



Standing Committee on Finance

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18–19 February 2025
Bonn, Germany**

**Background paper on linkages with constituted bodies of the
Convention and the Paris Agreement**

Expected actions by the Standing Committee on Finance

The Standing Committee on Finance will be invited to:

- a) Consider the approach for maintaining linkages with other constituted bodies and various thematic areas, and possible activities to be undertaken in this regard;
- b) Appoint focal points for other constituted bodies and various thematic areas of work.

I. Possible actions for consideration by the Standing Committee on Finance

1. The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) may wish to consider the overall approach for maintaining linkages and enhancing engagement with the UNFCCC constituted bodies and identify potential areas of enhanced cooperation. Current activities include:

- (a) Attendance of SCF focal points in meetings of other constituted bodies and reporting back to the SCF on possible linkages and collaboration;
- (b) Provision of inputs to other constituted bodies, drawing upon ongoing and previous relevant work of the SCF;

2. The SCF may wish to appoint focal points in 2025 for other constituted bodies and various thematic areas. See Table 1 for a list of focal points in 2024.

Table 1

List of current SCF members as focal points for constituted bodies and thematic areas in 2024

<i>Constituted bodies and thematic areas</i>	<i>Focal points</i>
Adaptation-related matters, including the Adaptation Committee (AC) and Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)	Apollonia Miola
Capacity-building-related matters, including the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB)	Apollonia Miola
Indigenous People-related matters, including the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP)	Brittany Young
Loss and damage-related matters, including the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (ExCom)	Kevin Adams, Zaheer Fakir and Ali Waqas Malik

Response measures-related matters, including the Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures (KCI)	Kevin Adams
Transparency-related matters, including the Consultative Group of Experts	Kevin Adams
Technology-related matters, including the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN)	Diann Black-Layne and Vicky Noens
Mitigation-related matters, including the work of Article 6.4 Supervisory Body of the Paris Agreement, the work of the Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism, and the work of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee	Gabriela Blatter and Petrus Muteyauli
Gender and youth-related matters	Brittany Young and Patricia Roy Akullo

II. Background

3. COP 17 decided that the SCF maintains linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the constituted bodies of the Convention.¹ COP 19 called on the SCF to further enhance its linkages with the SBI and the constituted bodies of the Convention.² COP 21 requested the SCF to continue to strengthen its engagement with all relevant stakeholders and bodies under the Convention.³ In the context of the review of the functions of the SCF, COP 23 requested the SCF to 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.⁴

4. At SCF 35, due to time constraints, the agenda item on linkages with constituted bodies of the Convention and the Paris Agreement was not taken up by the Committee.

5. COP 29 noted with appreciation the efforts of the SCF to strengthen its engagement with stakeholders in the context of its workplan, including the constituted bodies, private entities and other entities outside the UNFCCC process. COP 29 encouraged the SCF to continue such efforts in 2025, including, as appropriate, with people and communities on the front line of climate change, including Indigenous Peoples and local communities.⁵

A. Collaboration with the Adaptation Committee and Least Developed Countries Expert Group

6. The SCF has actively engaged in adaptation-related matters, particularly on adaptation and adaptation finance and support on the National Adaptation Plans. Areas of possible collaboration in 2025 include:

(a) Further collaboration on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;

¹ [Decision 2/CP.17](#), para. 121(b).

² [Decision 7/CP.19](#), para. 10.

³ [Decision 6/CP.21](#), para. 2.

⁴ [Decision 8/CP.23](#), para. 11.

⁵ Decision 2/CP.29, para. 18 ([Advance unedited version](#)).

- (b) Participation in the meetings of the Adaptation Committee on 6 to 9 May 2025 and September 2025 (tbc);
- (c) Continued engagement in the AC - LEG - SCF joint working group on adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation support;⁶
- (d) Continued engagement in the AC taskforce on national adaptation plans;
- (e) Continued engagement in the advisory group of Party experts for assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs.⁷

B. Collaboration with the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage

7. The SCF has engaged with the WIM Excom in relation to action and support relating to loss and damage. Possible areas of collaboration in 2025 include:

- (a) Further collaboration on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;
- (b) Participation in the meeting of the ExCom on 13 to 15 May 2025 with the second meeting to be held in September 2025 (tbc) as well as continued participation in the work of the expert group on action and support of the ExCom in the context of its five-year rolling workplan.⁸

C. Collaboration with the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

8. Possible areas of cooperation in 2024 include participation in the meetings of the FWG of the LCIPP from 10 to 13 June 2025 and November 2024 (tbc), upon invitation.

9. FWG meetings frequently include a specific agenda item dedicated to fostering collaboration with relevant bodies both under and outside the Convention. The SCF may wish to consider expressing its interest in strengthening SCF–FWG collaboration, particularly in the second quarter of 2025, as the FWG meeting to be held in June will mark the end of the current members' terms, with new members taking up their roles thereafter.

D. Collaboration with the Paris Committee on Capacity-building

10. The SCF has engaged with the PCCB, including through participation in the informal coordination group (ICG) of the PCCB⁹. The 8th and 9th meeting of the ICG are scheduled in conjunction with the sixty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies and COP 30.

11. Potential areas for collaboration in 2025 include working with the PCCB as they carry out activities aligned with their mandates and this year's focus on capacity-building for designing holistic investment strategies, bankable projects, and stakeholder engagement to support the implementation of NDCs and NAPs in developing countries. These activities include:

⁶ <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/mandates-from-the-cma/methodologies-adequacy-and-effectiveness>.

