

Frequently Asked Questions from NDEs

Responses from the CTCN secretariat



Continuous Improvement through Feedback

- In July 2025, in Nairobi, questions, comments were made.
- Some were responded to on the floor.
- This session emphasizes some responses in three broad areas.
- "Kaizen" approach ...*Japanese philosophy focused on continuous, incremental improvement in working practices, personal life, and efficiency.*



“I learned to have the patience to listen when people put forward their views, even if I think those views are wrong. You can’t reach a just decision in a dispute unless you listen to both sides.”

Nelson Mandela

01 Can NDEs participate in selecting the implementing partner?

Not on the procurement committee. NDEs shape the response plan and expert requirements, and they can circulate the REoI to capable institutions and experts.

02 Where can countries see who has received CTCN support?

The CTCN project portal lists technical assistance projects that are under preparation, implementation and completion.

03 Can TNAs be used when revising NDCs?

Yes. Countries are encouraged to reflect TNA findings in updated NDCs, and CTCN can support implementation of TNAs and TAPs on request.

04 How does CTCN maintain regional and sub-regional balance?

Screening uses balancing criteria that give priority to LDCs, SIDS and countries that have not benefited from technical assistance during the last five years.

05 Can non-prioritized requests be reconsidered later?

Yes. NDEs receive feedback on how to improve their request, and later support remains possible when funding is available.

Project Portal

Project portfolio: www.ctc-n.org/technical-assistance/projects

Operations, mandate and knowledge support

06 What support is available for countries that have not benefited recently?

CTCN prioritizes them in screening and can also provide regional guidance, workshop logistics and peer exchange through regional NDE forums.

07 How is the CTCN hosted and staffed?

CTCN is the implementation arm of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism and is currently hosted by UNEP.

08 What is the annual budget and how is it used?

The annual operating plan discloses the overall budget and how it is used each year.

09 Does CTCN provide direct funding for climate technology projects?

No. CTCN is not a funding mechanism; it supports countries through technical assistance, capacity building and collaborative research and development.

10 How can NDEs keep up with emerging technologies and innovations?

CTCN shares an annual menu of capacity-building activities and keeps NDEs informed through mixed learning formats, webinars, newsletters and direct emails.

Reference pages

Staffing: www.ctc-n.org/about-ctcn/who-we-are

Budget: www.ctc-n.org/about-ctcn/governance

Can party (country) host the Annual Africa NDE Forum & CB Event?

Tunisia has answered this question today. Please coordinate with CTCN if your country would wish to host this forum in future .

Logistical Support, TEC and focal-point coordination

11 Does CTCN provide logistical support to NDEs?

Yes. Support is available for Modality 1 ideation workshops and Modality 2 post-TA implementation through small-scale fund agreements with UNEP.

12 How long does the logistical support process take?

Around 1 month if the host institution is already a UNEP partner; up to 3 months if partner validation is still needed.

13 What is TEC's budget and how are its activities funded?

TEC funding comes through the UNFCCC budget, with detailed budget information published by UNFCCC.

17 Can NDEs be involved to make presentations depending on theme of Forum?

CTCN has implemented this request in this meeting.

14 What is the relationship between TEC and CTCN?

Together they make up the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism: TEC is the policy arm, while CTCN is the implementation arm.

15 How should NDEs coordinate with NDAs and other finance focal points?

Country-led coordination is essential for climate technology finance. CTCN can facilitate dialogue when opportunities arise, but permanent joint platforms need political backing and dedicated funding.

16 How can we improve cooperation between NDE & Network Members?

CTCN has introduced Network.Fair

Coordination message

Active outreach by NDEs to NDAs and other financing focal points is strongly encouraged.



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