

# Report on the Regional National Designated Entities Fora

27<sup>th</sup> CTCN Advisory Board Meeting  
Agenda Item 18.1  
CTCN Secretariat  
21 April 2026



**2** Regional NDE Fora and **1** online session held between September 2025-April 2026

**4** planned for delivery in 2026

- CTCN delivered Fora organized in collaboration with the TEC under different themes.
- Participation included:
  - Global SIDS: UNFCCC TEC, AB members, Network members, implementing partners.
  - Africa: UNFCCC TEC, UNEP, negotiators, AB members, development partners & networks.

Region/Group	Dates	Location	NDEs	Participants	Total	Gender(W/M)
Eastern Europe	27-Oct-25	Virtual	5	9	14	10/4
SIDS	01-02 Dec, 2025	Brisbane, Australia	14	24	38	18/20
Africa	23-24 Mar, 2026	Hammamet, Tunisia	36	23	59	35/24
LAC	19-20 May, 2026	San Ignacio, Belize	20*			
Asia	07-10 Jul, 2026	Pattaya, Thailand	25 <sup>#</sup>			
Pacific SIDS	Aug/Oct (TBC)	Songdo, RoK	11			
Eastern Europe	Sep/Oct (TBC)	TBC	9	16	25	
<b>Total</b>			<b>109</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>37/51</b>
*Confirmed; #Invited						



**1**

# Eastern Europe NDE Engagement Session (27 October 2025)

## Objectives

- Familiarize NDEs with CTCN's and TEC's mandate, services, and procedures
- Showcase regional TA case studies (Serbia and Georgia)
- Enable exchange on needs, opportunities, and next steps for high-quality TA requests

## Outcomes

- 5 out of 9 countries participated (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, North Macedonia and Moldova)
- Indicated priorities for regional collaboration are on early warning systems and water resource management
- Increased familiarity with CTCN (1 request received and 1 request under preparation since)

Technical Assurances in the Region

Country	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Albania	1										1
Armenia		1									1
Azerbaijan			1								1
Bosnia & Herzegovina	1										1
Georgia		2	1				1		1		5
Montenegro											0
North Macedonia										1	1
Moldova											0
Serbia			1								1

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# Global SIDS NDE Forum (1 - 5 December 2025)

## Objectives

- Present the latest development of CTCN services to developing countries in SIDS.
- Intra-regional sharing of experiences and best practices from technical assistance in SIDS and innovations in climate technologies that are a priority for them.
- Present the linkage between the CTCN support and National Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the Technology Needs Assessment (TNAs) / Technology Action Plans (TAPs).
- Develop and strengthen the SIDS NDEs network, enhancing its members' capacity and skills to harness innovative technologies.



# Scope of the Global SIDS NDE Forum

## Forum focus areas:

- Update on the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism, and TM Joint Work Programme (2023–2027).
- Update on the TEC and CTCN activities, TA programmes, procedures, and SIDS TA portfolio.
- Update by the Finance Mechanism – GCF, Readiness 2.0 by Marshall Islands, and Adaptation Fund.
- Information session on cRD&D, PNG TA and Network members' cRD&D solution (Microgrid tech by RE and ESS).
- System transformation areas and Enablers as per PoW (Delivered through interactive Roundtables of Countries, hands on activities, brainstorming from NDEs).
- Cross-cutting issues: Gender, Youth, Indigenous People.





## 1) Increased Knowledge:

- Clarity on the flagship programmes and opportunities for TA request submission.
- Appreciated the information on SIDS portfolio and replicable technologies.



## 2) Enhanced Interaction:

- Exchange rooms allowed a group discussion on prioritizing commonly shared climate problems and priorities.



## 3) Feedback from NDEs:

- Expressed interest on multi-country TA programme on innovative technologies (Ocean harnessing, Energy-focused).
- Expressed need for more CB on Artificial Intelligence, and more information on Youth engagement.
- Requested technologies that require cRD&D facilitation to include cost-benefit information of such technologies.
- SIDS to be included in their regional fora in 2026. Suriname offered to host Global SIDS Forum in near future.

