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## **Consolidated input on the proposed scope for the 2026 SCF Forum “Financing Climate Action in Water Systems and Oceans”**

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### **A. Integrated focus**

1. Address full water cycle: source to sea (rivers, basins, deltas, coasts, oceans)
2. Recognize interconnectedness of water systems and ocean ecosystems
3. Idea of regional cooperation
4. From local to national to regional to global

### **B. Climate risks & regional vulnerabilities**

1. Sea level rise, including for SIDS and low-lying coastal areas
2. Sea level decline
3. Droughts & water scarcity in arid regions
4. Storm surges, floods, and extreme weather events
5. Mountain ecosystems and melting glaciers
6. Resulting socioeconomic impacts, including displacement and food insecurity
7. Response to extreme events (e.g. floods due to heavy rains, floods due to glacier melting, etc.)

### **C. Cross-cutting themes**

1. Adaptation finance for infrastructure and services
2. Human mobility and displacement due to climate-related water stress
3. Nature-based solutions: wetlands, mangroves, coral reefs
4. Blue economy: sustainable fisheries, offshore energy, coastal livelihoods
5. Synergies between 3 Rio Conventions

### **D. Financing instruments**

6. Blue/Green bonds and blended finance models
7. Private sector engagement and de-risking instruments
8. Climate mobility finance linked to risk reduction and resilience
9. Cooperation models/regional collaboration model

## **E. Technology and Innovations**

1. Technology access: water-efficient systems, desalination Coral Reef Bonds and blended finance models
2. Early warning systems, including for SIDS
3. Hydropower
4. Offshore energy

## **F. Guiding perspectives**

1. Keep focus on climate change finance (avoid drift to non-climate mandates)
  2. Ensure balance between mitigation and adaptation
  3. Promote regional & local contextualization
  4. Inclusive participation (geographically balanced representation, including SIDS, LDCs, and affected communities)
  5. Maintain alignment with UNFCCC mandate and relevant frameworks
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