



Standing Committee on Finance

29 March 2019

**Twentieth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance
Bonn, Germany, 21–22 March 2019**

**Report of the twentieth meeting of the Standing Committee
on Finance**

Attendance

Ms. Gabriela Blatter
Mr. Randy Caruso
Mr. Sergey Chestnoy
Ms. Delphine Eyraud
Mr. Zaheer Fakir
Mr. Mattias Frumerie
Ms. Fiona Gilbert
Mr. Jonghun Lee
Mr. Zerihun Getu Mekuria
Mr. Mohamed Nasr
Mr. Hussein Alfa (Seyni) Nafo
Ms. Vicky Noens
Mr. Paul Oquist-Kelley
Mr. Ayman Shasly (Co-Chair)
Mr. Toru Sugio
Mr. Pieter Terpstra
Mr. Ismo Ulvila (Co-Chair)
Mr. Ivan Zambrana Flores

Absent with apologies

Ms. Diann Black-Layne

1. Opening of the meeting.

1. The 20th meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) was opened at 9 a.m. on Thursday, 21 March 2019.

2. New members to the SCF were welcomed to the SCF. The SCF also observed a moment of silence followed by a video for a former longstanding member of the SCF, Ms. Bernarditas Muller.

2. Election of officers.

3. The SCF elected Mr. Ayman Shasly and Mr. Ismo Ulvila as Co-Chairs of the SCF for 2019.

3. Organizational matters.

(a) Adoption of the agenda

4. The SCF adopted the agenda contained in document SCF/2019/20/2 as proposed.¹

¹ All documents available at: <<http://unfccc.int/6881.php>>.

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

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5. The SCF took note of the proposed tentative schedule as well as the order of work for the meeting.

6. Members discussed their involvement in the various areas of work for 2019 and suggested to expand their outreach at various related events throughout the year.

Outcomes

7. SCF members agreed to the proposed priority areas of work that were presented to members by the Co-Chairs.

8. SCF members also agreed to enhance their outreach on SCF matters by indicating their representation at related events in 2019.

4. 2019 workplan of the Standing Committee on Finance, including COP mandates:

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9. The SCF took note of document SCF/2019/20/3. The agenda item was introduced in the first plenary and was further discussed during a second plenary session.

10. A presentation was made by the secretariat on a possible webinar on gender that could be organized for SCF members this year.

Outcomes

11. SCF members considered the key activities and additional mandates emanating from the COP and CMA and agreed to a revised workplan (see Annex I), as well as an updated list of SCF mandated activities.² SCF members underlined the importance of outreach to promote the outcomes of its work in 2018 and to support work to be undertaken in 2019–2020. The SCF agreed to develop a strategic outreach plan to be circulated intersessionally to the SCF.

12. Members also considered the possibility to organize a webinar based on the presentation delivered by the secretariat. It was clarified that the webinar would be part of its outreach activities, it would address activity C.2 of decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 3, and also be part of the dialogue mandated by activity D.1 of decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 4. The dialogue would also be considered by the gender related activities of the 2019 Forum and also in the preparation of the 2020 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows.

13. SCF members agreed to hold an informal meeting during the June sessions to take stock of activities mid-way through the year.

Next steps

14. Co-Chairs, with the support of the secretariat, to develop and circulate a strategic plan for outreach in 2019-2020 for consideration by SCF members intersessionally.

15. Co-Chairs, with the support of the secretariat, to facilitate arrangements for a webinar to be organized intersessionally with SCF members and selected experts on gender.

16. The secretariat, under the guidance of the Co-Chairs, to make the necessary arrangements for an informal meeting during the June sessions.

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

² Available at <<https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/SCF%20mandated%20activities.pdf>>.

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17. The SCF took note of document SCF/2019/20/4. This agenda item was introduced in one plenary session and discussed further in the context of one breakout group session facilitated by Ms. Vicky Noens and Mr. Seyni Nafu, who were appointed as the co-facilitators for this agenda item. The outcomes of the discussions were presented to the SCF for its consideration.³

Outcomes

18. The SCF agreed to follow the approach taken in the 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows (BA);

19. The SCF deliberated on the treatment of the mandates arising from the COP24 outcomes, as reflected in the preliminary draft outline of the 2020 BA, as contained in annex II. The SCF agreed to continue work on this matter intersessionally.

Next steps

20. The co-facilitators, with the support of the secretariat, will develop an advanced draft of the outline of the 2020 BA for consideration and finalization by SCF21;

21. The secretariat, under the guidance of the co-facilitators, will develop a workplan, including outreach activities for the 2020 BA intersessionally;

22. The co-facilitators, with the support of the secretariat, initiate technical work and outreach activities early on, including exploring the possibility of organizing an intersessional technical experts workshop on 2020 BA in 2019.

4b. Preparatory work on the first report on the determination of the needs of developing countries related to the implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement;

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23. The SCF took note of document SCF/2019/20/5. This agenda item was introduced in one plenary session and discussed further in the context of two breakout group sessions facilitated by Mr. Zaheer Fakir and Mr. Mattias Frumerie, who were appointed as co-facilitators for this agenda item. The outcomes of the discussions were presented to the SCF for its consideration.⁴

Outcomes

24. The SCF agreed to initiate preparatory work on the first report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties at SCF20. The SCF shared preliminary views on the objective, approach, activities and indicative timelines of the first report presented in a note by the co-facilitators (see annex III).

Next steps

25. The co-facilitators, with the support of the secretariat, will intersessionally:

(a) Develop the draft outline of the report for consideration by the SCF with a view to finalize it by SCF 21;

(b) Develop a workplan, including outreach activities for consideration and finalization by SCF 21;

(c) Initiate technical work on information gathering for the mapping and analysis of available information on the needs of developing country Parties, including:

(i) Data collection from different reports and databases;

³ As footnote 1 above.

