

Report on the 26th meeting of the Climate Technology Centre and Network Advisory Board

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Day 1: Joint TEC-CTCN session (12 September 2025)

1. Welcome remarks

1.1 Remarks by UNFCCC (Sophie De Coninck, Means of Implementation Division, Director);

1. Ms. Sophie de Coninck welcomed participants of both bodies and underscored the role of the Technology Mechanism in advancing COP/CMA guidance and strengthening synergies within the TM. She stressed the meeting's importance for shaping the joint workplan, strengthening the collaboration and engagement through NDE's, and preparing outreach toward COP 30, stressed about technology being central to global climate goals and called for ambition and collaboration to bridge innovation, policy, and action.

- 1.2 Remarks by UN Environment Programme (Ruth Do Coutto, UNEP's Climate Change Division, Deputy Director);

2. Ms. Ruth Do Coutto, Deputy Director of UNEP's Climate Change Division, highlighted UNEP's privilege in hosting the CTCN and supporting its mandate. She emphasized CTCN's unique role in advancing climate technology innovation with UNEP's backing and affirmed UNEP's leadership commitment to support CTCN-related negotiations at COP 30, despite logistical challenges.

- 1.3 Remarks by the incoming COP 30 Presidency (Pedro Ivo Ferraz da Silva, Representative of COP 30 incoming presidency).

3. Mr. Pedro Ivo Ferraz da Silva, representing the incoming COP 30 Presidency, referred to the Presidency letters underscoring COP 30 in Belem as a milestone for shifting from negotiation to implementation with concrete results. He highlighted priorities outlined therein: positioning technology as a bridge between ambition and delivery, strengthening the Technology Mechanism, and ensuring climate technologies remain people-centred and responsive to human dimensions.

- 2. Opening of the 26th CTCN Advisory Board meeting and the joint TEC-CTCN Advisory Board session**

- 2.1 Opening of the meeting by the CTCN Advisory Board Chair.

4. The Chair of the CTCN Advisory Board for 2025-2026, Stephen Minas, opened the 26th meeting of the CTCN Advisory Board and the joint TEC-CTCN Advisory Board session at 9:32 Central European Summer Time (CEST) on Friday, 12 September 2025, in Bonn, Germany. The meeting was held in a hybrid format.

- 3. Organizational matters**

- 3.1 Meeting agenda of the 26th Advisory Board

5. The Advisory Board adopted the agenda for the 26th CTCN Advisory Board meeting as contained in document AB/2025/26/3.1.

4. Matters related to the TEC and CTCN

4.1 Overview of the relevant outcomes of the Bonn Climate Change Conference of June 2025 (SB 62) and outlook to Belem Climate Change Conference (COP30) of November 2025

6. The TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board took note of the information presented by the UNFCCC secretariat on the outcomes of SBI 62, relating to the review of the functions of the CTCN, the Technology Implementation Programme (TIP), and linkages between the TM and FM.
7. The members highlighted the need to ensure coherence and synergies between negotiation items on technology development and transfer and how technology-related matters are addressed under other negotiation stream, such as the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme, the just transition work programme, and the capacity building.

4.2 Update on the joint submission to the ninth replenishment of the GEF

8. The TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board took note of the update provided by the CTCN Advisory Board Chair, on behalf of the Chairs of both bodies, regarding the submission of written inputs on technology-related elements of the programming for the climate change focal area under the ninth replenishment of the GEF (GEF-9), prepared through an ad-hoc joint taskforce under their guidance.
9. The TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board emphasized the importance of this engagement in the context of strengthening linkages between the Technology and Financial Mechanisms. Further, members highlighted the value in follow-up exchanges with the GEF secretariat in this context to solicit information and feedback regarding the incorporation of the inputs provided in the revision of draft GEF-9 programming directions.

5. Implementation of the Joint Work Programme of the Technology Mechanism for 2023–2027

5.1. Technology Mechanism Initiative on Artificial Intelligence for Climate Action

10. The TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board took note of the update from the TEC and CTCN secretariats on the progress of the work of each body and on joint activities under the Technology Mechanism Initiative on AI for Climate Action.
11. The TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board considered the update from the TEC and CTCN secretariats and the Digital Public Goods Alliance (DPGA) on the work of the AI Climate Application Hub.
12. The TEC and CTCN Advisory Board considered and agreed to the proposal on developing the AI Climate Application Hub in partnership with the Digital Public Goods Alliance.
13. Members highlighted the application hub as a tool that will be of great benefit to developing countries due to its open-source nature, as it can help address transparency and dependency issues, which aligns with the TEC technical paper recommendations on AI, and urged that equal opportunities be given to solutions from developing and developed countries when being considered for the hub.
14. The TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board agreed to approve the collaboration between the TEC and the CTCN with the DPGA on developing the AI Climate Application Hub.

