations on 2018 workplan: - Deliberations on dissemination of the outcomes of the 2017 forum through outreach activities and products; - Integration in SCF work of efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on as appropriate;</p>	n.a.	Recommendations to COP 24 as appropriate
CAPACITY BUILDING UNDER THE CONVENTION					
ONGOING					
54) Invites representatives of the relevant bodies established under the Convention, OEs of the FM, [...] to integrate into their work programmes and activities the lessons learned at, and the main outcomes of the meetings of the Durban Forum;	(48) Agenda and Report of the Durban Forum on Capacity Building Decision 14/CP.21, para. 8	As appropriate	As appropriate	n.a.	As appropriate

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AGRICULTURE					
ONGOING					
55) SBSTA and SBI to jointly address issues related to agriculture, including through workshops and expert meetings, working with constituted bodies under the Convention and taking into consideration the vulnerabilities of agriculture to climate change and approaches to address food security;	(49) Decision 4/CP.23, para 1	tbd	tbd	n.a.	tbd
ENHANCEMENT OF PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE					
COMPLETED					
56) SCF to provide options for the enhancement of the participation of members and to report back to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session;	(50) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 6 Self-assessment report of the SCF to COP 23 (FCCC/CP/2017/9, annex VII)	Options to be included in SCF report to COP 24	SCF 17: SCF to deliberate and conclude deliberations on options for enhancement of member participation;	n.a.	Report of the SCF to COP 24
REPORT TO COP					
ONGOING					
57) SCF shall meet at least twice a year and submit a report to the COP; 58) SCF to continue to provide and enhance the dissemination and utilization of specific and targeted outputs and recommendations in order to effectively advance the work of the COP; 59) Encourages SCF to prioritize specific areas of work in the light of its workload in a given year and emphasizes the need to continue to enhance all the functions of the SCF, including to take into consideration its mandate to serve the Paris Agreement in line with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 63; 60) COP recognized that there is a need for the SCF to improve some of its in-session and intersessional working modalities with the aim of further enhancing its efficiency and effectiveness, ensuring the inclusiveness and transparency of its proceedings;	(51) Decision 8/CP.22, para. 11, decision 7/CP.23, para 13 (52) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 6 (53) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 8 (54) Decision 8/CP.23, para. 17 SCF meeting reports	Report to COP 24	SCF 19: agree on its report / approach to finalization of the report	n.a.	Report of the SCF to COP 24

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ADOPTION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT DECISION 1/CP.21					
ONGOING					
<p>61) SCF shall serve the Paris Agreement in line with its functions and responsibilities established under the COP;</p> <p>62) Encourages SCF to prioritize specific areas of work in the light of its workload in a given year and emphasizes the need to continue to enhance all the functions of the SCF, including to take into consideration its mandate to serve the Paris Agreement in line with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 63;</p>	(55) Decision 1/CP.21, para 63	As appropriate	As appropriate	n.a.	As appropriate
<p>63) COP 21 resolves to strengthen, in the period 2016–2020, the existing technical examination process on mitigation as defined in decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 5(a), and decision 1/CP.20, paragraph 19, taking into account the latest scientific knowledge, including by:</p> <p>(a) Encouraging Parties, Convention bodies and international organizations to engage in this process, including, as appropriate, in cooperation with relevant non-Party stakeholders, to share their experiences and suggestions, including from regional events, and to cooperate in facilitating the implementation of policies, practices and actions identified during this process in accordance with national sustainable development priorities;</p>	(56) Decision 1/CP.21, para 109	As appropriate	As appropriate	n.a.	As appropriate
PRE-2020					
ONGOING					
<p>64) Decides to convene a stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition at COP 24, which will apply the format of the 2016 facilitative dialogue and consider, inter alia:</p> <p>(a) The inputs of the COP, CMP, the SBI, the SBSTA, the constituted bodies under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism; (...)</p> <p>Also, decides to convene a stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition at COP 25, which will apply the format</p>	(57) Decision 1/CP.23, paras. 17 and 18 (58) Decision 1/CP.23, annex II	As appropriate	As appropriate	n.a.	As appropriate

