

Side Event:
**CTCN and Climate Technology Facilitation -
Blending targeted technical assistance with appropriate financing**

19 June 2015, 12:00 – 13:15 | Geheime Ratstube

OBJECTIVES

This side event represents an opportunity for thought leaders to exchange views and experience on issues pertaining to climate technology facilitation. Key stakeholders – policy makers, financiers, as well as representatives from international organizations and academia – will interact on salient issues around delivering technical assistance combined with appropriate financing to foster climate technologies deployment. This side event is expected to inform mechanisms dedicated to assist developing countries in their climate technology transition.

The major barriers to technology development and transfer are well documented in the literature. Amongst those, appropriate access to financing is paramount. A myriad of initiatives and activities have been undertaken in the recent past by various institutions to accelerate climate technology deployment.

There is value in drawing lessons from successes and failures to inform future interventions. Also, it becomes evident that a concerted approach by the different actors involved is most beneficial, particularly to reach scale and move beyond piecemeal strategies.

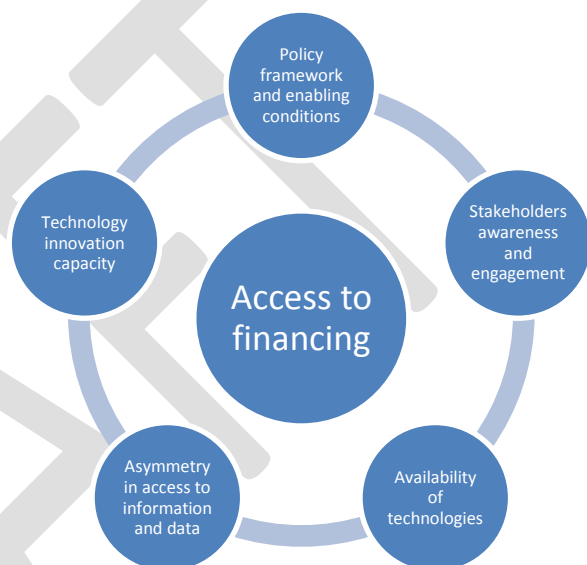
The deliberations during the side event are expected to shed light on:

- Current trends in climate technology facilitation
- Lessons learnt from two decades of efforts on technology transfer promotion
- Possible pathways for the CTCN and other mechanisms to address current needs
- Opportunities to blend technical assistance with appropriate financing

ORGANIZERS

The Climate Technology Centre & Network (CTCN) works to reduce the risks and costs of technology development and transfer by assisting developing countries make better informed decisions about mitigation and adaptation technologies. It is the operative arm of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Technology Mechanism, and has the objective to promote, at the request of developing countries, the accelerated development and transfer of environmentally-sound technologies for low carbon and climate resilient pathways.

The CTCN provides technology solutions, capacity building and advice on policy, legal and regulatory frameworks tailored to the needs of individual countries to suit their particular needs. It is hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the support of a consortium of partner institutions.



TENTATIVE PROGRAMME (tbc)

Chair: Mr. Mark Radka, Head of Energy, Climate and Technology Branch, UNEP

12:00 – 12:05	Welcome address
	Mr. Jukka Uosukainen, Director, Climate Technology Centre & Network (CTCN)
12:05 – 12:15	Opening remarks
	Mr. Richard Kinley, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNFCCC Secretariat
12:15 – 12:30	Keynote address: <i>Trends and key lessons learnt in financing climate technologies</i>
	Mr. Roberto Ridolfi, Director for Sustainable Growth and Development, DG Development and Cooperation
12:30 – 13:10	Moderated panel discussion*
	Mr. Tao Wang, Director Mitigation & Adaptation, Green Climate Fund (GCF) (tbc) Mr. Gabriel Blanco, Vice Chair, Technology Executive Committee Dr. Heleen de Coninck, Associate Professor, Radboud University Mr. Peter Storey, Global Coordinator, Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN)
13:10 – 13:15	Wrap-up and closing
	Mr. Pradeep Monga, Director of Energy Branch, UNIDO

*Mr. Uosukainen and Mr. Monga will also be part of the panel

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Vienna Energy Forum (VEF) 2015

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