6. Joint Chapter of the TEC-CTCN Joint Annual Report for 2025

15. The TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board considered the draft joint chapter of the joint annual report and joint responses from the TEC and the CTCN to guidance from Parties in 2025 and requested their Chairs and Vice-Chairs to finalize the joint chapter in accordance with relevant procedures, taking into account comments made by members during the session.

7. Joint engagement with National Designated Entities

7.1 Report on the National Designated Entities Forums

16. The TEC and CTCN Advisory Board considered the Secretariats' presentation on joint engagement at the Regional NDE Fora held in LAC, Africa, and Asia. Members recommended enhancing future forums by allowing more time for tailored discussions.
17. The TEC and CTCN Advisory Board proposed to consider the potential to organize the forum at a global level and to engage with cross-regional NDEs in order to facilitate the exchange of lessons learned, subject to funding availability.

8. Other matters

8.1 Reflections on CTCN functions and operations as relate to hosting arrangement

18. The TEC and CTCN Advisory Board took note of UNEP's intervention on the

CTCN's functions and operations in relation to its hosting arrangement. UNEP acknowledged CTCN's progress in fulfilling its mandate and confirmed its readiness to participate in the bidding process for future hosting of CTCN. Members welcomed UNEP's open and transparent response to the matter.

8.2 Technology Mechanism events and engagement at COP 30

19. The TEC and CTCN Advisory Board took note of the planned joint communications and outreach activities for COP 30 and welcomed continued collaboration with the PCCB.

8.3 Update on resource mobilization and partnerships

20. The TEC and CTCN Advisory Board took note of the updated joint call for partnerships under the Technology Mechanism's Joint Work Programme, which has been uploaded on the website and now includes an expression of interest form. The revisions were made to ensure it is better targeted to the intended audience to increase both the relevance and quality of responses received.

9. Date and venue of the next meeting

21. The TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board took note that the meetings of 32nd Meeting of Technology Executive Committee and 27th CTCN Advisory Board Meeting are tentatively planned to be held in Songdo, Republic of Korea, as follows:

- 14 to 16 April TEC 32;
- 17 April TEC-CTCN Advisory Board Joint Session;
- 20 to 22 April 27th CTCN Advisory Board Meeting.

10. Closure of TEC 31 and Joint TEC-CTCN Advisory Board Session

22. The TEC Vice-Chair summarized the key outcomes of the joint session and closed it as well as the TEC 31 at 16:02 (CEST), on Friday, 12 September 2025.

Day 2: 26th Advisory Board Meeting (15 September 2025)

11. Welcome remarks by the CTCN Advisory Board Chair

23. Stephen Minas, Chair of the CTCN Advisory Board, convened the second day of

the CTCN Advisory Board meeting at 13:00 on Monday, 15 September 2025. The session followed separate closed constituency meetings for Non-Annex I and Annex I members, which were conducted that morning.

12. Membership matters

12.1 Nomination of Advisory Board Members at COP 30

24. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of document AB/2025/26/12.1, which outlines the Board's current composition, the nomination process, and the timeline for forthcoming nominations or re-elections.

25. The Vice Chair recalled that all nominations, including those arising from resignations during the intersessional period, must be submitted to the UNFCCC elections team through the appropriate Party Grouping, in accordance with established UNFCCC procedures. Nominations from observer organizations are to be submitted directly to the CTCN Secretariat.

12.2 Introduction of new Advisory Board members

26. The CTCN Advisory Board welcomed new Advisory Board members: Mr. Kim Tae-Young (Republic of Korea) and Ms. Asja Begić (YOUNGO).

13. Report by the CTCN Secretariat

13.1 Progress report on CTCN activities in 2025

27. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of the progress report presented by the Director of the CTCN on activities in 2025, covering technical assistance and its impacts, flagship programmes, cRD&D, stakeholder engagement, the CTC Network and consortium partners, resource mobilization, outreach, and operational considerations.

28. Members welcomed the comprehensive presentation, noting in particular the shift towards greater emphasis on adaptation. They also highlighted the importance of technical assistance in building national capacity, as well as the need to ensure that anticipated impacts are realized through effective implementation and scaling up.

13.2 Status update on CTCN financial resources

29. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of a presentation by UNEP, which provided a snapshot of current resources and projected availability to support CTCN activities, as outlined in documents AB/2025/26/13.2.a and AB/2025/26/13.2.b.

14. CTCN Chapter of the TEC-CTCN Joint Annual Report for 2025

30. The CTCN Advisory Board considered the draft CTCN chapter of the TEC-CTCN Joint Annual Report for 2025 and provided guidance for its finalization by the Chair and Vice Chair of the CTCN Advisory Board. Members emphasized inter alia the potential for increased CTCN-GCF collaboration and proposed an additional key message on the potential impact of a delayed decision on CTC hosting on CTCN resource mobilization efforts.
31. Members also discussed the importance of measuring CTCN's performance based on its theory of change, with some members suggesting formalizing NDE functions to clarify their roles and supporting the scaling up of CTCN technical assistance outcomes.

