

Third Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance: Issues relating to finance for forests
Provisional programme
8–9 September 2015, Hall 2A, Durban International Convention Centre
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Day 1					
8 September: Issues related to finance for forests: an overview					
Time	Theme	Focus	Format	Facilitators, speakers and panelists	Suggested additional guiding questions
08:00–09:30	REGISTRATION				
09:30–10:00 Opening (30 min)	Opening plenary	Welcoming the participants and opening the forum	Welcoming and opening remarks	1. SCF co-chairs (5 mins) Key note statements: 2. Mr. Maesela Kekana (ZA Department of Env. Affairs) (10 mins) 3. Mr. Eduardo Mansur (FAO) (15 mins)	
10:00 – 10:45 Session 1: (45 min)	The forest finance landscape	The state of forest finance: overview of trends in type and volume of financial flow, key actors (including recipients, donors and investors), schemes and instruments utilized, and activities financed	Scene-setting presentations (20 min) Open discussion (25 min)	Facilitator: Outi Honkatukia, SCF co-chair Presentations: 1. <i>Climate finance for forests in the context of the broader land-use finance architecture</i> – Angela Falconer, Climate Policy Initiative (10 min) 2. <i>Financing for forests : an overview of approaches and funding priorities under the UNFCCC, CBD and UNFF</i> Pascal Martinez, Global Environment Facility (10 min) 3. Open discussion (25 min)	What sources of finance exist for forests and forest-related activities and how can they be scaled-up? How can measurement, reporting and verification be more consistent and coherent, and as a result more conducive to the transparent sharing of information?
10:45 – 12:00 Session 2 (75 min)	How can we enhance coherence and coordination in the delivery of finance for forests?	Financial opportunities and challenges in forest finance: REDD-Plus finance, finance for the sustainable management of forests, and financing of activities that impact on forests	Presentations (35 min) Panel discussion (20 min) Open discussion (20 min)	Facilitator: Stefan Agne, SCF member Presentations: 1. How to enhance coherence and coordination in public and private sources of forest finance? – Maria Sanchez, FAO (10 mins) 2. <i>The impacts of international REDD+ finance</i> – Donna Lee, Consultant - Till Pistorius, UNIQUE (15 min) 3. <i>The Warsaw Framework for REDD-Plus: Implications for national implementation and access to results-based finance</i> – Leticia Guimaraes, Brazil (10 min) 4. Panel discussion (20 mins) 5. Open discussion (20 mins)	How can coherence and coordination of forest finance be improved?
12:00–12:15	BREAK				

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12:15 – 13:30 Session 3 (75 min)	How can we best use public finance for forests to support mitigation of, and adaptation, to climate change?	Public funding has been the major source of financing for forest activities, but in the face of resource constraints and more complex issues on the ground, how can public funding both for climate mitigation and adaptation better be used in forest activities?	Presentations (30 min) Panel discussion (15 min) Open discussion (25 min)	Facilitator: Raymond Landveld, SCF member Presentations: 1. <i>Overview of multilateral funding instruments</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>FCPF financing for forests – Rama Chandra Reddy, World Bank</i> (10 min) <i>Forest Investment Program (FIP): the experience of FIP in channeling multilateral funding – Jagjeet Sareen, Climate Investment Fund</i> (10 min) 2. <i>Case studies in bilateral funding:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Melissa Pinfield, UK</i> (10 min) 3. Panel discussion (20 min) 4. Open discussion (25 min)	How can the role of public finance institutions in mobilizing finance for forests be enhanced? How can different sources of financing for forests be delivered and used more coherently, taking into account the key role of the GCF? How can enabling environments at the national level be more conducive to sustainable public sector investments in forests?
13:30–14:45	LUNCH BREAK				
14:45–16:00 Session 4 (75 min)	How can private finance be mobilized and utilized for climate mitigation and adaptation in the forest and land sectors?	Looking at the growing flow of private finance for REDD-Plus and other forest and land related activities: What schemes and instruments have worked? What can we learn from the existing practices for scaling up? What role has public finance played, or could play, to catalyze shifts in private finance for mitigation and adaptation in forest activities? Are existing enabling environments in place for building a business model serving REDD-Plus objectives? If not, what is lacking?	Presentations (30 min) Open discussion (45 min)	Facilitator: Pascal Martinez, GEF Presentations: 1. <i>Outcomes of GLF: the investment case - insights from the recent London meeting, in particular opportunities to promote forest friendly investment among private investors from developing and developed countries – Peter Holmgren, CIFOR</i> (15 min) 2. <i>Japan's Public-Private Platform for REDD-Plus (JP3-REDD-Plus) to facilitate private sector involvements, and experiences, lessons learned and future expectations from Indonesia – Goseki Kazuhiro, Japan and Yetti Rusli, Indonesia</i> (15 min) (by videolink, tbc) 3. Open moderated discussion (45 min)	What drives investment towards/away from environmentally sound activities in the forest sector? How can national entities be more coordinated in terms of mobilizing REDD-plus finance and other types of forest finance, and what policy frameworks need to be in place?