⁷ [Decision 3/CP.26](#), para. 3(b).

⁸ <https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/constituted-bodies/WIMExCom/Action-Support>.

⁹ <https://unfccc.int/PCCB-ICG>.

- (a) The Durban Forum during the first week of SB 62;
- (b) Two regional workshops, possibly in conjunction with other regional events such as the Climate Weeks, NDC Regional Clinics, or NAP Expo (tbc); and
- (c) A focus day on this topic at COP 30, hosted in the Capacity-building Hub.

E. Collaboration with the Technology Executive Committee and Climate Technology Centre and Network

12. The SCF has engaged in technology-related matters, mainly through participation in the Advisory Board Meeting of the CTCN to provide an overview of SCF activities relevant to finance and technology. Areas of possible collaboration in 2025 include:

- (a) Further collaboration with the TEC on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;
- (b) Attendance in the regular meeting of the TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board meetings to participate in the discussions relating to technology and finance, based on the 2023–2027 rolling workplan of the TEC¹⁰ and joint work programme of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism for 2023–2027;¹¹

F. Gender and youth

13. COP 22 requested all constituted bodies to include in their regular reports information on progress towards integrating a gender perspective into their respective processes.¹² In response, in 2024 the SCF:

- (a) Gender consideration in the technical reports prepared by the SCF;
- (b) Successfully organized the SCF Forum on gender-responsive finance;
- (c) Considered gender selecting speakers for its events and webinars in 2024.

14. Possible areas of work in 2025 on this matter include:

- (a) Integration of gender and climate finance information in the outline of the seventh Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows and the report on progress towards achieving the goal of mobilizing jointly USD 100 billion per year to address the needs of developing countries in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation;
- (b) Gender considerations at the SCF Forum on accelerating climate action and resilience through financing for sustainable food systems and agriculture;
- (c) Continued consideration of gender balance for events to be held in 2025;
- (d) Participating in gender events that may be organized under the UNFCCC.
- (i) Technical workshop on the development of the new Gender Action Plan at SB 62 (duration and dates tbc);

¹⁰ Available at: https://unfccc.int/tclear/misc_/StaticFiles/gnwoerk_static/TEC_Documents_doc/d7954e3a9dd445fb883145acc3afa9ae/6778ff8cd9bf4fa2ba88a485da2523f0.pdf.

¹¹ Available at: https://unfccc.int/tclear/misc_/StaticFiles/gnwoerk_static/TEC_Documents_doc/6e7cae499c2b418e93d2d2a1bcca1a20/e9a1b6ffadbe47bcb3f2634881df13f5.pdf.

¹² [Decision 21/CP.22, para. 14.](#)

- (ii) Additional technical workshops on the development of the new GAP may take place in conjunction with existing events, such as the climate weeks, following an invitation made by the COP for Parties to express interest in hosting such workshops ([COP 29 decision on gender, para. 16](#)) (tbc);
- (iii) Third edition of the training on climate finance to National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points is likely to take place during the year (tbc). Similar trainings took place at COPs 28 and 29, and were carried out in partnership with the AF, GEF and GCF;
- (iv) At COP 30, a technical dialogue will happen on Gender Day. Details (e.g., topic of focus, dates) (tbc)

G. Other possible areas of linkages

15. As part of fulfilling its mandate to maintain linkages, the SCF may wish to:
- (a) Respond to invitations and attend meetings of bodies where SCF focal points have not been appointed, on an ad-hoc basis;
 - (b) Continue work on coherence and coordination, inter alia, the issue of financing for forests, taking into account different policy¹³ in the context of the 2025 SCF Forum.
16. Furthermore, the SCF may wish to take note of the COP 29 and CMA 6 decisions inviting a wide variety of stakeholders, including constituted bodies, to provide views or inputs pertaining to thematic work under the UNFCCC. Decisions containing the invitations can be found in the Annex.

¹³ Decisions 7/CP.19, para. 11 and 8/CP.22, para. 10.

Annex

Invitation for submissions and additional guidance from the COP and the CMA to constituted bodies

<i>Decisions</i>	<i>Deadline of submission</i>
Invites Parties, relevant constituted bodies and representatives of work programmes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement and other stakeholders, including regional entities, to take into account the challenges and recommendations related to enhancing the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and of local communities under the Convention and the Paris Agreement as detailed in the report of the Facilitative Working Group, including the draft workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform for 2025–2027 contained therein; ^a	Not applicable
Invites constituted bodies under the Convention, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, representatives of relevant processes under the Convention and other non-Party stakeholders to submit via the submission portal by 28 February 2025 views on the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries based on the terms of reference contained in the annex; ^b	28 February 2025
Invites Parties, the constituted bodies, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, climate finance institutions, observers and observer organizations, and other stakeholders, particularly from the private sector, to submit via the submission portal by 1 March 2025 views on the issues to be addressed during the workshops to be held in 2025; ^c	1 March 2025
Invites Parties to submit views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage via the submission portal no later than 10 weeks prior to the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2025). ^d	1 September 2025

^a Decision 14/CP.29, paragraphs 2 and 16 ([Advance unedited version](#)).

^b Decision 11/CP.29, paragraph 3 ([Advance unedited version](#)).

^c Decision 14/CMA.6, paragraph 5 ([Advance unedited version](#)).

^d Decisions 5/CP.29, paragraph 18 ([Advance unedited version](#)) and 11/CMA.6, paragraph 18 ([Advance unedited version](#)).