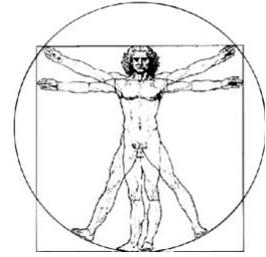


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ecbi Finance Circle

The ecbi Finance Circle held a meeting on Monday 4 April during the AWG session in Bangkok. There were 21 participants from Australia, Cuba, DR Congo, Egypt, European Commission, Georgia, Germany, India, Ireland, Malawi, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, UNFCCC, Zambia.

Two agenda items were discussed:

9. Standing Committee (SC).

10. Scaled-up, new and additional, predictable and adequate funding to developing countries, in accordance with paragraph 97 of the Cancun Agreements.

As concerns the Standing Committee, one of the discussion points was the relation of the SC to the other UNFCCC bodies, particularly the SBI. While there was consensus that the SC is a representative body, with representatives selected by the COP, there were clear differences as to its relation to the COP and SBI. One opinion was that the SC is an advisory body like the EGTT and the LEG, and as such it should report to the SBI. The other was that it is a subsidiary body of the COP which takes over all deliberations on finance from the SBI and as such reports directly to the COP. The discussion also touched on the diverse functions which the SC is to fulfill, and raised the additional question as to its relation to the operating entities of the Financial mechanism, in particular to the (Board of the) new Green Climate Fund.

As regards the issue of funding, the discussion included the issue of predictability, and of an indication of the dynamics of the funding to be mobilized between 2013 (end of Fast Start Funding) and 2020 (\$100 billion). It was argued that it would not be helpful if the pathway to 2020 were to start below the (average) FSF, i.e. \$10bn. Another issue that was discussed was the need to provide start up funding (pledges) for the GCF before Durban. It was pointed out that the design of the Fund should be such as to allow it to evolve from a “normal” fund to something new and much bigger than traditional climate funds (more of a through put mechanism). It was also mentioned that it is important also for the work of the Transitional Committee to get some clarity of the near and medium term revenue schedule of the GCF, i.e. how much is it expected to handle by when?