

Agenda item 11:

Draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism

Background:

- COP 20 endorsed the workplan of the SCF to conduct the following:
 - Collaborate with the constituted bodies in the provision of draft guidance to the operating entities;
 - An analysis of past guidance provided in order to identify a set of core guidance to serve as basis for the provision of future guidance, in order to reduce redundancies, incoherence, and inconsistencies within the guidance;
 - Consider the issue of complementarity between the operating entities and the funds they administer when the GCF is operationalized.
- COP 20 requested the SCF to provide advice on the issue of the frequency of guidance to the Financial Mechanism. COP 22 endorsed the recommendation by the SCF to provide guidance to the GCF annually.



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For the 15th meeting, the SCF will be invited to:

- a) Agree on its working modalities, including the formation of a working group and timeline for conducting its work on this agenda item;
- b) In preparing **draft guidance**, agree on: (i) the overall approach and outreach to other constituted bodies and (ii) criteria to assess the practicality and consistency of inputs received;
- c) Consider the updates made to the **Compilation and Analysis (C&A) of past guidance**;
- d) Agree on a **draft set of core guidance** to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;
- e) Prepare its recommendation to COP 23 on the **frequency of guidance to the Global Environment Facility**.

Scenario of biennial guidance to the GEF – Pilot phase 2017-2020