⁴ As footnote 1 above.

- (ii) Undertaking data gaps and analysis;
- (iii) Obtaining information on various methodologies being used to determine developing country Parties' needs;
- (d) Reach out to developing country Parties and relevant organizations and stakeholders that have undertaken work on methodological issues;
- (e) Issue a call for on views and suggestions for further sources;
- (f) Note technical discussions of the workshop on methodologies and processes for determining and assessing the needs of developing country Parties on 10–11 July 2019 in Manila, Philippines.

26. The secretariat, under the guidance of the co-facilitators, prepare a background paper on sources of information and the methodologies and approaches prior SCF21. The background paper would build on information on sources of information contained in annex to document SCF/2019/20/5 and draw from outcomes of the work referred to in paragraph 25(c) and (d) above and the workshop referred to in paragraph 25 (f) above.

27. The secretariat, under the guidance of the co-facilitators, organize events during the 50th sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June, 2019) and 25th session of the Conference of the Parties (December, 2019) as part of the outreach plan.

4c. Draft guidance to the Operating Entities of the Financial Mechanism;

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28. The SCF took note of document SCF/2019/20/6. This agenda item was introduced in one plenary session and discussed further in the context of one breakout group sessions co-facilitated by Mr. Toru Sugio and Mr. Paul Oquist-Kelley. The outcomes of the discussions were presented to the SCF by the co-facilitators at the closing plenary session for its consideration.

Outcomes

29. Relating to the preparation of the draft guidance for the consideration of the COP and the CMA, the SCF agreed that:

- (a) A common set of draft guidance should be prepared for consideration *both* by the COP and the CMA;
- (b) Should there be draft guidance that would need to be specifically considered by the CMA, this draft guidance should be clearly identified through a distinct heading within the common set of draft guidance.

30. On ways to further improve the quality of the draft guidance to the operating entities, the SCF agreed that:

- (a) The two options outlined in the background note⁵ should be implemented;
- (b) The SCF should continue to utilize the database of previous guidance to the operating entities, as well as the criteria it has established to technically assess the inputs received.

Next steps

31. The SCF agreed to prepare draft guidance to the operating entities at SCF 21.

32. The SCF requested the secretariat to:

- (a) Adjust the template for inputs to indicate whether the suggested guidance is for the consideration by the COP and/or the CMA, and make the template available on the SCF website;

⁵ Outlined in SCF/2019/20/6, paragraphs 2 and 9–19.

(b) Communicate the outcomes of the SCF's discussions on the draft guidance to the AC and the TEC and invite them to provide inputs to the draft guidance by using the adjusted template;

(c) Post on the SCF website a timeline of preparation of the draft guidance to the operating entities, including the deadlines for inputs.

4d. Measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows;

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33. This agenda item was introduced in one plenary session by Mr. Randy Caruso and Mr. Nafo, who were appointed as the co-facilitators for this agenda item.

Outcomes

34. The SCF agreed that the Committee, in accordance with the extended 2016–2017 workplan on MRV of support beyond the BA, will explore relevant issues in the context of the BA in 2019.

Next steps

35. In 2019, the SCF's work on MRV of support beyond the BA will be pursued in the context of the 2020 BA.

5. 2019 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance

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36. The SCF took note of document SCF/2019/20/7. This agenda item was introduced in one plenary session and discussed further in the context of two breakout group sessions co-facilitated by Mr. Mo Nasr and Mr. Pieter Terpstra. The outcomes of the discussions were presented to the SCF by the co-facilitators at the closing plenary session for its consideration.

Outcomes

37. The SCF agreed:

(a) On the provisional programme of the 2019 Forum, as contained in annex IV.

(b) To decide on the dates and venue for the 2019 Forum inter-sessionally, based on a shortlist of possible candidates as listed in the table below, taking into account:

- (i) Possible substantive linkages with each option and;
- (ii) Budget and legal implications.

| Dates | Event / Organizer | Venue | Budget implication |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|---|
| Week of 9 Sept | A standalone SCF Forum hosted by the UN Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (UNESCWA) | Beirut, Lebanon | Commitment received from the UNESCWA to provide the venue and the logistics, as well as support for five funded participants UfM secretariat may cover for few funded participants from their region |
| 16–20 September | Third Global Platform for Sustainable Cities meeting by the GEF and the World Bank | Sao Paulo, Brazil | <i>The event is being organized with the city of Sao Paulo. Budgetary implication needs to be explored further.</i> |

| Dates | Event / Organizer | Venue | Budget implication |
|-------------|---|---------------|--|
| 3–4 October | 2 nd annual meeting of the Malaga Coalition of Municipal Investment Finance by the UN Capital Development Fund | Malaga, Spain | <p><i>The event is to be hosted by the city council of Malaga. Budgetary implication needs to be explored further</i></p> <p>UfM secretariat may cover for few funded participants from their region</p> |

38. The SCF also agreed to engage with the PCCB and its working group on cities and seek their expert views on the capacity-building related components of the Forum.

Next steps

39. The SCF requested the secretariat to collect information from the possible partner organizations listed in the table above on any logistical and financial support that the organizations may offer to the SCF. Based on the information collected and taking into account any legal implications in signing the host country agreement, the SCF will make the decision on the dates and the venue of the Forum inter-sessionally.

40. Based on the provisional programme, the co-facilitators will start to design the details of each session of the Forum, which may include the flow of each session, possible guiding questions and relevant literature that may be shared with the Forum participants, and identify possible resource persons and case studies. The co-facilitators will also start to engage with the PCCB and its working group on cities to solicit their expert inputs on the Forum.