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<p>of the above mentioned stocktake and consider, inter alia: (a) The inputs of the COP, CMP, the SBI, the SBSTA, the constituted bodies under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism; (...)</p> <p>65) Inputs to the Talanoa Dialogue, inter alia: Parties, stakeholders and expert institutions are encouraged to prepare analytical and policy relevant inputs to inform the dialogue and submit these and other proposed inputs, including those from intergovernmental organizations and UNFCCC bodies, by 2 April 2018 for discussions in conjunction with the May session, and by 29 October 2018 for discussions in conjunction with COP 24;</p>					
SEVENTH REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM (IN 2021)					
ONGOING					
<p>66) SCF to provide expert input to the seventh review of the Financial Mechanism in 2021 with a view to the review being completed by COP 27 (November 2021).</p>	<p>(59) Decision 11/CP.23, para. 5 (Sixth review of the Financial Mechanism)</p>	<p>Expert input</p>	<p>2021</p>	<p>tbd</p>	<p>Expert input to COP 27</p>

Annex IV

Options to address COP 23 mandate on enhancing coherence and coordination of forest finance

I. Possible ways to integrate enhancing coherence and coordination of forest finance into 2018 workplan of the SCF

1. In considering possible options to integrate enhancing coherence and coordination of forest finance into its 2018 workplan, the SCF may wish to take note of the following factors: workload for 2018; competency and capacity as a constituted body; possible budget implications and; envisaged end-product that the SCF will report to COP 24.
2. Among the ongoing areas of SCF work, possible avenues to fulfil the COP mandate on enhancing coherence and coordination of forest finance include:
 - (a) Work on the MRV of support and the preparation of the 2018 BA;
 - (b) Provision of draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention to COP 24 and;
 - (c) Inclusion of the issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing at the forums of the SCF.
3. The SCF also may wish to consider following possible additional options, based on the elements of previous SCF workplans on enhancing coherence and coordination of forest finance:¹
 - (a) Consider reaching out to entities financing the REDD-plus activities, and other relevant stakeholders working on forest finance to promote access to and delivery of support and to strengthen the coherence and coordination;
 - (b) Organize a SCF side event in conjunction with UNFCCC sessions, to facilitate the interactions among the financing entities providing forest finance;
4. The SCF may wish to consider appointing a focal point, who will represent the SCF in events and deliberations relating to forest finance. Based on a summary report of the focal point to be provided during the last meeting of the SCF in 2018, the SCF will report its activities to COP 24.

II. Mandate and activities undertaken by the SCF to date

5. COP 23 reiterated that the SCF will integrate financing for forest-related considerations into its 2018 workplan, where appropriate, and continue work on this matter in the context of overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, taking into account all relevant decisions on forests.²
6. Prior to the 23th session, the COP has provided mandates to the SCF to enhance coherence and coordination of forest finance, to which the SCF has responded to. Table below summarizes the mandates, activities undertaken by the SCF and how the Committee reported its activities to the COP, in chronological order.

¹ FCCC/CP/2015/8, annex II, paragraph 55.

² Decision -/CP.23, paragraph 12 (Report of the SCF). See also FCCC/CP/2017/9, annex VIII, page 69.

Mandate given to the SCF on forest financing	Activities undertaken by the SCF	What the SCF reported to the COP
<p><u>COP 19, 2014</u> <i>Decision 7/CP.19, paragraph 11</i> Requests the SCF to consider, in its work on coherence and coordination, inter alia, the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches.</p> <p><i>Decision 9/CP.19, paragraph 20–21</i> Requests the SCF to focus its soonest possible forum on issues related to finance for forests, including the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, inter alia:</p> <p>(a) Ways and means to transfer payments for results-based actions as referred to in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 29;</p> <p>(b) The provision of financial resources for alternative approaches.</p>	<p><u>2015</u> 2015 SCF forum “Enhancing Coherence and Coordination of Forest Financing”^{3,4}</p> <p><u>2016</u> SCF side event on “Enhancing coherence and coordination of forest finance”⁵ (<i>Outreach</i>)</p> <p>Attendance at the 3rd voluntary meeting on the coordination of support for the implementation of REDD-plus⁸ activities.⁹ The SCF presented outcomes from the 2015 SCF forum. (<i>Outreach</i>)</p> <p>Inclusion of an overview of forest finance in the 2016 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows¹¹ (<i>MRV of support</i>)</p>	<p><u>COP 21</u> Summary report on the 2015 SCF forum, conclusions and recommendations by the SCF.⁴ The recommendations included (i) draft guidance to the GCF and the GEF and (ii) follow-up activities to be undertaken by the SCF in 2016.</p> <p><u>COP 22</u> Summary of the SCF side event⁶ and agreement by the SCF that it will continue to undertake work on enhancing coherence and coordination of forest financing in 2017, as appropriate⁷ Reporting of the activity¹⁰</p> <p>The 2016 BA contained information relating to forest and land-use financing¹²</p>
<p><u>COP 22, 2016</u> <i>Decision 8/CP.22, paragraph 10</i> Reiterates that the SCF will integrate financing for forest-related considerations into its 2017 workplan, where appropriate, and continue work on this matter in the context of overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, taking into account all relevant decisions on forests</p>	<p><u>2017</u> Attendance at the 4th voluntary meeting on the coordination of support for the implementation of REDD-plus activities. The SCF mainly presented the outcomes from the side event held in 2016. (<i>Outreach</i>)</p>	<p><u>COP 23</u> Reporting of the activity¹³</p>
<p><u>COP 23, 2017</u> <i>Decision -/CP.22, paragraph 12</i> Reiterates that the SCF will integrate financing for forest-related considerations into its 2018 workplan, where appropriate, and continue work on this matter in the context of overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, taking into account all relevant decisions on forests</p>	<p><u>2018</u> <i>To be determined</i></p>	<p><u>COP 24</u> <i>To be determined</i></p>

