

Non-Annex I National Designated Entities (NDEs) for the CTCN

The following description of possible roles of Non-Annex I NDEs has been developed by the Climate Technology Centre (CTC) as a guide. It represents a “work in progress” and provides some thoughts and suggestions that countries might find helpful in defining the roles of their NDEs.

1. Purpose of this note

The Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) is the operational arm of the Technology Mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and it is hosted and managed by UNEP in collaboration with UNIDO and with the support of 11 Centres of Excellence located in developing and developed countries.

National Designated Entities (NDEs) are the bodies granted responsibility by each Party to manage technology collaboration activities supported through the CTCN. In its decision 2/CP.18, the Conference of Parties (COP) of the UNFCCC - “invites Parties to nominate their national designated entities for the development and transfer of technologies, in order to facilitate the operationalization of the CTC”.

The nomination of NDEs is thus a necessary step for Parties to participate in the CTCN process. Nonetheless, COP decisions provide only limited guidance on the roles of NDEs, leaving these issues to each Party to determine. This note is intended to provide some thoughts on the tasks that NDEs from Non Annex I country parties – Non-Annex I NDEs – could perform to facilitate collaboration between their countries, the CTCN, and Annex I NDEs and to ensure the success of the CTCN and its positive impact in developing countries.

2. Role of Non-Annex I National Designated Entities

The success of the CTCN greatly depends on NDEs. They are the most influential factor in ensuring that the CTCN can effectively and efficiently help developing countries access new and existing technologies for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

It is hoped that NDEs will expand their role beyond CTCN activities and services, thereby becoming ‘climate technology champions’ in their respective countries: taking a holistic approach by mainstreaming climate technology issues in all national climate change-related plans, policies and strategies. As climate technology champions, NDEs in developing countries will play a fundamental role in ensuring that requests submitted to the CTCN reflect national circumstances and priorities.

In addition, NDEs will ensure that support provided by the CTCN is well coordinated at the national level with other processes that address climate change, including ensuring engagement of relevant ministries, thought-leaders, key decision-makers, focal points for other UNFCCC mechanisms, the private sector, civil society, and academia as relevant. NDEs are also encouraged to build a national network for climate technology actions, promote CTCN activities and services in their country, and disseminate climate technology-related plans, policies and information.

In particular, Non-Annex I NDEs can help their country move to a low-carbon, climate resilient development by:

- i. Acting as the national CTCN focal point.
- ii. Coordinating activities and services of the CTCN in the country.
- iii. Acting as an active member of the Climate Technology Network (CTN).

3. Examples of Non-Annex I NDEs roles

The table below provides examples of actions Non-Annex I NDEs might undertake. It is meant to be indicative only; exact responsibilities will differ from country to country, determined by each country.

Possible NDE role	<i>Example of specific actions NDE can undertake</i>
<p>1. Act as National CTCN Focal Point</p>	<p><i>Example of specific actions NDE can undertake</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Engage national stakeholders on CTCN related activities, to identify collaboration and synergies (e.g. key decision-makers, private companies, NGOs, donor coordination groups, national focal points of other UNFCCC Mechanisms such as the Adaptation Fund’s Designated Authorities and National Implementing Entities; Clean Development Mechanism’s Designated National Authorities, NAMA’s National Focal Points) b. Identify opportunity for complementing existing and past efforts and programmes in the country with CTCN activities, to avoid duplications c. Ensure the integration of climate technology issues into national, sectorial and local development plans, in order to leverage domestic and international funding for adaptation and mitigation activities (TNAs – NAMAs – NAPAs) d. Facilitate the exchange of information on climate technology issues and on CTCN activities with in-country stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay informed on climate technologies challenges and build NDE capacities by accessing knowledge in the KMS and participating in online trainings - Stay informed about the CTCN (visit CTCN website, communicate regularly with the CTC, read CTCN documents disseminated) - Stay informed about domestic efforts on climate change and climate technologies - Disseminate information about the CTCN with relevant in-country stakeholders (through participation in conferences and events, social media, national media, translate CTCN information package into national language) - Channel to the CTCN relevant information on climate technology related programmes, initiatives, development, policies, actors, needs, success stories e. Facilitate interactions between CTCN and in-country stakeholders, as needed (e.g. map relevant stakeholders, coordinate national network members, organize meetings) f. Provide regular feedback on how the CTCN can improve the quality of its support and its overall procedures

<p>2. Managing the national submission process of technical assistance requests to the CTCN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lead in-country consultative processes with key decision-makers, privates companies, development organizations, and other stakeholders to select high priority requests to submit to the CTCN and define collaborative activities with these agencies b. Provide guidance and oversight for the development of requests that well aligned with CTCN support, consistent with the country’s climate and development priorities, and complementary with existing efforts of development organizations, to avoid duplications and increase impact of CTCN support (e.g. map existing national and international programmes, set national criteria to evaluate consistency with national priorities) c. Select high priority requests (e.g. set national criteria to prioritize requests), submit them to the CTCN and help refining requests, as needed d. Support the implementation of technical assistance by liaising with national stakeholders, and the CTCN, if needed. e. Secure any necessary commitments from in-country government agencies or non-government institutions to undertake follow-up actions to CTCN assistance f. Identify and catalyze funding opportunities for climate-technology plans originated by CTCN assistance g. Monitor the effectiveness of CTCN assistance and inform the CTCN of any needs for adjustment (e.g. collaborate with the CTC on Monitoring and Evaluation plans)
<p>3. Contribute to increase information and knowledge sharing through the KMS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide the CTC with documents and information that are relevant to the Knowledge Management System (e.g. climate adaptation and mitigation technology data, tools, reports) b. Showcase in the KMS best practices and case studies developed by national actors from public and private sectors c. Develop materials for the KMS based on the country’s experience with CTCN services including responses to technical assistance requests (e.g. ‘success story’ as outcome of CTCN assistance)
<p>4. Increase collaboration and networking opportunities within the CTCN – including through Network membership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Disseminate information to in-country organizations on the opportunity to participate in the Network (e.g. share network membership criteria and application form) b. Identify potential Network members, assess their capacities, and support them in joining the CTN b. Serve as Network member and act as liaison between other national Network members and the CTCN (‘Network Lead’ in the country) c. Identify needs and opportunities for regional and global peer learning and collaboration that the CTCN can conduct across countries on topics of common interest d. Coordinate participation (where desired) of interested organizations, experts and decision-makers in regional and global collaborative activities e. Participate in networking events and peer learning activities f. Propose the organization of climate technology events and forums on topics of interest g. Collaborate with Annex I NDEs on areas of common interest