6. Enhancing stakeholder engagement.

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41. The Co-Chairs introduced the ongoing pilot initiative started at SCF 19, including a webinar to brief observer climate finance focal points in advance of SCF 20, as well as virtual participation at SCF 20. SCF agreed to defer consideration of this agenda item until its next meeting (SCF 21).

Next steps

42. The Co-Chairs, with the support of the secretariat, to include this item on the provisional agenda for SCF 21.

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

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43. The agenda item was introduced in the first plenary and the Co-Chairs invited the focal points for the thematic bodies to report back to the SCF on the meetings that they had attended and any other intersessional work.

Outcomes

44. Mr. Frumerie reported on his presentation at the Koronivia workshop at the Katowice conference on issues related to agriculture, outlining in the work of the SCF and the related products produced by the Committee. He highlighted its usefulness, including its relation to the outreach activities of the SCF.

45. Mr. Caruso reported on his participation at the 8th meeting of the Executive Committee on the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (ExCom), and the draft input prepared by Mr. Oquist-Kelley and himself as an input to the technical paper being prepared for SB 50 on elaborating the sources of financial support, as provided through the Financial Mechanism for addressing loss and damage, finance

available for addressing loss and damage outside the Financial Mechanism, as well as modalities for accessing such support and finance. The SCF noted the proposal that Mr. Oquist-Kelley attend the upcoming 9th meeting of the ExCom. SCF members deliberated on the draft input and agreed to forward it to the ExCom for further consideration towards the technical paper being prepared by the secretariat.

46. The Co-Chairs reported on their discussion with the Adaptation Committee Co-Chairs that took place in the margins of SCF 20. SCF members noted that discussions on adequacy and effectiveness had not yet been finalized, and that future synergies and collaboration should be explored. SCF members also noted that further collaboration should be addressed as part of existing products, for example related to the development of methodologies, work related to the National Adaptation Plans, and the report on the first report on the determination of the needs of developing countries related to the implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement. SCF Co-Chairs mentioned several areas where operational action would be taken forward, including exchange of workplans between the two Committees, exchange of timelines for future relevant work, a response to correspondence received from the Adaptation Committee Co-Chairs, and continued engagement by the respective focal points for each of the Committees.

Next steps

47. SCF Co-Chairs and SCF focal points on adaptation, with the support of the secretariat, to undertake activities with the Adaptation Committee, including the exchange of workplans between the two Committees, exchange of timelines for future relevant work, a response to correspondence received from the Adaptation Committee Co-Chairs, and continued engagement by the respective focal points for each of the Committees.

8. Report of the twentieth meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance.

Next steps

48. The Co-Chairs, with the support of the secretariat, will prepare the draft report for consideration by SCF members on a no-objections basis.

49. The list of participants for SCF 20 will be made available on the UNFCCC website.

9. Other matters.

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50. The SCF explored various options for possible meeting dates for SCF 21. The SCF agreed to confirm the dates for SCF 21 intersessionally.

Next steps

51. The secretariat will circulate possible meeting dates to the SCF for intersessional decision making by 31 July 2019.

52. The Co-Chairs, with the support of the secretariat, will circulate the SCF 21 provisional agenda to SCF members at last six weeks prior to SCF 21.

53. The Co-Chairs, with the support of the secretariat, will circulate the SCF 21 annotations to the provisional agenda at least four weeks prior to SCF 21.

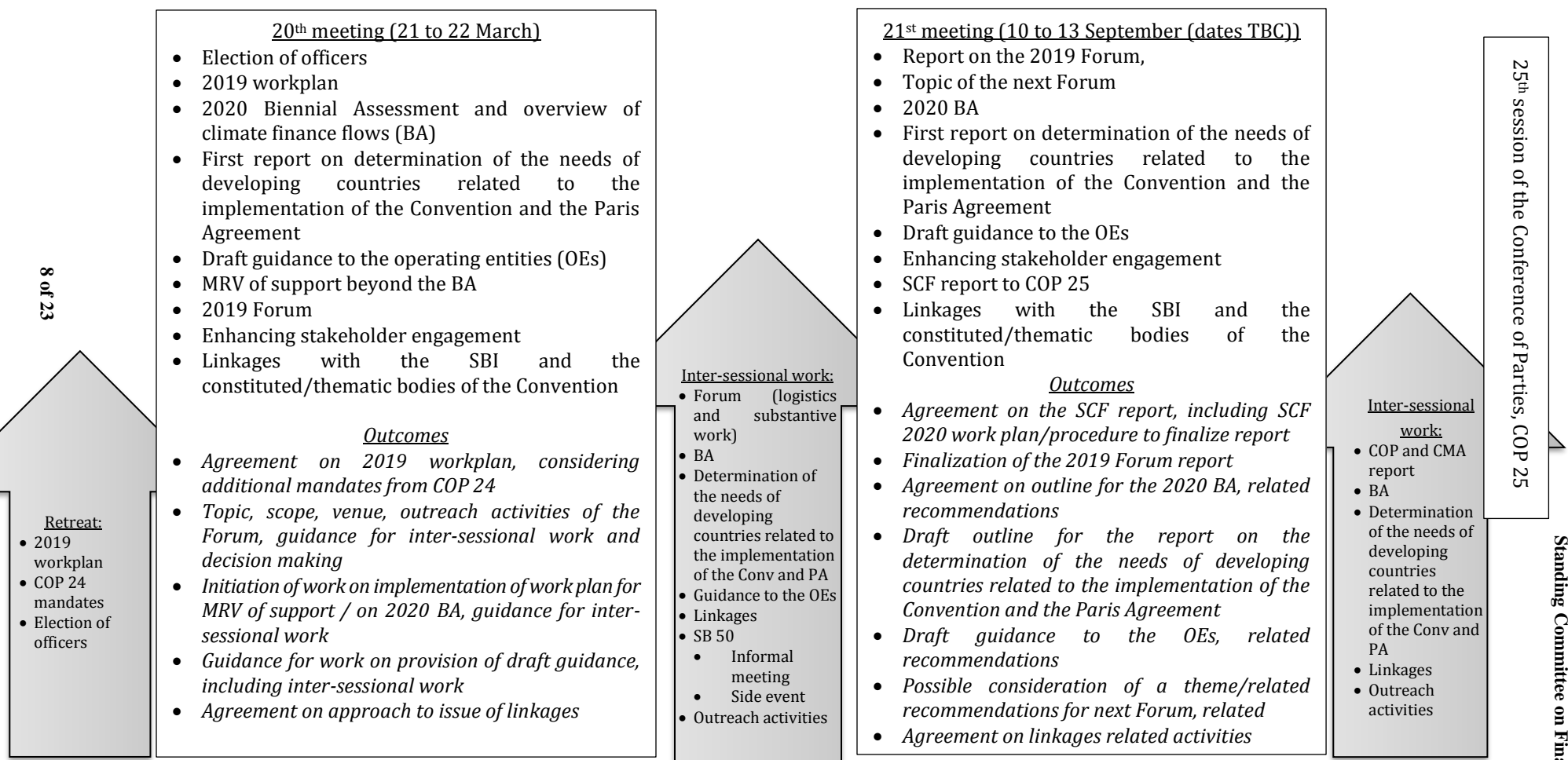
10. Closure of the meeting.

