

2025 SIDS NDE Joint Programme Outcomes of 26th CTCN AB Meeting

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NDE Introduction session

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Target audience:

Priority on new NDEs, but also open for existing NDEs

Purpose:

Introduce new NDEs to the Technology Mechanism, as well as their roles and responsibilities as NDE, and provide an overview on resources and procedures related to technical assistance, capacity building and knowledge management.

Communication:

Invitations to NDEs are sent by regional teams

Recording are made available for other NDEs who cannot attend

Special thanks to CTCN and TEC Chairs

Introduction to CTCN

- CTCN Institutional context
- CTCN PoW
- System transformation areas and enablers
- Programmes: AFCIA II

CTCN TA modalities

- Overview
- Request (incl. Demo)
- Evaluation
- Response plan (incl. Demo)
- Bidding
- Implementation
- M&E Plan, Gender Assessment and Action Plan
- NDE Feedback
- NDE Post-Implementation Form
- Scale-up / mobilization of financing

Capacity Building

- CTCN Capacity building modules
- Recap of 2024 Activities
- 2025 Call for voluntary participation survey

Network and Engagement

- Overview
- How to apply

NDEs

- Roles and responsibilities
- NDE logistical support



Attendance and Q&A

English (Africa + Caribbean + East Europe, West Asia)

15th January: 14:00 - 15:30 CET

- 30 attended

French (Africa)

15th January: 12:00 - 13:30 CET

- 10 attended

Spanish (LAC)

15th January: 16:00 - 17:30 CET

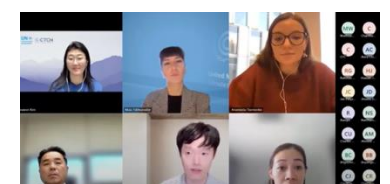
- 23 attended

English (AP)

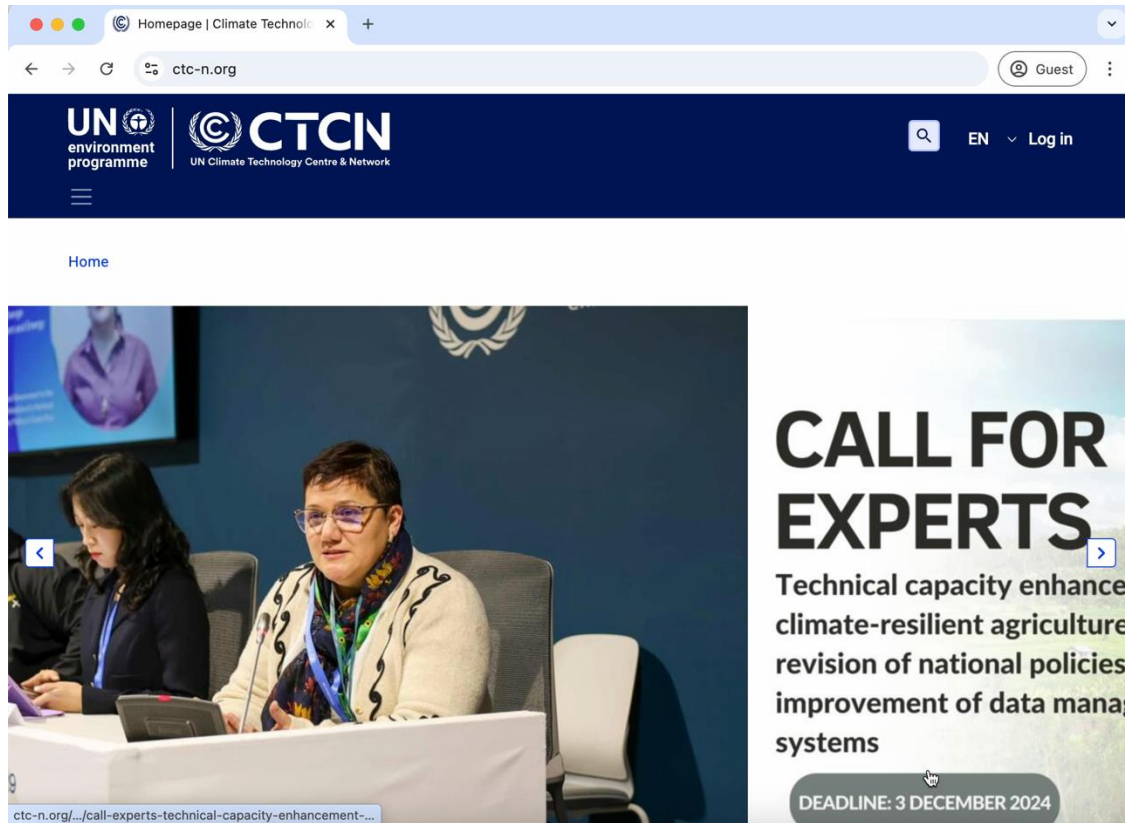
15th January: 8:00 - 9:30 CET

- 36 attended

Commonly asked Q a) Post-implementation b) NDE logistical support



Resources and moving forward



A standard welcome communication is under preparation and will be shared with everyone with some explanations about the procedures and roles of the NDE



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Annual Operating Plan 2026

AOP2026 @ a Glance: Operationalizing the Technology Framework's 5 Key Themes

Innovation – Accelerating Climate Tech Breakthroughs

- Drive systems transformation (water-energy-food, mobility, buildings, energy).
- Strengthen **National Systems of Innovation** & unlock **digitalization** for resilience and low-carbon transitions.
- Expand RD&D collaboration and knowledge-sharing through NDE Forums.

