

SCF Webinar on Draft Guidance to the GEF

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Agenda

Item	Delivered by:
Overview of SCF work related to draft guidance to the GEF during 2025	SCF Draft Guidance Co-facilitators
Update from GEF – progress and development towards COP 30	GEF Secretariat
Q&A and reflections	Open discussion



Overview of SCF work related to draft guidance to the GEF during 2025



Mandate

- COP 17 mandated the SCF to provide the COP with draft guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism with a view to:
 - Improving the consistency and practicality of such guidance and,
 - Taking into account the annual reports of the operating entities, as well as submissions from Parties.
- COP 29 recalled concerns about the working modalities of the SCF for preparing draft guidance and requested Parties and constituted bodies to provide elements for the draft guidance well in advance of future sessions to enable the Committee to fulfil its mandate in this regard (Decision 2/CP.29 Para.20)



Enhancing SCF working modalities on draft guidance

- The SCF considered ways to enhance its working modalities for preparing draft guidance for the operating entities.
- The following **areas of enhancement** were identified, along with its respective **agreed actions**:

Areas of enhancement identified	Actions undertaken
1. Improving the timing and sequencing of the process for preparing the draft guidance.	Engagement with GEF Secretariat to explore opportunities for aligning the timelines of their annual reports with the SCF's workplan for preparing the draft guidance;
2. Strengthening the inclusiveness, transparency and Party-driven nature of the process for preparing the draft guidance.	Informal consultations with Parties , aimed to gather views on general expectations regarding the draft guidance, including its format and potential substantive elements;
	Engagement with other constituted bodies , including the AC, TEC and ExCom to share outcomes of SCF36 and offer guidance on preparation of respective submissions



Informal consultations on SCF draft guidance:

Main outcomes

- Parties stressed the importance of a Party-driven, inclusive and transparent process for preparing draft guidance to the GEF, to ensure that views, especially of Parties not represented in the SCF, are accurately captured.
- Parties called for the SCF to:
 - Not negotiate the opinions expressed in submissions made by Parties;
 - Preserve the core messages therein;
 - Maintain the integrity of differing views without overediting or consolidating Party positions with a view to the guidance informing and not constraining negotiations at sessions of the COP.



Agreed approach on draft guidance to the GEF

Agreed approach

- The committee agreed to prepare the draft guidance by compiling and thematically clustering all submissions on guidance by COP and CMA received up to SCF 38, preserving the core messages, reflecting differing views in the guidance, and not negotiating substantive content.

Explanatory note from SCF for Parties on the draft guidance

- Without prejudice to further Party inputs at the COP and the CMA;
- Reiterates previous guidance, while noting such reiteration may be warranted, since it is for Parties to determine whether to emphasize guidance, particularly where further follow-up may be considered useful;
- Some elements are not directed to the Boards of the operating entities;
- Does not include outcomes of Board meetings of the GCF and FRLD held after SCF 38 and prior to COP 30.



Update from GEF – Progress and development towards COP 30

- GEF COP Report
- GEF Council Meetings



Q&A and reflections

