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## NOTIFICATION

### **Approach of the Standing Committee on Finance to prepare the draft guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism in 2021**

The secretariat would like to inform Parties of the agreed approach of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) to prepare the draft guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism in 2021.

Parties may recall that the SCF Co-Chairs invited Parties to the Convention and Parties to the Paris Agreement, in a message dated 16 April 2021,<sup>1</sup> to submit their views and recommendations, based on the annual reports of the operating entities, on elements to be considered by the SCF in preparing the draft guidance. The 2020 and 2021 annual reports of the Global Environment Facility are available on the UNFCCC website.<sup>2</sup> The 2020 annual report of the Green Climate Fund is also available on the UNFCCC website<sup>3</sup> and the 2021 report will be made available as soon as it is received. In this context, the secretariat would like to invite Parties to submit their views by **Wednesday, 15 September 2021** at the latest via the UNFCCC submission portal<sup>4</sup> so that the SCF can initiate the preparation of the draft guidance promptly thereafter.

**Distribution:** To Parties and observer States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change through their national focal points and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany, United Nations organizations and intergovernmental organizations admitted as observers by the Conference of the Parties.

<sup>1</sup> [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/letter\\_to\\_parties\\_scf\\_guidance\\_fm.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/letter_to_parties_scf_guidance_fm.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> <https://unfccc.int/topics/climate-finance/funds-entities-bodies/global-environment-facility>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/funds-and-financial-entities/green-climate-fund>.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.



At its 24<sup>th</sup> meeting,<sup>5</sup> the SCF agreed on the following approach to prepare the draft guidance:

(a) Prepare inter-sessionally a preliminary draft guidance in the form of a draft decision text, based on the compilation of submissions received and informed by the annual reports of the operating entities;

(b) Organize informal working session(s) with those Parties and constituted bodies that provided submissions, as required, with the aim of clarifying the rationale behind the proposed draft guidance contained in the submissions;

(c) Consider the preliminary draft guidance at its 26<sup>th</sup> meeting with a view to finalizing it for consideration at COP 26 and CMA 3.

For any queries or clarifications, the SCF can be contacted at [standingcommittee@unfccc.int](mailto:standingcommittee@unfccc.int).

Yours sincerely,

*(signed by)*  
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<sup>5</sup> See SCF document SCF/2021/24/7, para. 31; available at [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Report%20of%20the%20meeting\\_SCF%2024.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Report%20of%20the%20meeting_SCF%2024.pdf).