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16:15–18:00 Session 5 (105 min)	Break out group discussions on: 1. Results-based payments; 2. The provision of financial resources for alternative approaches.	Generating a deeper understanding on: 1. The challenges and opportunities of implementing REDD-Plus actions that produce results and of delivering payments in the context of overall financing for forests: How to establish the policy and finance infrastructure required to implement REDD-Plus and how to mobilize finance for them? How to ensure the effectiveness and fairness in allocating limited REDD-Plus resources in light of the broad range of national circumstances? 2. How to ensure sustainable investments for alternative approaches?	Introductory presentations (20 min)	Facilitators: Raymond Landveld and Stefan Agne, SCF members Presentations: 1. Presentation by UN-REDD – Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, UNREDD (10 min) 2. Structure of the investment and principles of the benefit sharing plan for an ER-Progam in DRC – Victor Kabengele Wa Kadilu, DRC (10 min)	
			Break-out group discussions (85 min)	Break-out group 1: Discussion leader 1: Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, UNREDD Rapporteur 1: Angela Falconer, CPI Break-out group 2: Discussion leader 2: Ben Singer, UNFF Rapporteur 2: Till Pistorius, UNIQUE	How can opportunities be harnessed and barriers overcome, in terms of access to public finance for forests at different levels (from the perspective of both providers and recipients)? What are the best practices and lessons learned in terms of estimating the financial needs for different phases of REDD-plus and in terms of effective use of REDD+ finance? What challenges and good practices exist, related to financing for alternative approaches? What COP guidance would be useful to enhance the implementation of alternative approaches?
18:00 – 18:30 Wrap-up (30 min)	Reporting back from breakout groups and wrap up day 1		Reporting back (20 min)	Facilitators: Raymond Landveld and Stefan Agne, SCF members	
			Wrap-up (10 min)	SCF co-chairs	

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Day 2					
9 September: Financing for forests, taking into account different policy approaches: case studies					
Time	Theme	Focus	Proposed structure	Resource persons needed	
09:00–09:15 Opening (15 min)	Setting the stage for the second day		Recap and introduction of day 2	Facilitators: SCF co-chairs	
09:15–10:50 Session 6 (95 min)	How can we enhance coherence and coordination of forest finance to ensure all forest benefits are achieved	Sharing experience of collaborative initiatives amongst international public and private financing entities and implementing organizations/communities in developing countries on forest programs and projects that contribute to climate mitigation and adaptation, as well as produce other ecological, social and economic benefits	Presentations (30 min) Panel discussion (15 min) Open discussion (40 min)	Facilitator: Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, UNREDD Presentations: 1. <i>State of work on forest and REDD-Plus financing by the GCF – Tao Wang, Green Climate Fund Secretariat</i> (10 min) (by videolink) 2. <i>Climate finance for forests in the context of the broader forest finance, and the links between the new Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network and the UNFCCC process – Ben Singer, UNFF</i> (10 min) 3. <i>Progress in REDD-Plus finance – Marigold Norman, Overseas Development Institute</i> (10 min)(by videolink) 4. Panel discussion (15 min) 5. Open discussion (40 min)	What coordination is needed between financing entities for results based payments? How can procedures for results-based payments be harmonized among the contributors/intermediaries?