54. The 20th meeting of the SCF closed at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, 22 March 2019.

Annex I

2019 Workplan

Appendix I: Timeline and proposed approach for meetings and inter-sessional work of the SCF in 2019



Appendix II

Workplan of the Standing Committee on Finance for 2019 – Priority areas of work

| <i>Activities</i> | <i>Outcomes/results</i> | <i>Time frame</i> |
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| 1. Mandated activities of the SCF as per decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121 | | |
| (a) Organize a forum for the communication and continued exchange of information among bodies and entities dealing with climate change finance in order to promote linkages and coherence | 2019 SCF Forum on climate finance and sustainable cities | Mid-2019, pending the adoption of the date and venue by the SCF Ongoing activities of the virtual forum |
| | Continuous updating and implementation of the SCF strategic outreach plan | Ongoing |
| | Established linkages and continued exchange with bodies and entities dealing with climate finance, under and outside the Convention | 2019 SCF Forum Ongoing outreach activities of the virtual forum |
| Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 70: Implement the work programme of the SCF, including the creation of a climate finance forum that will enable all Parties and stakeholders to, inter alia, exchange ideas on scaling up climate finance | See 1(a) above | |
| Decision 5/CP.18, paragraph 4: Facilitate the participation of the private sector, financial institutions and academia in the forum | See 1(a) above | |
| Decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 12: Ensure the value added of its forum when deciding on the topic of each forum; provide clear recommendations to the COP, as appropriate, regarding follow-up actions on the forum, and enhance the dissemination, use and ownership of the accumulated knowledge and expertise gathered at the forum | Continuous updating and implementation of the SCF strategic outreach plan | Ongoing |
| | Established linkages and continued exchange with bodies and entities dealing with climate finance, under and outside the Convention | |

| <i>Activities</i> | <i>Outcomes/results</i> | <i>Time frame</i> |
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| (b) Maintain linkages with the SBI and the constituted bodies under the Convention , including Decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 11: 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 | Co-Chairs of the SCF inform presiding officers of the constituted bodies under the Convention about the activities of the SCF and establish working relationships | 2019 |
| | Continuous updating and implementation of the SCF strategic outreach plan | Ongoing |
| | Enhanced linkages with the SBI and the constituted bodies under the Convention | Ongoing |
| (c) Provide to the COP draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention with a view to improving the consistency and practicality of such guidance, taking into account the annual reports of the operating entities and relevant submissions from Parties | Draft guidance provided to the COP | COP 25 (December 2019) |
| Decision 3/CMA.1, paragraph 8: Prepare draft guidance for the entities entrusted with the operation of the Financial Mechanism, and on the LDCF and the SCCF, for consideration of CMA 2 | | COP 25 (December 2019) |
| (d) Make recommendations on how to improve the coherence, effectiveness and efficiency of the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism | Recommendations provided to the COP, as appropriate | Sessions of the COP |
| Functions of the SCF as per decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 112: Rationalize the Financial Mechanism, including the undertaking of analyses and information exchanges | Recommendations provided to the COP, as appropriate | Sessions of the COP |
| | Exchanges through the Forum, as appropriate | Ongoing |
| (e) Prepare a biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, to include information on the geographical and thematic balances of such flows | Initiate technical work for the fourth biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, including development of a general outline, data collection and engagement with climate finance data producers and aggregators | Ongoing |
| Decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 11: In the context of the preparation of its biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, consider ongoing technical work on operational definitions of climate finance, including private finance mobilized by public interventions, to assess how adaptation and mitigation needs can most effectively be met by climate finance, and include the results in its annual report to the COP | See 1(e) above | Ongoing |
| Decision 9/CP.21, paragraph 13: Take into account the enhanced information provided by Parties included in Annex II to the Convention referred to in paragraph | See 1(e) above | Ongoing |