Day 3: 26th Advisory Board Meeting (16 September 2025)

15. Engagement with National Designated Entities

15.1 Update on engagement with NDEs through the regional fora and other regional formats

32. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of the outcomes of the 2025 Regional NDE Forums, highlighting those relevant to CTCN's work.
33. Members proposed organizing a global NDE forum under the next work programme, promoting the use and assessment of technology publications, strengthening synergies across the Technology Mechanism, and continuing engagement with UNFCCC observer constituencies.
34. Members also emphasized that NDE Fora should facilitate direct engagement between Non-Annex I and Annex I countries.
35. Members supported continuing the SIDS Forums and piloting the first Eastern European Forum, following the online consultation in October 2025.

15.2 Update on efforts to enhance logistical support to NDEs

36. The CTCN Advisory Board considered an update on the implementation of logistical support for NDEs since the last meeting.
37. Members noted high interest but limited awareness and access to the support, encouraging the Secretariat to increase outreach and communication. Some members also suggested increasing the level of logistical support in the future to better meet NDEs' planned activities.

16. Network Membership and Engagement

16.1 Results of the CTCN Network Survey

38. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of the Network Survey results, which provided feedback on past engagement and aimed to ensure future activities align with Network members' priorities and the CTCN mandate under the COP.

16.2 Proposal for the Network engagement strategy

39. The CTCN Advisory Board considered a proposal for a Network Engagement Strategy, informed by the recent Network Member Survey.
40. Members emphasized the importance of early engagement in technical assistance, private sector collaboration, and prioritizing both the quality and diversity of participation. They proposed enhancing visibility, providing capacity building opportunities, facilitating pro bono contributions, and establishing a dedicated platform for member exchanges, while also considering voluntary engagement and budget constraints.
41. Members agreed to collect written feedback to refine the strategy, with a view to adoption planned at the next Advisory Board meeting.

17. Technical assistance

17.1 Status update on technical assistance portfolio and its implementation

42. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of the presentation on technical assistance impacts and emphasized the importance of local consultant engagement, transparent reporting, and further clarity on criteria for prioritizing requests, while underscoring the value of CTCN's work in strengthening national capacities.
43. The Board reviewed the timeliness of technical assistance concerning its implementation and acknowledged that the current timeline spans between 12 and 24 months, in contrast to the anticipated timeline of 12 to 18 months. The CTCN also presented the measures and approaches it plans to implement to address the challenges contributing to these delays.

17.2 Insights from technical assistance delivery

44. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of the presentation on the establishment of a skimming well gallery system for agricultural use in HDh.Nolhivaranfaru of Maldives presented by Aishath Nafua, the Water and Sanitation Department, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Maldives.
45. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of the presentation on improving the efficiency and sustainability of water harvesting technologies in Sudan presented by Mohamed Elamen, RICOS Consulting.
46. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of the presentation on enhancing multi-scalar mapping and research of food security risk in Jamaica, presented by

implementing partner Gina Tsarouchi, HR Wallingford.

47. The Members appreciated the project presentations and their potential to deliver scalable and sustainable impacts, and highlighted the importance of inclusivity, technology suitability, and clear reporting to ensure lasting benefits and stronger validation of CTCN's work.

18. Annual Operating Plan and Budget for 2026

48. The CTCN Advisory Board considered the presentation of the draft Annual Operating Plan (AOP) and budget for 2026, which outlined both the enhanced and business-as-usual scenarios. The presentation highlighted the anticipated depletion of unearmarked resources by the end of 2026, ongoing efforts in resource mobilization, and the implications of earmarked versus unearmarked funding for the delivery of CTCN activities.
49. Members emphasized the importance of maintaining balance between earmarked and unearmarked resources, discussed the timing and scope of logistical support to NDEs, and the role of PALO and its functions. It was agreed to evaluate and provide guidance regarding logistical support when developing the next programme of work
50. Members further encouraged the CTCN to continue its fundraising efforts, to ensure greater transparency in budget planning, and to prioritize activities that maximize impact and sustainability.
51. Members agreed to raise the ceiling for technical assistance requests to \$300,000 and discussed the importance of the CTCN being able to at least provide the same level of support over the years and decided to analyse the implication of increases over this limit and how to address the potential barriers in the future.
52. The CTCN Advisory Board endorsed the 2026 AOP and budget in the amount of USD 11,147,000, a 9 percent budget increase year-on-year, thereby enabling the Secretariat to proceed with planning and implementation of activities for the year ahead.