## • **Lessons Learned**

- Engage Network members to lead the engagement with NDEs on a thematic-discussions and knowledge exchange, to spark innovative ideas.
- Exchange of experiences among SIDS is essential for them to replicate the success; thus, fail less. This calls for possibility of holding Global SIDS biannually.
- Countries requested for
  - Support in selecting and screening emerging technologies that has potential to be applied in SIDS.
  - More sessions on TA development, logistic support, dedicated time to go through CTCN forms.

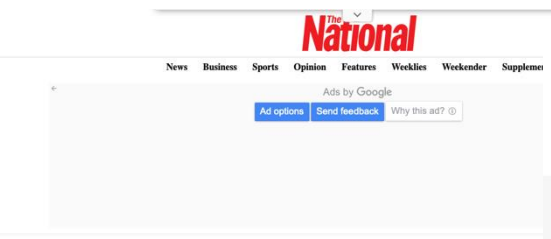
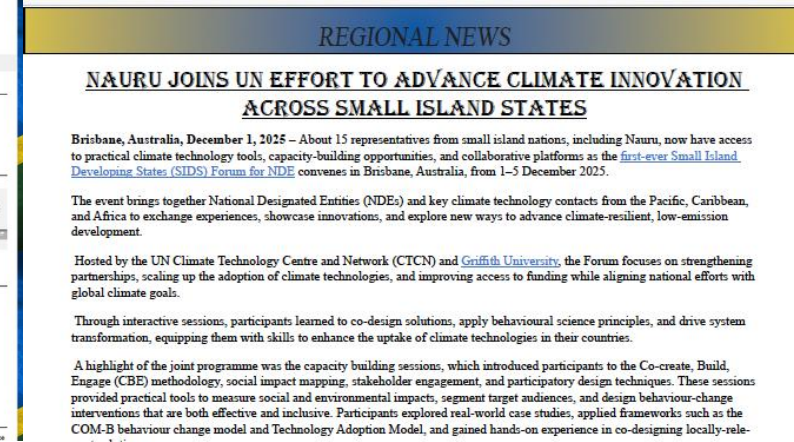
## • **Challenges highlighted by NDEs**

- Difficulty in integrating technology into a large programmes, including GCF and GEF modalities.
- Lack of clarity in adaptation supporting technologies and scarcity of information to complete required M&E framework.
- Deep analysis on emerging climate technologies, the accessibility and regional/country compatibility of these technologies.

# Media coverage



**Media: 8 mentions**  
**Social media: 18 posts**



## Brisbane Welcomes Representative Voices from Small Island Nations for Groundbreaking Climate Forum

In a significant stride towards climate resilience, about 15 representatives from small island developing states have converged in Brisbane, Australia, for the inaugural Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Forum for National Designated Entities (NDE). This unique gathering, organized by the UN Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) in collaboration with Griffith University, marks a momentous occasion in the shared quest for sustainable development amid the challenges posed by climate change.

The SIDS Forum is more than just a conference; it serves as a vibrant platform for knowledge exchange among key climate technology contacts from the Pacific, Caribbean, Africa, and Asia. Participants are diving into collaborative experiences, showcasing innovative solutions, and brainstorming methods to promote climate-resilient, low-emission development across their regions.



**Africa**  
 East Africa: Standard Chartered Enhances Wealth and Risk Management Strategies for a Stronger Financial Future  
 December 5, 2025

Christian Lohberger of Papua New Guinea, emphasized that "only about new technologies – it is about ensuring that solutions communities whose very cultures and territories are at risk."

University Social Marketing @ Griffith, added on the importance of "enhance the adoption and uptake of climate technologies to better approaches such as co-design, behavioural science, and systems by benefits small island nations."



