



## Standing Committee on Finance Call for input

### 2025 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance on accelerating climate action and resilience through financing sustainable food systems and agriculture

The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) invites interested Parties and stakeholders to submit input on its 2025 Forum on accelerating climate action and resilience through financing for sustainable food systems and agriculture. The Forum will be held from 8 to 9 September 2025 at the FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy.

#### Scope of submission

##### **Parties and observers are invited to submit:**

1. Evidence and information relevant to the possible sub-themes identified by the co-facilitators to further explore and develop the programme of the Forum;
2. Examples and case studies related to financing sustainable food systems and agriculture;
3. Possible additional sub-themes for the co-facilitators to consider in the programme.

#### Possible sub-themes for the 2025 SCF Forum as identified by the co-facilitators

1. **Opportunities for financing agriculture and food systems to be positive drivers of climate action and strengthened climate resilience** in a manner which mutually supports sustainable development.
2. **The role for different actors across the financing landscape for agriculture and sustainable food systems**, and how these actors can work together to enhance the scale and impact of investment in climate outcomes through these sectors, including to respond to the needs and priorities of developing countries and affected communities.
3. **Strategies for financing the policy nexus of agricultural sustainability, food systems, climate change and sustainable development**, including policy and financial planning, efforts and partnerships to address adaptation, mitigation, loss and damage and other related environmental priorities.
4. **Gender-responsive financing** in the agriculture and food sectors as a tool for enhancing climate action and resilience.
5. Experiences and lessons learned in designing and financing country-driven **sustainable farming practices tailored to country-specific needs and priorities**.



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6. **Integrating climate-resilient and science-based adaptation strategies** into agricultural and food systems policies, national development strategies and national climate and investment plans.
7. **Fiscal instruments, incentives and regulation and multisectoral policy coherence and coordination** as means to support, incentivize and enhance sustainable agricultural production.
8. **Access to finance for sustainable food systems and agriculture**, including public sources, national and international financing, as well as private sources, including from agribusinesses, private banks and impact investors.
9. **Innovative financial instruments**, particularly those which are tailored for smallholder farmers and other small and medium-sized enterprises, including green bonds, climate-smart agricultural loans, insurance schemes and digital financial platforms.
10. **Essential role of international and multi-stakeholder cooperation**, public and private partnerships, trade and trade policies, non-Party stakeholders and other actors in supporting climate action in the agricultural and food sectors.
11. **Capacity-building and technical support** for farmers, small and medium-sized enterprises and institutions involved in the agricultural and food sectors in developing countries to prepare investment-ready projects and strengthen access to different financing sources and instruments.

### Deadline and next Steps

Deadline for submission of input on the 2025 SCF Forum is **10 January 2025**. Please send the submission to: [standingcommittee@unfccc.int](mailto:standingcommittee@unfccc.int).

The co-facilitators will prepare a draft programme for consideration by the SCF at its 36th meeting in February 2025, taking into account the submissions received.

### About the Standing Committee on Finance

The SCF assists the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the Financial Mechanism of the Convention through various activities. One of the flagship activities of the SCF is organizing a forum for communication and continued exchange of information among bodies and entities dealing with climate change finance in order to promote linkages and coherence. SCF Forums connect the UNFCCC with public and private actors involved in climate finance issues at global, regional and national levels. [Visit the SCF webpage for more information.](#)