19. Capacity building programmes

19.1 Youth Climate Innovation Labs

53. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of the update on the implementation of the Youth Climate Innovation Programme, as well as a presentation from *Cacao Circular: A venture that emerged from the YCI programme*, a winner from the LAC region that has advanced to the Accelerator stage of the programme.
54. Members highlighted the importance of community involvement, gender and youth participation, and the potential of bioeconomy solutions such as those demonstrated by Cacao Circular.

19.2 Global thematic capacity building programmes

55. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of the presentation on global capacity-building programmes, which highlighted the interconnections between CTCN core support areas and global and regional initiatives.
56. Members expressed their appreciation to the PALO for its excellent work in advancing capacity-building programmes.

Day 4: 26th Advisory Board Meeting (17 September 2025)

20. Collaborative Research, Development and Demonstration activities

57. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of the presentation on CTCN's Collaborative Research, Development and Demonstration (cRD&D) activities, including the 2025–2030 strategic framework, progress to date, and planned activities for 2026.
58. Members welcomed the focus on innovation and collaboration, highlighting the relevance of work on energy storage. They encouraged the CTCN to continue fostering transparent and mutually beneficial arrangements in its cRD&D activities.

21. Resource Mobilization and Partnerships

59. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of the updates on CTCN's resource mobilization efforts to date and planned activities for 2026.
60. The CTCN Advisory Board also acknowledged the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center's presentation introducing the collaboration on agricultural mitigation being discussed with the Novo Nordisk Foundation.
61. Members noted the open call to join the RMP taskforce and the upcoming elections for its Chair.

22. Coordination with other UNFCCC Bodies

22.1 Update from the Green Climate Fund

62. The CTCN Advisory Board noted the GCF's progress during the reporting period, including advancements in the Readiness program and its potential implications for CTCN's work.

22.2 Update from the Adaptation Fund

63. The CTCN Advisory Board acknowledged the Adaptation Fund's activities on technology and its collaboration with CTCN, with key points included the Fund's Medium-Term Strategy (2023–2027), portfolio overview, status of the Innovation Funding Window (AFCIA), updates from the 44th AF Board meeting, and recent joint technology initiatives with CTCN.

22.3 Update from the Adaptation Committee

64. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of the Adaptation Committee's work on technology and innovation, recognition of adaptation efforts, capacity-building initiatives, knowledge exchange, and preparations for COP 30, as well as opportunities for joint work with TEC and CTCN.

22.4 Update from the Standing Committee on Finance

65. The CTCN Advisory Board noted the SCF update, including the introduction of 2025 co-chairs and focal points, outcomes of the 38th SCF Forum, themes for upcoming forums (2026–2027), draft guidance to operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, and linkages with CTCN activities.

22.5 Update from the PCCB

66. The CTCN Advisory Board acknowledged the PCCB's ongoing and planned activities, including operations of the Capacity Building Hub, preparations for COP 30, key focus areas, and engagement with the Informal Coordination Group for Capacity-building (ICG).

22.6 Update from the Global Environment Facility

67. The CTCN Advisory Board noted the GEF's support to climate technologies under the GEF-8 replenishment. Highlights included mitigation and adaptation support (LDCF and SCCF), initiatives such as the GEF Innovation Window, upcoming reporting to COP 30, and the draft GEF-9 Programming Strategy on Climate Change Mitigation.

23. Communication activities for 2026 and CTCN engagement at COP 30

68. The CTCN Advisory Board considered the Secretariat's presentation on its communication activities in 2025 and planned activities for 2026 and its engagement at COP 30, and provided guidance on the implementation of these activities.

24. Gender mainstreaming activities

69. The CTCN Advisory Board considered activities undertaken since the previous meeting in support of the implementation of the Gender Policy and Action Plan, as well as the draft gender action plan for 2026, as outlined in AOP2026, and provided guidance to support its implementation.

25. Other matters

25.1 Update on the UNEP internal evaluation of the Climate Technology Centre and Network

70. The CTCN Advisory Board took note of UNEP's presentation on the status of recommendations from its evaluation of the CTCN project, including the Secretariat's update on actions taken to address all recommendations.
71. Members welcomed the evaluation and audit updates, highlighted the importance of sharing such documents with the Advisory Board, and commended the CTCN Secretariat for successfully implementing all recommendations and demonstrating strong financial and operational management.

26. Date and venue of the next meeting

72. The CTCN Advisory Board agreed on the tentative dates and venue for its next meeting as discussed during the joint session, bearing in mind the TEC 32 meeting scheduled for 14-16 April 2026. It was decided to hold the joint TEC-CTCN meeting on April 17, 2026, followed by the CTCN Advisory Board meeting from April 20–22, 2026, in Songdo, Republic of Korea.

27. Closure of the 26th Advisory Board meeting

73. The CTCN Advisory Board Chair closed the meeting on Wednesday, 17th of September 2025, at 17:01 Central European Summer Time.