³ <<http://www.unfccc.int/9053>>.

⁴ FCCC/CP/2015/8, annex II.

⁵ <<http://www.unfccc.int/8985>>.

⁶ FCCC/CP/2016/8, annex IV.

⁷ FCCC/CP/2016/8, paragraph 5(g)(i)–(ii).

⁸ In decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, the COP encouraged developing country Parties to contribute to mitigation actions in the forest sector by undertaking the following activities: reducing emissions from deforestation; reducing emissions from forest degradation; conservation of forest carbon stocks; sustainable management of forests; and enhancement of forest carbon stocks.

⁹ The presentation is available at <http://redd.unfccc.int/files/8_scf_redd_voluntary_meeting_23_may_final.pdf>. Further information on the meeting is available at <<http://redd.unfccc.int/meetings/voluntary-meetings.html>>.

¹⁰ FCCC/CP/2016/8, paragraph 41.

¹¹ <<http://www.unfccc.int/10028>>.

¹² <http://unfccc.int/files/cooperation_and_support/financial_mechanism/standing_committee/application/pdf/2016_ba_technical_report.pdf>.

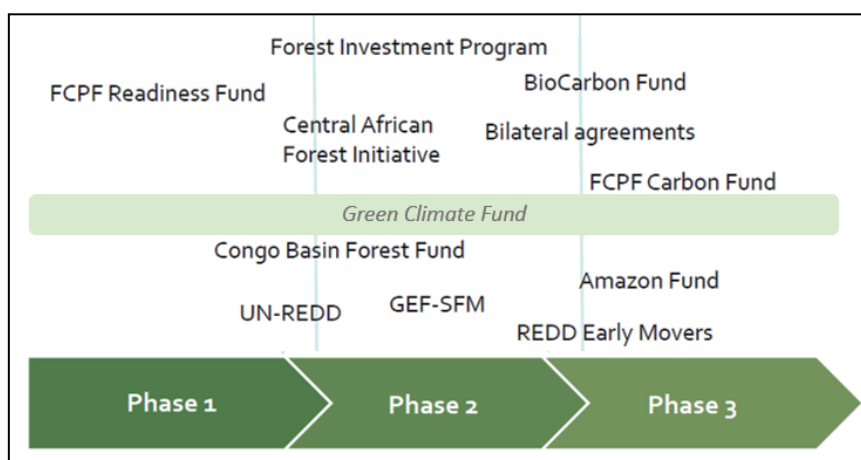
¹³ FCCC/CP/2017/8, paragraph 41.

III. Developments relating to forest finance

7. In deliberating this year's approach, the SCF may wish to note the following developments relating to forest finance. This information is not comprehensive, but aims to help the SCF's deliberation to identify the niche and added-value of SCF's potential contribution.

8. The GCF Board approved a request for proposals (RFP) for REDD-plus results-based payments with an initial envelop of USD 500 million.¹⁴ The RFP is now open for applications and the GCF secretariat is working with countries to bring forward proposals through this initiative. The GCF secretariat expects that approximately three concept notes will be received by the end of 2018.

9. Furthermore, the figure below is an illustration of existing initiatives and the actors engaged in the provision of support to each of the three phases of REDD-plus. The figure is indicative, aiming to inform the SCF on the ongoing work relating to REDD-plus.



Source: Green Climate Fund secretariat

10. Furthermore, several UN agencies and international organizations, such as United Nations Forum on Forests, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, UN-REDD Programme and the Forest Carbon Partnership Facilities, are currently undertaking work relating to forest finance. Non-governmental organization, such as the Center for International Forestry Research, is also undertaking forest finance related work, including through the annual Global Landscapes Forum.

¹⁴ GCF Board decision B.18/07.