**News**  
 Nigeria Champions African-Arab Trade to Boost Agribusiness, Industrial Growth  
 December 5, 2025

the Sunshine Coast, including Turtle Care, which focuses on coastal erosion, an innovative flood management system guided by the 15th real-world examples of climate solutions in practice, reinforcing

developing countries in accessing and deploying climate technologies has connected nearly 1,000 Network members and supported funding, and knowledge sharing. The SIDS Forum highlights how small island nations to accelerate climate action and build resilient

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# Africa NDE Forum (23 – 26 March 2026)

## Objectives

- **Updates on TA Progress:** Present the latest development of CTCN services to developing countries in the region and enhance intra-regional sharing of experiences and best practices from TAs in Africa and innovations in climate technologies that are a priority for the region.
- **Linkage to Devel. Plans:** Present the linkage between the CTCN support and National Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the Technology Needs Assessment (TNAs) / Technology Action Plans (TAPs).
- **Network Fair:** Develop and strengthen the regional NDEs network and its relationship with other climate actors through engagement initiatives such as the first-ever Network Fair.
- **Funding Linkages:** Discuss financial opportunities for climate technologies.
- **Capacity Building:** CB on National Systems of Innovation.



## Focus areas

- Updates by TEC, UNFCCC and African Group of Negotiators (AGN) from COP30.
- System Transformation Areas in WEF, B&I, ES, B&I2 and SM (delivered through interactive world café format in EN, FR).
- Cross-cutting issues: Gender, Youth, Indigenous Peoples.
- CTCN Procedures: Logistical Support, High Quality Requests, High Impact TAs & Post Implementation M&E.





## 1) Hosting by Tunisia:

- Well organized and hosting by Tunisia received well by NDEs and Network Members.
- Representation of Government of Tunisia by Minister for Environment and Governor of Sousse Region.
- Site visit to CITET – laboratories and sustainable construction centre.



## 2) Enhanced Exchanges:

- World-café interactively designed sessions enhanced engagement and feedback.
- Network Fair – first ever Network Fair enhancing interaction between NDEs and Network Members.



## 3) Feedback from NDEs:

- NDEs appreciated CB on NSI, updates on CTCN procedures, requested for more projects with pilot components.
- NDEs appreciated updates on ongoing process of determining a new host for CTCN.
- Insights on what makes successful National Systems of Innovation work.

## Lessons Learned

- **Network Fairs (NF) for Network Engagement:** interactions with NDEs can be enhanced with creatively designed activities/tools such as NF with optimal results.
- **Voluntary Hosting:** Countries offering to host provides opportunities for NDEs to learn and engage compared to always hosting at UNEP. Considerations can be made when invitations and funding mechanisms allow.
- **Evidence of Logistical Support Outputs:** Recent recipients of logistical support presented their outcomes and also draft TA requests, e.g. Somalia.
- **Capacity Building:** Design of agenda on NSI involving NDE to present to peers also evokes significant interest and opportunities for peer learning (e.g. South Africa and Mozambique presentations).

## Challenges highlighted by NDEs

- TA Projects should continue to incorporate pilot projects for demonstration and prior considerations for scale-up.
- Travel logistics complicated by Middle East conflict. Overcome through meticulous and open communication with NDEs.
- Hosting by countries requires early start of preparations, engagement with host country authorities to facilitate hosting logistics (travel, visas, venue, security etc).
- Long periods of applications for large funding opportunities.

# Media coverage

**Media: 14 mentions**

**Social media: 8 posts**

## Hammamet accueille le Forum africain des Entités nationales désignées sur les technologies climatiques

23 mars 2026 Par: WMC avec TAP

Un forum régional dédié aux Entités nationales désignées (END) africaines se tiendra du 23 au 26 mars 2026 à Hammamet, à l'initiative du Centre et Réseau de Technologie Climatique (CTCN), bras opérationnel du mécanisme technologique de la Convention-cadre des Nations unies sur les changements climatiques.

Organisé chaque année, ce forum vise à accélérer le transfert de solutions climatiques innovantes.

Le forum 2026 offrira une plateforme d'échange et de collaboration entre les représentants des END africaines et les experts du CTCN.

Les représentants des END africaines ont été invités à participer au forum en tant qu'invités d'honneur.