| <i>Activities</i> | <i>Outcomes/results</i> | <i>Time frame</i> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 6 of decision 9/CP.21 in its biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows | | |
| Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 5: Use the established terminology in the provisions of the Convention and the Paris Agreement in relation to climate finance, where applicable | | Outcome at COP 25 |
| Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 10: Map, every four years, as part of the BA, the available information relevant to Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement, including its reference to Article 9 thereof | | Ongoing |
| Decision 19/CMA.1, paragraph 24: prepare synthesis reports for the technical assessment of the global stocktake | | Ongoing |
| 2. Additional mandates: determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement | | |
| Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 13: SCF to prepare, every four years, a report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement, for consideration by the COP, starting at its twenty-sixth session (Nov 2020), and the CMA, starting at its third session (Nov 2020) | | Ongoing |
| Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 14: To collaborate, as appropriate, with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the subsidiary and constituted bodies, multilateral and bilateral channels, and observer organizations | | Ongoing |

Notes: Workplan listed by core mandates followed by mandates according to key areas of work. All activities of the SCF as outlined in this table are subject to the availability of financial resources; when providing additional mandated activities to the SCF, the COP may wish to take this into consideration, as well as the need for further streamlining and rationalization of the work to be conducted by the SCF in the light of capacity constraints induced by the large array of mandates provided to the SCF.

Abbreviations: APA = Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement, COP = Conference of the Parties, SBI = Subsidiary Body for Implementation, SBSTA = Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, SCF = Standing Committee on Finance.

Appendix III

Workplan of the Standing Committee on Finance – Additional mandates

| <i>Activities</i> | <i>Outcomes/results</i> | <i>Time frame</i> |
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| 1. Additional SCF mandates: general | | |
| Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 63: Serve the Paris Agreement in line with its functions and responsibilities established under the COP | | Ongoing |
| Decision 6/CP.21, paragraph 2: Continue to strengthen its engagement with all relevant stakeholders and bodies under the Convention | Continuous updating and implementation of the SCF strategic outreach plan | Ongoing |
| | Enhanced linkages with the SBI and the constituted bodies under the Convention | Ongoing |
| Decision 8/CP.23, paragraph 14: Further strengthen its stakeholder engagement | Enhanced stakeholder engagement | Ongoing |
| 2. Additional mandates: adaptation | | |
| Decision 11/CMA.1, paragraph 21: In line with the SCF mandate, and in collaboration with the TEC and the PCCB, consider, taking into account the recommendations of the AC and the LEG, as well as relevant submissions from Parties and observer organizations, ways to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries, in the context of the limit to the increase in the global average temperature referred to in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement, and to include recommendations in its annual report | | 2019 |
| Decision 11/CMA.1, paragraphs 34 and 35: To contribute to the technical work of the AC and the LEG on developing methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support | | Ongoing |
| 3. Additional SCF mandates: loss and damage | | |
| Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 11: Encourages the SCF to provide input to the technical paper of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts on the sources of financial support | Input to the technical paper | 2019 |
| 4. Additional SCF mandates: gender | | |
| Decision 21/CP.22, paragraph 14: All constituted bodies under the UNFCCC process to include in their regular reports information on progress made towards integrating a gender perspective into their processes according to the entry points identified in the technical paper referred to in paragraph 13 of decision 21/CP.22 | Integration of a gender perspective into its processes according to the entry points identified in the technical paper | Ongoing |

| <i>Activities</i> | <i>Outcomes/results</i> | <i>Time frame</i> |
|--|---|-------------------|
| Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 3, activity C.2: The secretariat to provide capacity-building to chairs and members of the UNFCCC constituted bodies and technical teams of the secretariat on how to integrate gender considerations into their respective areas of work and on meeting the goal of gender balance | Organization of a session by the secretariat (e.g. in a format such as a technical segment, possible strategy meeting or webinar) | Ongoing |
| Decision 3/CP.23, annex, table 4, activity D.1: 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 | Integration of gender as a cross-cutting sub-theme in the 2019 SCF Forum as well as the further discussions related to the integration of gender considerations into the work of the SCF, emphasizing the relevance of gender-responsive access to finance | Ongoing |
| 5. Additional SCF mandates: forests | | |
| Decision 7/CP.19, paragraph 11: Consider, in its work on coherence and coordination, inter alia, the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches | Financing for forest-related considerations integrated into existing workplan, where appropriate, and work on this matter continued in the context of the overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing | Ongoing |
| Decision 8/CP.22, paragraph 10: Integrate financing for forest-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 | Financing for forest-related considerations integrated into existing workplan, where appropriate, and work on this matter continued in the context of the overall issue of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing | Ongoing |

Notes: Workplan listed by core mandates followed by mandates according to key areas of work. All activities of the SCF as outlined in this table are subject to the availability of financial resources; when providing additional mandated activities to the SCF, the COP may wish to take this into consideration, as well as the need for further streamlining and rationalization of the work to be conducted by the SCF in the light of capacity constraints induced by the large array of mandates provided to the SCF.

Abbreviations: AC = Adaptation Committee, COP = Conference of the Parties, LEG = Least Developed Countries Expert Group, SBI = Subsidiary Body for Implementation, SCF = Standing Committee on Finance.

Annex II

General outline of the technical report of the 2020 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows

Work in progress by co-facilitators

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Summary and recommendations by the Standing Committee on Finance on the 2020 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows, including tracking/follow-up/review of recommendations from 2014, 2016 and 2018 BAs.

