



Standing Committee on Finance

09 July 2021

**Twenty-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance
Virtual, 19–20 May 2021**

**Report of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee
on Finance**

Attendance

Ms. Diann Black-Layne
Ms. Gabriela Blatter
Mr. Randy Caruso
Mr. Sergey Chestnoy
Ms. Delphine Eyraud
Mr. Zaheer Fakir
Mr. Ivan Zambrana Flores
Mr. Mattias Frumerie
Ms. Fiona Gilbert
Mr. Ali Waqas Malik
Mr. Zerihun Getu Mekuria
Mr. Seyni Nafo
Mr. Mohamed Nasr
Ms. Vicky Noens
Mr. Javier Antonio Gutiérrez Ramírez
Ms. Eva Schreuder
Mr. Ayman Shasly (Co-Chair)
Mr. Toru Sugio
Mr. Ismo Ulvila (Co-Chair)
Mr. Liucan Zhu

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The twenty-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), convened virtually, was opened at 12 p.m. CEST, Wednesday, 19 May 2021.
2. Javier Antonio Gutiérrez Ramírez, Vice-Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of Nicaragua and a member of the Group of Latin America and Caribbean Countries was welcomed as a new member to the SCF.
3. The SCF observed a moment of silence followed by a tribute video played in memory of a former longstanding member of the SCF, Paul Herbert Oquist-Kelley.

2. Election of officers

4. The SCF re-elected Ayman Shasly and Ismo Ulvila as Co-Chairs of the SCF for 2021 until the beginning of the first meeting in 2022.
5. Daniele Violetti, Director, Means of Implementation Division of UNFCCC welcomed members, congratulated the Co-Chairs and reassured the Committee of the support of the secretariat.

3. Organizational matters

(a) *Adoption of the agenda*

6. The SCF adopted the agenda contained in document SCF/2021/24/1 as proposed.¹

(b) *Organization of the work of the meeting*

7. Technical Stakeholders' Dialogue: The work under agenda items in the twenty-fourth meeting of the SCF was preceded by a technical stakeholders' dialogue on the Fourth (2020) Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows (Fourth BA) and first report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement, held virtually on 18 May 2021. The dialogue served as a dedicated space for stakeholders to be informed about, and contribute towards, the preparation of the reports².

8. The SCF took note of the tentative schedule and were informed that all agenda items will be discussed in plenary sessions, given the virtual format of the meeting.

4. Fourth (2020) Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows, including information relevant to Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement

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9. The SCF took note of the document SCF/2021/24/3. The agenda item was introduced by co-facilitator, Vicky Noens. The SCF was informed of the comments and inputs received during the technical stakeholders' dialogue, which included discussion on access to climate finance, data availability on private climate finance and consistency of broader finance flows with article 2, paragraph 1(c), of the Paris Agreement.

10. The co-facilitator reported on the activities undertaken intersessionally and presented the third-order draft of the technical report of the Fourth BA and elements of the draft summary and recommendations for consideration by the SCF.

Outcomes

11. The SCF identified areas for consolidation and further work in the third-order draft of the technical report and invited written comments for feedback.

12. The SCF further agreed to continue technical work intersessionally with a view to preparing a final draft of the technical report and draft summary and recommendations.

Next steps

13. SCF members will provide written comments and suggestions by 24 June 2021 (extended post-meeting) for consideration in the preparation of the final draft technical report.

14. The technical team, under the guidance of co-facilitators, will incorporate comments and suggestions received at the technical stakeholders' dialogue and SCF 24 into the final draft technical report to be presented at SCF 25.

15. The co-facilitators, with the support of the secretariat, will prepare draft summary and recommendations for initial consideration at SCF 25 and finalization at SCF 26; and will advance communications and dissemination planning for publication.

5. First report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement

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16. The SCF took note of the document SCF/2021/24/4. The agenda item was introduced by co-facilitators, Mattias Frumerie and Zaheer Fakir. The SCF was informed of the

¹ All documents are available at: <https://unfccc.int/scf/scf-meetings-and-documents#eq-24>.

² Agenda and recordings of The Technical Stakeholders' Dialogue are available at: <https://unfccc.int/event/technical-stakeholders-dialogue>.

comments and inputs received during the technical stakeholders' dialogue, which included discussion on the report scope, terminology, presentation of information and data as well as the dynamic scenario for needs post pandemic.

17. The co-facilitators reported on the activities undertaken intersessionally and presented the work in progress 2.5 order draft of the technical report on the first report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement for consideration by the SCF.

Outcomes

18. The SCF identified areas for streamlining and further work in the work in progress 2.5 order draft of the technical report and invited written comments for feedback.

19. The SCF agreed to undertake further technical work, with a view to preparing the final draft of the technical report and the draft summary and recommendations.

