

SCF Informal Webinars
Programme and Agendas
7 April 2020
13:00 – 16:00 CET

Introduction

UNFCCC Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will hold **two webinars for contributors and experts** for an informal exchange on the development of two reports the SCF is producing as mandated by Conference of the Parties.

1. This first webinar on the **2020 report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement** will facilitate an informal exchange on the latest developments in methodological issues relating to determining the needs of developing country Parties from national, regional and global reports and data availability and gaps.
2. The second webinar on the **2020 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows, including information relevant to Article 2, paragraph 1(c), of the Paris Agreement** will facilitate an informal exchange on the latest developments on methodological issues and data availability and gaps relating to the MRV of climate finance and assessment of climate finance flows, and issues relating to mapping information relevant to Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement.

How to Participate

The webinars will take place on 7 April 2020, from 13:00-14:30 CET and from 14:30-16:00 CET, respectively.

The webinars can be followed through this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZILvUAYI1M&feature=youtu.be>

Webinar 1: 2020 Report on the Determination of the Needs of Developing Country Parties

Background

The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), a constituted body under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, assists the Conference of the Parties (COP) in exercising its functions in relation to the Financial Mechanism of the Convention.

For the first time, the SCF will prepare a report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement, for consideration by COP 26 (November 2020), and CMA 3 (November 2020).¹ In the preparation of the report, the COP requested

¹ Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 13.

the SCF to collaborate, as appropriate, with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the subsidiary and constituted bodies, multilateral and bilateral channels, and observer organizations.²

Scope of the 2020 report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties

The 2020 report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties will map available information and data on the needs of developing country Parties from a variety of sources, including national reports submitted to the UNFCCC as well as regional and global reports. In presenting the needs of developing country Parties, the report will characterize needs for finance, technology development and transfer and capacity-building by type, theme and sector across Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. Furthermore, the report will highlight processes and approaches utilized for the determination of needs of developing country Parties; underlying assumptions and methodologies, as well as challenges, gaps and opportunities.

Agenda

2020 Report on the Determination of Needs of Developing Country Parties	
13:00 – 13:15	Introduction by the Standing Committee on Finance Co-Facilitators: mandates, objectives, scope, and expectations of the webinar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zaheer Fakir • Mattias Frumerie
13:15 – 13:45	Overview of methodological approach and status of work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of available information on the needs of developing country Parties: Aidy Halimanjaya • Processes and approaches for determination of needs in developing country Parties: George Mwaniki • Underlying assumptions and methodologies used in determining the needs of developing country Parties: Sandra Guzmán • Challenges, opportunities and gaps in determining the needs of developing country Parties: Athena Ronquillo-Ballesteros
13:45 – 14:30	Discussion This discussion session is to invite inputs from external experts and stakeholders as well as SCF members, to feed into the development of the report. <i>How to present aggregation of data and information, considering:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Striking a balance between available quantitative and qualitative information and lack thereof? • The evolving nature of needs (e.g. for different temperature scenarios)? • Imbalance of information available across countries (for some countries there is less information available)? • Varying time periods of financial information especially in BURs and NCs? • Different assumptions of financial needs based on economic modelling?

² Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 14.

	<p><i>How to categorise methodologies and processes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to categorize methodologies, underlying assumptions and processes when limited information is available? • What other methodologies and processes are used at the national, regional and global levels to determine needs that could be reflected in the report? • What are measures to overcome existing gaps in the availability of information on underlying assumptions, methodologies, approaches and processes?
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Background material

Participants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the following background material:

- Outline of the 2020 report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties: At its 21st meeting, the SCF agreed on the [general outline](#) for the 2020 needs report.
- Background paper: In preparation of the 21st meeting of the SCF, the UNFCCC secretariat was requested to prepare a [background paper](#) on sources of information and methodologies and approaches for determining the needs of developing countries.
- Summary of Experts Meeting: The elaboration of the 2020 needs reports could also, where applicable, be informed by work in relation to the mandate requesting the secretariat to assist developing countries in assessing their needs.³ As part of this mandate, the UNFCCC secretariat, with the support of the Asian Development Bank and the Governments of the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Korea, convened an experts meeting on assessing and determining the needs of developing countries on 10-11 July 2019 in Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines to share experiences and lessons learned in assessing the needs of developing countries and translating these needs into action, including through the development of climate finance strategies. The summary of the meeting is available [here](#).
- Call for evidence: A [call for evidence](#) was issued by the SCF on 22 November 2019 to collect information and data for the preparation of the 2020 Report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement. The submissions received in response to the call are accessible at: <https://unfccc.int/topics/climate-finance/workstreams/needs-report/repository-of-information-on-the-needs-of-developing-country-parties#eq-3>

Format

The webinar will be informal and interactive, with the objective to exchange policy and technical perspectives. There will be no formal output. The team working on the preparation of the 2020 needs report will compile the inputs and gather the insights generated from the discussions for further consideration and follow-up with organizations/experts as necessary.