INTRODUCTION

1. Background and objectives: set the scene – context of decisions of the Conference of the Parties, including decision 4/CP.24 – paragraphs 4 (taking into account best available science) and 5 (use of established terminology in provisions of Convention and Paris Agreement in relation to climate finance, where applicable).
2. Scope: explicit explanation of what the 2020 BA will do (i.e. metadata analysis and overview/summary of existing publicly available information; mapping available information relevant to Article 2, paragraph 1(c), of the Paris Agreement, including its reference to Article 9 thereof).
3. Challenges and limitations (e.g. practical difficulties in estimating domestic flows, private flows and other unreported or underreported flows with any certainty, follow up on gaps and challenges identified in previous BA).
4. Approaches used in preparing the 2020 BA:
 - (a) Clearly outline what the BA is: describe where the data have been sourced from, time period, data coverage and how the data were aggregated (e.g. how the different types of sub-flows are categorized in the onion diagram, how “pledged” vs “committed” vs “disbursed” are treated, etc.);
 - (b) Clearly describe where the data on “geographical” and “thematic balance” come from and how they are aggregated and categorized.

CHAPTER I – Methodological issues related to transparency of climate finance

BOXES/CASE STUDIES

1. Key messages, new developments and trends.
2. Brief summary/update on ongoing technical work related to transparency of climate finance, including operational definitions:
 - (a) Compilation of definitions of climate finance and criteria used by various institutions, and compilation of information on how Parties define mitigation and adaptation in their national communications, biennial reports, biennial update reports, nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans and nationally appropriate mitigation actions;
 - (b) Comparison of approaches used in reporting climate finance, including sector-based methodologies, methodologies for estimating mobilized private finance, and domestic climate finance tracking systems.
3. Information on emerging methodologies for measuring mitigations and adaptation finance outcomes.
4. Information on emerging methodologies relevant to tracking consistency with the long-term goal outlined in Article 2, paragraph 1(c), of the Paris Agreement.

Review recommendations from the 2014, 2016 and 2018 BAs.

CHAPTER II – Overview of current climate finance flows in 2017–2018

BOXES/CASE STUDIES

1. Key messages, new developments and trends.
2. Mapping of data availability and gaps by sector, geographic area, thematic distribution and financial instrument/asset class.
3. Updated onion diagram, including information on trends since the 2014 BA with respect to flows, thematic and geographical distribution and financial instruments used and taking into account lessons learned from 2018 BA (e.g. sectors):
 - (a) Estimates of global total climate finance flows, including international and domestic flows;
 - (b) Climate finance flows from developed to developing countries;
 - (c) UNFCCC funds;
 - (d) South-South cooperation on climate finance;
 - (e) Information on financial instruments used.
4. Evaluation of the quality of data, including clear identification of the uncertainties associated with each source of data and description of how the quality of measurement and reporting is assessed, and the completeness of data (e.g. clearly outline the sources of data uncertainty, clearly describe the assessment of the quality of data as “relatively certain”, “medium certain” or “relatively uncertain”, and clearly present the scale of completeness of data from ‘low’ to high’).
5. Update of available datasets that integrate climate change consideration into insurance, lending and investment decision-making processes and that include information relevant to tracking consistency with the long-term goal outlined in Article 2, paragraph 1(c), of the Paris Agreement.
6. Reflection of perspectives of recipient countries.
7. Identification of emerging sources of data (e.g. cities).

CHAPTER III – Assessment of climate finance flows

BOXES/CASE STUDIES

1. Key messages, new developments and trends.
2. Introduction.
3. Thematic objectives and geographical distribution of climate finance flows to developing countries:
 - (a) Thematic objectives of climate finance;
 - (b) Geographical distribution of climate finance;
 - (c) Additionality of climate finance provided to developing countries.
4. Effectiveness of climate finance: ownership, needs and impacts:
 - (a) Access to climate finance (e.g. challenges, lessons learned and improvements since 2018 BA);
 - (b) Pledges, approvals, commitments and disbursement of climate finance;
 - (c) Ownership;
 - (d) Alignment of climate finance with investment needs and plans, including inter alia in the context of nationally determined contributions and national adaptation plans;
 - (e) Reported results and impacts of climate finance: selected insights and experience;

- (f) Leverage and mobilization.
- 5. Global total climate finance, and developing country flows in context:
 - (a) Investment in high-carbon energy;
 - (b) Estimates of subsidies;
 - (c) Subsidies and financing measures affecting forests and land-use change;
 - (d) Global finance at risk from climate change.
- 6. Drivers of climate finance flows.
- 7. Consistency with the long-term goal outlined in Article 2, paragraph 1(c), of the Paris Agreement.
- 8. Special topics/issues, such as gender and climate finance, forest finance, financial instruments to address loss and damage, technology investment and climate-resilient infrastructure.

CHAPTER IV – Mapping information relevant to Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement, including its reference to Article 9 thereof

BOXES/CASE STUDIES

1. Key messages.
2. Introduction.
3. Scope.
4. Challenges and limitations.
5. Ongoing activities related to alignment of financial flows with Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement, including its reference to Article 9 thereof.
6. Additional information and data sets (e.g. metrics, approaches, methodologies, etc.).
7. Impact of real transformation.

ANNEXES

FAQs

GLOSSARY

REFERENCES

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BOXES/CASE STUDIES (in relevant chapters)

- Possible examples:
 - (a) Metrics for assessing progress in the alignment of portfolios of international financial institutions, institutional investors, etc.;
 - (b) Systems and tools used for integrating climate change considerations into investment strategies and decision-making processes in the mainstream investment, lending and insurance sectors;
 - (c) Available information relevant to Article 2 of the Paris Agreement;
 - (d) SIDS perspective on climate finance flows.