Implementation – From Priorities to Action

- Support countries to identify, prioritize & pilot technologies.
- Enable implementation of **TNA/TAP outcomes** and **2025 NDC updates**.
- Advance adaptation action via NAP-aligned technical assistance (incl. AFCIA).

Enabling Environment & Capacity Building – Creating Conditions for Scale

- Strengthen policy & regulatory frameworks for technology deployment.
- Build capacity for systemic transitions in energy, mobility, industry, buildings, and the water-energy-food nexus.
- Address cross-cutting needs such as climate finance.



AOP2026 @ a Glance: Operationalizing the Technology Framework's 5 Key Themes

Collaboration & Stakeholder Engagement – Powering Collective Action

- Deepen engagement with NDEs, Network Members, civil society, academia, finance, and private sector.
- Reinforce network participation through the new engagement strategy (AB27).

Support – Mobilizing the Resources to Deliver Impact

- Implement the **Resource Mobilization Plan (2023–2027)** to strengthen funding.
- Expand partnerships with donors, MDBs, and philanthropies.
- Guided by the Advisory Board Taskforce & aligned with UNEP's 2024 Partnership Policy.



AOP2026: Highlights

**Agreed to raise the
technical assistance
ceiling to
USD 300,000**

**Endorsed the 2026
AOP and USD
11.147M budget
(9% increase)**



AOP2026: CTCN Activities

Technical Assistance Delivery

- TA threshold raised to **USD 300k**;
- Continued implementation of **EC Innovative Climate Solutions Program** & AI for Climate Action Workplan;
- Support to NDC/NAP implementation, enabling environments, and emerging SIDS programmatic window;
- **Post-TA matchmaking & scale-up support**;

Outreach, Networking & Stakeholder Engagement

- **Expanded communications: new campaigns, 5–6 impact stories**;
- **Collaboration on WIPO GREEN & CCC Climate Technology Progress Report**;
- **NDE engagement: Updated NDE Manual + webinar; onboarding workshops**;
- **Gender & Youth: Gender-transformative guidelines, gender budget methodology, expert roster, Youth Climate Innovation Programme**;



AOP2026: CTCN Activities

Knowledge Management, Peer Learning & Capacity Building

- Knowledge briefs, thematic products, improved CTCN Dashboard, creation of a **Knowledge Hub/Community of Practice** (e.g., green hydrogen).
- Joint CTCN–TEC activities under **AI for Climate Action** (AI Grand Challenge, AI Application Hub).
- Ongoing capacity building within TA projects (workshops, training).

Monitoring & Evaluation

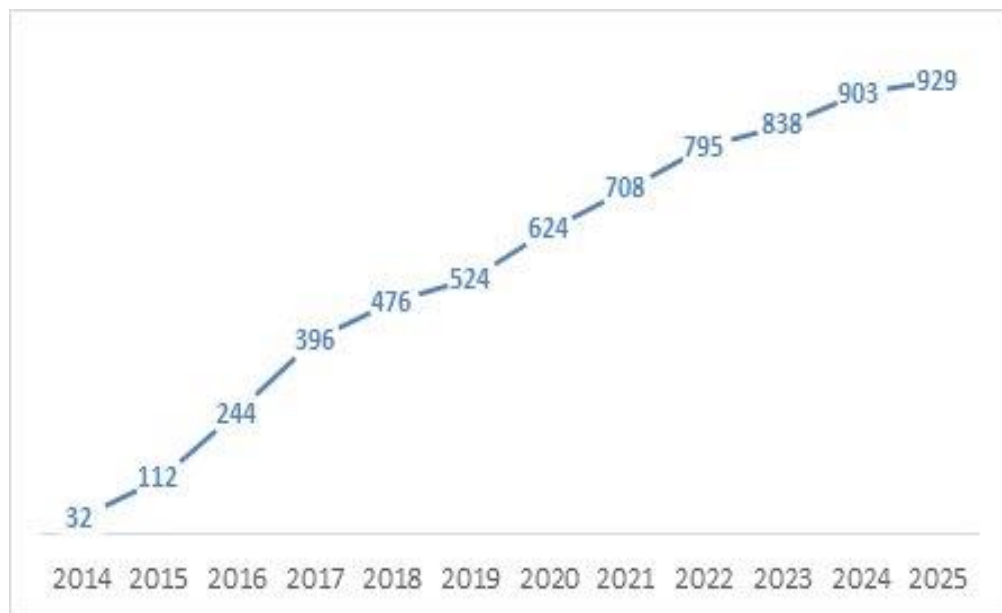
- Continued implementation of 2020 M&E framework + streamlined approach;
- Integration of **post-implementation impact surveys**;
- M&E capabilities: dashboard software, digital reporting tools, and an M&E Specialist;



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**Proposal for Network
Engagement Strategy**

- The CTN, together with NDEs, forms a **core pillar** enabling CTCN to deliver its COP mandate and follow Advisory Board guidance.
- The CTCN follows a **demand-driven approach**, responding to the needs of developing country Parties through their NDEs.
- Since fully operating, the CTN has steadily grown to **950+ members** as of November 2025.