Webinar 2: 2020 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows

³ In decision 6/CP.23, paragraph 10, the COP requested the secretariat, in collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, United Nations agencies and bilateral, regional and other multilateral channels, to explore ways and means to assist developing country Parties in assessing their needs and priorities, in a country-driven manner, including technological and capacity-building needs, and in translating climate finance needs into action. In response to this mandate, the secretariat set up the Needs-Based Finance (NBF) project to assist interested developing countries in the assessment of needs and priorities and in translating climate finance needs into action.

Background

The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) assists the Conference of the Parties (COP) with respect to the measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of support provided to developing country Parties, including through activities such as the preparation of the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows (BA).

The 2020 BA will be the fourth in a series of BAs. The [first BA](#) was prepared in 2014.⁴ The [second BA](#) was prepared in 2016 and the third BA was prepared in 2018. [The summary and recommendation by the SCF on the 2018 BA](#) is contained in the annex to [decision 4/CP.24](#). The underlying technical reports are viewable [here](#).

The SCF, through the BA and other activities, contributes to the progressive improvement of the compilation of climate finance information. Additionally, the COP, in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 94 (e), has also requested the Ad-hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement, when developing the modalities, procedures, and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support, to consider, *inter alia*, information in the BA. Furthermore, Parties, in the context of discussions on the development of the modalities and identification of sources of inputs for the global stocktake under the APA, have referred to the BA as vehicle to inform global stocktakes with respect to support to developing countries, as well as the broader climate financial and investment flows. The 2020 BA will be completed in time for COP 26.

Scope of the 2020 BA

The 2020 BA will focus on climate finance flows for 2017 and 2018 as well as any identified trends from previous years. It will be structured according to four chapters. The first chapter will consider methodological issues related to transparency of climate finance, including the latest developments and improvements on the measurement, reporting and verification of climate finance flows, as well as operational definitions of climate finance in use and updates on impact metrics and outcomes.

The second chapter will provide an overview of current climate finance flows 2017-2018, including estimates of global climate finance flows (public and private), flows from developed to developing countries (public and available data on mobilized private finance through public interventions), domestic climate finance (and South–South cooperation), as well as the other climate-related flows for the period 2017-2018. It also includes information on identified trends from previous years. The third chapter will assess these climate finance flows, considering the implications of their purpose, composition, effectiveness, access and emergent trends relevant in this context under the UNFCCC.

The 2020 BA will include a fourth chapter for the first time on mapping information relevant to Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement, including its reference to Article 9 thereof. More information on the contents for each chapter is provided in the 2020 BA [general outline agreed by the SCF](#).

The Calls for evidence: [information and data for the preparation of the 2020 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows](#) issued by the SCF in November 2019 outlines information and data needs for the preparation of the 2020 BA.

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2020 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows

⁴ Available at: <http://unfccc.int/10029.php>

14:30 – 14:45	Introduction by the Standing Committee on Finance Co-Facilitators: mandates, objectives, scope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicky Noens • Seyni Nafo
14:45 – 15:15	Overview of methodological approach and status of work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodological issues related to transparency of climate finance: Padraig Oliver • Overview of current climate finance flows: Chavi Meattle • Assessment of climate finance flows: Charlene Watson • Mapping information relevant to Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement and its reference to Article 9 thereof: Chantal Naidoo
15:15 – 16:00	Discussion This discussion session is to invite inputs from external experts and stakeholders as well as SCF members, to feed into the development of the 2020 BA <i>Guidance questions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has data availability and gaps improved on climate finance, particularly in relation to private finance, domestic finance and finance received by developing countries, especially SIDs and LDCs? • What are the best examples of impact metrics and outcomes on climate finance and how are they measured and tracked? • What are the key current issues around climate finance access and how effectively are they being addressed (e.g. readiness efforts, simplified access processes, committed versus disbursed finance)? • What best practice examples could be shared within the BA to reflect approaches to gender and climate finance, forest finance and loss and damage finance? • What are the best examples of ongoing initiatives and activities that are relevant to the goal expressed in Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement?

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