Annex III

Report on determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement

By co-facilitators

Objectives

- Report on the Determination of needs of developing countries related to implementing the Convention and Paris Agreement

Approach and context

- The work could be organized and implemented following the BA approach
- Outreach activities
- Top-down and bottom-up methodologies and approaches used in the determination of needs of developing country Parties
- Actors involved in the determination of needs of and in developing countries
- Report is every 4 years with the first inaugural report in 2020
- Backward and forward-looking report.
- Usefulness of the report to relevant audiences and processes.

Draft Outline of report

- Overview and analysis of the data on Developing country needs in a qualified and quantified manner
- Assessment of the developing country needs
 - Thematic Scope: Finance needs for mitigation, adaptation, technology, capacity-building and loss and damage
 - Geographic Scope: Global, regional and National
 - Sectoral Scope: Energy, water, agriculture, etc.
 - Other: Policy and other cross-cutting issues
- Methodologies for the determination of needs of developing country Parties, underlying assumptions and the processes of determining developing country needs
- Best practices
- Identifying gaps and trends

Activities and indicative timelines

| Activities and deliverables | Milestones and indicative timeline | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|----|----|------|----|----|----|
| | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | |
| | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Call for views by SCF members | | | | | | | |
| Development of workplan, including outreach plan | | | | | | | |
| Development and finalization of the outline | | | | | | | |
| Information update side event and expert meeting on the side lines of the SB50 | | | | | | | |
| Call for input | | | | | | | |
| Workshop (July, Manila) | | | | | | | |
| Background paper/Information Notes (August–September) | | | | | | | |
| Development of 1 st draft of the report | | | | | | | |
| 1 st Technical meeting and other outreach activities | | | | | | | |
| Development of 2 nd draft of the report | | | | | | | |
| 2 nd Technical meeting and other outreach activities | | | | | | | |
| Finalization of the report | | | | | | | |
| Public, roll out and outreach activities | | | | | | | |

Next steps and Activities

- Co-facilitators, with the support of the secretariat, further develop the draft outline of the report intersessionally, with a view to finalize it by SCF21
- Initiate, under the guidance of the co-facilitators and with the support of the secretariat, technical work for information gathering for the mapping of available information developing countries' needs.
- Reaching out Developing Country Parties and Stakeholders that have undertaken work on developing country needs
 - Data collections from different reports and databases
 - Undertaking data gaps and analysis
 - Obtaining information various methodologies being used to determine developing country needs
- Reaching out to developing country parties to request for relevant submissions as appropriate
- Consolidating and synthesis of information and submissions into straw dog document
- Holding technical expert workshop and/or explore collaboration opportunities in 2019 to advance its work
- Events during the 50th Session of the Subsidiary Bodies (June, 2019) and 25th session of the COP (December, 2019).

Annex IV

Provisional programme of the 2019 SCF Forum

Objective of the Forum

To enhance the understanding on how to accelerate the mobilization and delivery of climate finance for sustainable cities by:

1. Bringing together key stakeholders and sharing good practices and lessons learned in financing sustainable cities and integrating climate considerations into cities' broader domestic infrastructure, development, and urban planning processes;
2. Identifying challenges faced by actors at the city level to access and attract climate finance and sharing information on available support and;
3. Exploring the role of climate finance to facilitate inclusive, participatory, gender-responsive and youth-oriented cities.

Expected outcomes

At the end of the Forum, participants would have a better understanding of:

1. The potential of cities in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement;
2. The complementarity between climate-related actions and achieving the relevant SDGs and other UN targets and commitments related to sustainable cities;⁶
3. The role of climate finance in the broader context of cities' infrastructure and sustainable development financing needs;
4. Strategies and approaches for mainstreaming climate considerations into cities' broader economic, social, and environmental development priorities and strategies;
5. Relevant actors involved in financing sustainable cities at various stages, ranging from development of strategies and plans, early-phase project preparation to project implementation;
6. Current trends of climate finance flows for climate-resilient and low emission cities;
7. Complementarity of climate finance between municipal, national and international levels;
8. Models of financing urban climate change projects;
9. The enabling environments needed to scale-up and unlock climate finance for cities and accelerate its flows;
10. The capacity-building needs of local actors to access climate finance and available support to meet the needs;
11. Policies and measures that will help city authorities to integrate the consideration of youth, gender, as well as socially vulnerable groups in designing and financing urban climate projects.

⁶ Including New Urban Agenda from the UN Habitat III, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, etc.

Day 1

| Time | Description | Speakers and moderators |
|-------------|--|--|
| 08:00–09:00 | Registration | |
| 09:00–09:30 | <p>Opening session</p> <p>Opening remarks, welcoming the participants and introduction of the Forum</p> <p>Overview of the 2-day Forum and messages to the participants on what this Forum should deliver</p> | <p>SCF Co-chairs</p> <p>Official of the host city / partner organization</p> <p>Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC (<i>tbc</i>)</p> <p>Key speaker on the issue</p> |
| 09:30–10:00 | <p><i>Session 1: Scene-setting on climate finance and sustainable cities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues that cities are facing today, including ways that climate change socially and economically impacts cities, and the interlinkages between these issues • Complementarity between climate actions and cities’ broader social, economic, and environmental goals and priorities, including those reflected in the Paris Agreement, SDGs and other UN targets relevant to cities, such as the New Urban Agenda and the Sendai Framework; • Climate finance in the broader context of cities’ infrastructure and sustainable development financing needs; • Finance gap that needs to be closed for cities’ sustainable development and opportunities that can be harnessed through climate finance • Importance of the vertical integration that will help to align the NDCs with cities’ climate actions plans | |
| 10:00–10:20 | <i>Coffee break</i> | |
| 10:20–11:30 | <p><i>Session 2: Brainstorming session on sustainable cities and climate finance</i></p> <p>Participants will be invited to have a brainstorming session around the issues cities are facing today and how climate change considerations are linked to achieving cities’ broader social, economic, and environmental goals and priorities, including those reflected in the Paris Agreement, SDGs and other UN targets relevant to cities, and the role climate and sustainable finance can play to resolve the issues. Participants will be advised to examine these social, economic, and environmental goals and priorities, as well as cross-cutting consideration of mitigation and adaptation from key urban sectors.</p> | |
| | Brainstorming group focusing on buildings and energy sector | Brainstorming group focusing on water and waste sectors |
| | | Brainstorming group focusing transportation |
| | | Examples of issue(s): |