Next steps

20. SCF members agreed to provide written comments and suggestions by 24 June 2021 (extended post-meeting).

21. The technical team, under the guidance of co-facilitators, will incorporate comments and suggestions received at the technical stakeholders' dialogue as well as from SCF members, along with further work for the presentation of the final draft technical report at SCF 25.

22. The co-facilitators, with the support of the secretariat, will prepare a draft executive summary for initial consideration at SCF 25 and finalization at SCF 26.

6. Forum on Finance for Nature-based Solutions

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23. The SCF took note of document SCF/2021/24/5. The agenda item was introduced by co-facilitators, Fiona Gilbert and Mohamed Nasr. They presented scenarios for organizing the Forum, including: (1) an in-person Forum; (2) a two-part Forum; and (3) a fully virtual Forum.

24. The Committee members expressed views on the format and discussed the merits of having an in-person and inclusive Forum giving opportunity for physical presence, to the extent possible, and engagement through virtual means.

Outcome

25. The SCF agreed to organize a two-part Forum whereby the first part will be held either in hybrid or virtual format in 2021 and the second part will be held in-person in 2022. In order to ensure inclusiveness, the Committee agreed to organize the Forum in a hybrid format to provide opportunity to participants to attend the Forum in 2021 through virtual means and engage in the discussions.

26. The SCF further agreed that in case the in-person component of the Forum in 2021 is not feasible, given the pandemic situation, the Committee would organize a virtual Forum in 2021, to be followed by an in-person Forum in 2022. The outcomes of this virtual Forum in 2021 will inform the discussions of the in-person Forum in 2022.

Next steps

27. The co-facilitators, with the support of the secretariat, will work intersessionally to assess possible dates, venues and potential hosts for the Forum and provide a report to the SCF members by end of June 2021. Based on the report, the SCF will finalize the date and venue of the Forum in 2021 by mid of July.

28. Under the guidance of the co-facilitators, a synthesis paper will be produced by the secretariat on key findings from the submissions and in time for the Forum.

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

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29. The SCF took note of document SCF/2021/24/6. The agenda item was introduced by co-facilitators Diann Black-Layne and Toru Sugio and they presented a proposal for the approach and timeline for preparing the draft guidance for consideration at the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) and third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 3).

Outcomes

30. The SCF considered a workplan for preparing the draft guidance for consideration at SCF 26.

31. The SCF requested the co-facilitators:

(a) To prepare a preliminary draft guidance in the format of draft decision text, based on the compilation of submissions and informed by the annual reports of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF);

(b) To organize informal working session(s) with the Parties and the constituted bodies that have provided the submissions, as required, with the aim to clarify the rationale and the background of the elements;

(c) To present a preliminary draft guidance for consideration at SCF 26.

Next steps

32. The co-facilitators, with the support of the secretariat, will work intersessionally to prepare the preliminary draft guidance.

33. The secretariat will communicate the outcomes of the SCF discussions on this agenda item to Parties and other constituted bodies.

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

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34. The Co-Chairs introduced this agenda item and invited members to provide update on their respective engagements since SCF 23.

35. The SCF was invited to reaffirm nomination of focal points for thematic areas and nominate an additional focal point for the Executive Committee on the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage. Furthermore, the SCF was informed of the invitation by the Katowice Committee for Implementation of Response Measures (KCI) to nominate a representative for its meetings.

Outcomes

36. The SCF took note of the reports of Randy Caruso, Vicky Noens, Mattias Frumerie and Gabriela Blatter related to linkages with the Executive Committee on the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (ExCOM), the Climate Technology and Network, the Paris Committee on Capacity-building and the Adaptation Committee, respectively.

37. The SCF reaffirmed existing focal points for the various thematic areas and appointed Diann Black-Layne as focal point for ExCOM, and Mattias Frumerie and Ayman Shasly as focal points for KCI.

Next steps

38. The teams supporting constituted bodies and thematic areas in the secretariat will be informed regarding the reaffirmation and appointment of SCF focal points.

9. Dates and venues of future meetings

39. The SCF took note that two more meetings of the committee are needed to finalize its deliverables for COP 26. The Co-Chairs discussed considerations for the schedule of the remaining meetings taking into account the timeline for developing its draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.

40. The SCF requested the Co-Chairs to recommend a proposal for SCF 25 and SCF 26 for its consideration intersessionally.

10. Report of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance

41. The SCF agreed to consider and adopt the report of the twenty-fourth meeting of the SCF intersessionally on a no-objection basis.

11. Closure of the meeting

42. The Co-Chairs closed the twenty-fourth meeting of the SCF at 3 p.m. CEST, Thursday, 20 May 2021.
