



Standing Committee on Finance

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**Nineteenth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance
Bonn, Germany, 29–31 October 2018**

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

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

1. The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be invited to take note of the information on loss and damage related matters, technology related matters, and capacity-building and gender related matters, as contained in the annex.
2. The SCF will also be invited to consider any implications on linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the thematic bodies of the Convention and to consider:
 - (a) If, and how it wishes to engage on a technical paper elaborating the sources of financial support, as provided through the Financial Mechanism, for addressing loss and damage as described in relevant decisions, as well as modalities for accessing such support;
 - (b) Any actions it may deem necessary with regards to matters related to technology and capacity-building and gender.

II. Background

3. 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.
4. At its 17th meeting, the SCF appointed Mr. Randy Caruso and Mr. Paul Oquist-Kelley as focal points for loss and damage related matters, Ms. Vicky Noens and Ms. Sonia Djukic as focal point for technology related matters, and Ms. Gemma O'Reilly and Mr. Ismo Ulvila as focal points for capacity-building related matters. The SCF also formed a working group on gender and climate finance.

Annex

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

I. Loss and damage related matters

1. *Background:* By decision 4/CP.22, the COP requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper elaborating the sources of financial support, as provided through the Financial Mechanism, for addressing loss and damage as described in relevant decisions, as well as modalities for accessing such support. In defining the scope of the technical paper, the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage (ExCom) requested the support of the SCF, including by participating in the 8th meeting of the ExCom (18–21 September 2018 in Bonn, Germany).
2. On 18 September 2018, Mr. Randy Caruso participated virtually in the 8th meeting of the ExCom where he provided a presentation to the ExCom on the mandate of the SCF and its areas of work that are relevant for the scoping of the technical paper. These include in particular the 2016 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Financial Flows (BA), and the 2016 SCF Forum on “Financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change”.
3. Mr. Caruso further highlighted potential additional opportunities for SCF engagement in the preparation of the technical paper, including to:
 - (a) Discuss engagement by the SCF in the development of the technical paper at its next meeting on 29–31. October 2018 in Bonn, Germany;
 - (b) Provide written inputs to the paper intersessionally, drawing on the existing work of the SCF;
 - (c) Highlight information from the 2018 BA, particularly in the additional information on instruments for loss and damage.
4. Following Mr. Caruso’s presentation, the ExCom expressed particular interest in the SCF’s inputs with regard to the typologies of the sources of information that are being considered in the technical paper and information on modalities for access to financial resources.
5. *Action:* The SCF is invited to take note of the information and to consider if, and how it wishes to further engage on the technical paper.

II. Technology related matters

6. *Background:* At COP 19, Parties adopted the rules of procedure of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), according to which the members of the Board include one of the Co-Chairs of the SCF, or a member designated by the Co-Chairs of the SCF, as an SCF representative for the Advisory Board of the CTCN (decision 25/CP.19, paragraph 3).
7. The 12th meeting of the Advisory Board of the CTCN took place on 03–05 October 2018 in Vienna, Austria. On 04. October 2018, Ms. Vicky Noens participated virtually in the meeting where she updated the Board on the work of the SCF and the outcomes of its 17th and 18th meeting that are of relevance to the work of the CTCN. She also provided an outlook on the 19th meeting and its expected outcomes.
8. In her presentation, Ms. Noens highlighted areas of work that might be of relevance to the work of the CTCN, in particular the following:
 - (a) The 2018 BA;
 - (b) The next forum of the SCF;
 - (c) The draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, in particular the inputs received by the Technology Executive Committee and the compilation and analysis of

past guidance provided to the Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund, especially as it related to technology.

9. *Action:* The SCF is invited to take note of the information and to consider any action it may deem necessary on technology related matters.

III. Capacity-building and gender related matters

10. *Background:* COP 22 requested all constituted bodies to include in their regular reports progress made towards the integration of gender perspectives in their respective processes. COP 23 further requested the secretariat to prepare a biennial synthesis report on information contained in the reports of the constituted bodies, with the first synthesis report to be prepared for consideration by the COP at its 25th session (decision 21/CP.22, paragraphs 13 and 14).

11. By decision 3/CP.23, the COP established the gender action plan, which includes activities that support the constituted bodies to integrate gender perspectives in their respective areas of work. As per activities C.1 and C.2 of the gender action plan, the secretariat organized a dialogue for the Chairs of constituted bodies at SBI 48, to discuss entry points for integrating gender perspectives into the work of the constituted bodies and to build their capacities on gender, respectively.

12. To build the capacity of members of the constituted bodies to integrate gender considerations into their work and to meet the goals of the gender action plan, the PCCB invited the SCF to participate in a webinar on 23 October 2018. The webinar will be followed by an in-person technical workshop for members of the PCCB and invited members of other bodies, to be co-hosted by the PCCB and the UNFCCC secretariat during COP 24. The workshop will be structured to address three issues:

- (a) How to ensure a participatory and inclusive capacity-building needs and gaps analysis;
- (b) How to build capacity on integrating gender considerations in climate policy and action;
- (c) How to raise awareness about and enhance access to knowledge products and tools on integrating gender considerations.

13. Based on the outcomes of the webinar and workshop, the PCCB will develop policy recommendations for COP 25, to be included in its 2019 annual technical progress report.

14. *Action:* The SCF is invited to take note of the information and to consider any action it may deem necessary on matters related to capacity-building and gender.