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| | <p>Examples of issue(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing, infrastructure and settlements - Production and distribution of renewable energy - Energy efficiency - Public spaces, green areas and land use - Equitable energy access | <p>Examples of issue(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water and sanitation - Water management - Waste and recycling management | - Mobility and public transit |
| 11:30–12:30 | Report-back of the discussion leaders from the breakout groups followed by a moderated discussion | | |
| 12:30–14:00 | Lunch | | |
| 14:00–15:00 | Session 3: Planning and financing climate change actions for sustainable cities | | |
| | <p>This session will explore ways to mainstream climate change into urban planning and projects, and available options for supporting them through climate finance, including through readiness programs. The session will also examine the enablers required for cities to mobilize climate finance and harness its full potential to meet the financing needs of cities, and available international support opportunities cities can avail of.</p> | <p>Presentations</p> <p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Plenary discussion</p> | |
| 15:00–16:30 | Session 4: Breakout session on planning and financing urban climate projects | | |
| | <p>Breakout group on sources of climate finance for cities</p> <p>The group will discuss the ways to identify finance for low emission and climate resilient urban projects, from public and private sources, at the national and international levels.</p> | <p>Breakout group on innovative financing mechanism and instruments</p> <p>The group will discuss financing mechanism and instruments that cities can utilize to mobilize the funding needed for their urban projects, and the technical support needed.</p> | <p>Breakout group on the financial needs and investment priorities for cities</p> <p>The group will share experiences on how cities assessed their financial needs and investment priorities in different sectors. It will also discuss the role of financial institutions in response to the needs identified.</p> |
| 16:30–16:45 | Coffee break | | |
| 16:45–17:45 | Report-back of the discussion leaders from the breakout groups followed by a moderated discussion | | |
| 17:45–18:00 | Wrap-up of day 1 | | |

Day 2

| Time | Description | Speakers and moderators |
|-------------|--|--|
| 09:00–09:15 | Recap of day 1 and setting the stage for day 2 | |
| 09:10–10:15 | <i>Session 5: Accelerating the mobilization and delivery of climate finance for cities</i> | |
| | This session will focus on how cities can mobilize and access finance for their low-emission, climate resilient urban projects and opportunities to address the capacity constraints that city actors are facing. It will also explore ways to create the enabling environments and regulatory frameworks to unlock urban climate actions by the private sector. | Presentations Panel discussion Plenary discussion |
| 10:15–10:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> | |
| 10:30–11:40 | <i>Session 6: Breakout session on capacity-building and readiness support</i> | |
| | <p>Breakout group on access and accreditation</p> <p>The group will discuss opportunities and challenges of cities in gaining access to international climate funds, including through direct access. It will also focus on ways to access readiness support for the institutions seeking accreditation to the funds.</p> | <p>Breakout group on project preparation and capacity-building support</p> <p>The group will discuss the challenges that city actors face during the preparation phase of climate project and identify available technical and capacity-building support. It will also share information on available tools that can help the city actors prepare better project proposals by strengthening the climate rationale.</p> |
| | | Breakout group on incentivizing private sector engagement This group will discuss ways to reduce the capital costs and financial risks for local businesses and start-ups to help mobilize private sector investments at the city level. It will also focus on the measures that city authorities can take to raise the awareness of private sector investment opportunities and ratchet up the capacity of local financial institutions. |
| 11:40–12:40 | Report-back of the discussion leaders from the breakout groups followed by a moderated discussion | |
| 12:40–14:00 | <i>Lunch</i> | |
| 14:00–15:00 | <i>Session 7: Role of climate finance in building more inclusive sustainable cities</i> | |
| | This session will highlight the how climate finance can facilitate building a sustainable city that is more inclusive, participatory, gender-responsive and youth-oriented. It will also focus on how climate and sustainable investments can contribute to alleviating poverty of groups in vulnerable situation. | Presentation Panel discussion Plenary discussion |
| 15:00–15:15 | <i>Coffee break</i> | |

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| 15:15–16:30 | Session 8: Breakout session on climate finance and inclusive and participatory cities | |
| | <p>Breakout group on the role of climate finance in empowering groups in vulnerable situations</p> <p>This group will discuss ways of integrating the consideration of groups in vulnerable situations in developing low-emission, climate resilient urban plans and projects. It will also discuss participatory approaches in assessing climate and sustainable financing needs of cities.</p> | <p>Breakout group on enabling environments for inclusive growth</p> <p>This group will discuss policies and regulations that can drive national and international climate finance towards fostering a more inclusive, gender-responsive and youth-oriented society and stimulating economic growth. It will also focus on how the policies and programming of the MDBs and international climate funds can contribute to such inclusive growth.</p> |
| 16:30–17:30 | Report-back of the discussion leaders from the breakout groups followed by a moderated discussion | |
| 17:30–18:00 | Wrap-up of the Forum | <p>SCF Co-chairs</p> <p>Host city / organization representative</p> |