10:50–11:15	BREAK				
11:15–12:30 Session 7 (75 min)	1. Experience with use of resources/the transfer of payments for results-based approaches; 2. Experience with the provision of financial resources for alternative approaches (including JMA).	Generating deeper understanding on/highlighting: 1. How could international and national financing entities better align their policies and investment priorities with the Warsaw REDD-Plus framework and further support readiness of developing countries to implement results-based actions, including through the consideration of non-carbon benefits? How can the most sustainable approaches (as regards preventing leakage and reversals) be promoted and rewarded? 2. Technical issues associated with existing and emerging systems for transferring payments under results-based finance (for example how “results” are defined, timelines and formats for reporting, disbursement triggers, agreed processes and conditions, fiduciary requirements, restrictions on use of funding, transfer to longer-term finance models). 3. Existing experiences with various domestic policy approaches to attract and utilize forest finance. 4. Joint mitigation and adaptation aspects in forest activities: how can they be enhanced, what support should be mobilized for them and how?	Introductory presentations (20 min) Break-out group discussions (55 min)	Facilitator: Raymond Landveld, SCF Member Presentations: 1. <i>Brazil's experience in mobilizing and using domestic and international forest finance: national credit programs, multilateral funding and bilateral funding (Amazon Fund)– Leticia Guimaraes, Brazil</i> (10 min) 2. <i>Nicaragua: nationally funded reforestation for adaptation – Paul Oquist, Minister and Private Secretary of National Policies in Nicaragua</i> (10 min) Break-out group 1: Discussion leader 1 : Donna Lee, Consultant Rapporteur 1: Adeline Dontenville, EU REDD Facility Break-out group 2: Discussion leader 2: Yaw Osafo, Ghana Rapporteur 2: Jagjeet Sareen, CIF	What challenges and good practices exist, related to the transfer of payments for results-based actions? How can the readiness support be better coordinated, both from contributors and recipients' end, to ensure comprehensive readiness-building in a developed country? What coordination is needed between financing entities for alternative approaches?

12:30 – 13:00	Reporting back from breakout groups		Reporting back (30 min)	Facilitator: Raymond Landveld, SCF Member	
13:00–14:00	LUNCH BREAK				
14:00–15:00 Session 8 (60 min)	Scaling up finance for forests: How to bank on joint public-private schemes	Best practices and case studies from different countries showcasing different types of forest mitigation and adaptation activities. What have practitioners and governments learned from their experiences, both good and bad? What are the challenges in replicating and scaling up? Is there a role for demand side measures?	Presentations (20 min) Panel discussion (15 min) Open discussion (25 min)	Facilitator: Outi Honkatukia, SCF co-chair Presentations: 1. <i>Presentation by UNEP FI – Iain Henderson, UNEP FI</i> (10 min) 2. <i>Focusing on the “plus” of REDD-Plus – Elizabeth Philip, Malaysia</i> (10 min) 3. Panel discussion (15 min) 4. Open discussion (20 min)	How can sustainable production methods in forestry and land use be incentivized, e.g. by preferential lending rates, guarantees or fiscal incentives? Can harmful public subsidies and tax incentives be replaced by forest-friendly ones? Could preferential lending rates, guarantees and tax concessions, streamlined permitting, or fiscal incentives for sustainable production practices play a role?
15:00–15:30	BREAK				
15:30–16:30 Session 9 (60 min)	Two breakout groups: 1. Making the most of private sector contributions 2. Financing schemes and instruments for REDD-plus and other forest activities: what works/doesn't work	Generating a deeper understanding on: 1. Opportunities and challenges to involve the private sector as an investor, intermediary and implementer in REDD-Plus and other forest-related activities 2. Opportunities and challenges in using innovative schemes and instruments to finance REDD-Plus and other forest-related activities—with a focus on public finance instruments that can catalyze private finance	Introductory presentations (20 min)	Facilitator: Stefan Agne, SCF member Presentations: 1. <i>Germany: REDD+ early movers – Evy von Pfeil, GIZ, Germany</i> (10 min) 2. <i>Private sector participation in financing Peru's forest and climate change strategy – Gustavo Suarez De Freitas, Peru</i> (10 min)	
			Break-out group discussions (40 min)	Breakout group 1: Discussion leader 1 : Iain Henderson, UNEP FI Rapporteur 1: Ben Singer, UNFF Breakout group 2: Discussion leader 2: Federica Bietta, CERN secretariat Rapporteur 2: Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, UNREDD	How can results-based payments, public subsidies and tax incentives in the forestry sector and in sectors that drive deforestation be used in a coherent way towards the objective of reducing deforestation and forest degradation? How can opportunities be harnessed and barriers overcome, in terms of access to private finance for forests (from the perspective of both providers and recipients)? What are the inconsistencies between initiatives to finance forests in the context of climate and existing funds; what are the ways to overcome such inconsistencies?
16:30 – 17:00 (30 min)	Reporting back from breakout groups		Report back (30 min)	Facilitators: Stefan Agne and Raymond Landveld, SCF members	
17:00 – 17:30 Closure	Closure of the Forum			Facilitator: SCF co-chairs	