EN CONTINU

Abès Cinéma Fon : "Palestine, une nouvelle narration", une ouverture entre archives et création sonore

Monastir : l'association Notre Grand Bleu lance un projet artistique écologique dans un stade emblématique

## Hammamet accueille, lundi, le Forum africain des END sur les technologies climatiques

21/03/2026 11:32, TUNIS/Tunisie



A la une Société

## Technologies Vertes : Plus de 50 experts africains réunis à Hammamet

La Presse 21 mars 15:24 • 1 min de lecture



## Tunisie: Sonede - La vétusté du réseau à l'origine de 50% des fuites sur le réseau

La Presse.tn

Par S. R

Fathi Bouzghaia, représentant du point focal national du Centre et Réseau des Technologies Climatiques (CTCN) de l'ONU, a annoncé que la ville de Hammamet accueille, dès aujourd'hui, le Forum africain des points focaux du centre. Cette rencontre réunit 50 experts en environnement et climat, ainsi que des décideurs, pour examiner les mécanismes de financement et de déploiement des technologies climatiques, notamment l'intégration de l'intelligence artificielle pour garantir un mode de vie durable sur le continent.



## CITET Labs



- Tunis International Centre for Environmental Technologies (CITET) - a local Network Member
- CITET specializes in technology transfer, training, and capacity building.
- Labs undertake work on water quality analysis, tests on building material etc.
- Government institution supporting decision making.

## Network Fair



- **Participation:** Six organizations attending, a mix of local network members, Tunisian institutions referred by the local NDE, and 1 from Belgium.
- **Expertise:** Photovoltaics energy and energy transition, Environment, and Sustainable Development, Genetic Resource Conservation, Environmental Protection, Sanitation and Water Resource Management.

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## Planned Fora

# Planned NDE Fora in 2026

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## 1) Latin America & Caribbean NDE Forum

Date & Venue: 19–20 May 2026, San Ignacio, Belize.

Participants: 22 LAC NDEs, UNFCCC TEC (3), negotiators, AB members, Network Members, youth representatives.

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## 2) Asia NDE Forum

Date & Venue: 7–8 July 2026, Thailand.

Participants: TBD.

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## 3) Pacific SIDS NDE Forum

Date & Venue: TBD October 2026, ROK.

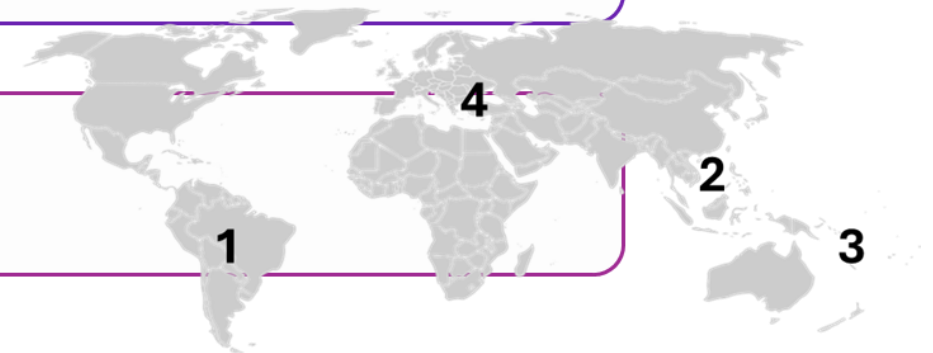
Participants: TBD.

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## 4) Eastern Europe NDE Forum

Date & Venue: TBD October 2026, TBD.

Participants: 9 EE NDEs, 16 participants.



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## **NDE Fora: Summary**

## What can we do differently/often?

- a) **World Café:** style and plenary presentations ensured a more interactive forum with NDEs.
- b) **AGN:** Participation of negotiators enriched the discussions.
- c) **Scaling-up:** Discuss more opportunities for scaling projects.
- d) **Network Fair:** Continued improvement of the 'Network Fair' session at other regional fora offers networking opportunities for NDEs and Network members.
- e) **Co-facilitation:** Involvement of NDEs as presenters/facilitators during CB enhances peer to peer learning.
- f) **AB members Participation:** ABM from the region also articulate responses to relevant issues in the forum.

*"We achieved effective coordination between the NDA for GCF, GEF Focal Point, and UNFCCC Focal Point. Technical assistance, though limited, has been a step toward scaling to full projects." -*

**Liberia**



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