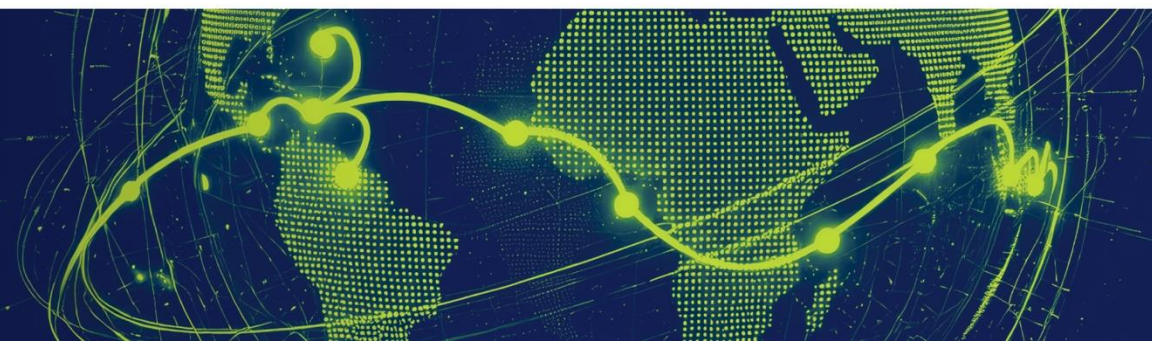
CTN role in CTCN Activities

Implementing **Technical Assistance (TA)** projects

Key resource for **Capacity Building (CB)** programmes

Key resource for **Knowledge Sharing (KS)** initiatives

Supporting the CTCN in facilitating **technology transfer for developing countries**



Strategic direction 1: Enhancing current modalities of engagement

Expanding participation opportunities, making them accessible across regions, organizations, and technical areas, while fostering new connections among members and with CPs.

Possible Actions

1.1

Expand webinar offerings on a quarterly basis, with a rotating two-year thematic cycle

1.2

Enable CPs to participate as Network members or through affiliate/observer membership arrangements.

Points for consideration

1.3

Should CTCN set regional or thematic targets for Network engagement?

1.4

Should specific engagement rate targets be established? If so, should these be annual or cumulative over a PoW cycle?

1.5

How can additional resources be mobilized to broaden opportunities while ensuring quality within existing budget constraints?



Strategic direction 2: Extending opportunities of engagement

Possible Actions

2.1 Facilitate participation of members in regional NDE forums, enabling them to share their expertise directly with NDEs.

2.2 Enhance visibility of Network institutions through initiatives such as Network Stories, and stronger promotion of Network Solutions across CTCN platforms.

2.3 Facilitate stronger exchanges between NDEs and Network members through structured dialogues and joint activities.

2.4 Increase opportunities for direct interaction between the Secretariat and Network members.

2.5 Provide member-to-member exchange opportunities.

Aligning engagement with members' evolving aspirations, moving beyond TA delivery to roles as co-designers, strategic partners, and visible contributors, supported by broader opportunities and stronger collaboration with NDEs and the Secretariat.

Points for consideration

2.6 Would a formal award or recognition mechanism be an effective way to raise the visibility of Network Members?

2.7 Should members play a more active role in shaping CTCN's programme priorities?

2.8 Would integrating member contributions into CTCN's annual reporting strengthen visibility and sense of ownership?



Strategic direction 3: Strengthen the tracking and monitoring of network engagement

Establishing a **more systematic and transparent framework** for monitoring Network engagement to support evidence-based decision-making.

Possible Actions

3.1

Enhancements to the KMS including full tracking of network engagement, upgrading the member directory, and biennial updates of contact details.

3.2

Introduce categorization of the Network by technical expertise to facilitate more targeted engagement.

3.3

Institutionalization of regular network surveys (every 2 years).

3.4

Institutionalize regular NDE–member coordination sessions (online/offline).

3.5

How can additional resources be secured to strengthen the KMS?

3.6

Would it be beneficial to reintroduce membership expiry and renewal?

3.7

What indicators should be tracked systematically?

3.8

Should engagement data be made publicly available to encourage accountability?

3.9

Should NDEs remain classified as Network members despite their distinct roles?

3.10

Considering the continued growth of the Network, would it be useful to explore setting an AOP target for increasing the number of Network members or consider alternative approaches such as using an absolute number?

