

Report on Engagement with National Designated Entities through Regional Fora

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4 Regional NDE Fora (May-September)

© Four NDE Fora in collaboration with TEC:

Region	Dates	Location	NDEs	Participants	Total	Gender(W/M)
LAC	19-20 May, 2026	San Ignacio, Belize	20	31	51	24/27
Asia	07-10 Jul, 2026	Pattaya, Thailand	18	37	55	23/32
Eastern Europe	07-09 Sep, 2026	Baku, Azerbaijan	7	26	33	18/15
SIDS	14-19 Sep, 2026	Songdo & Busan, Korea	7	13	20	9/11
Total			52	107	159	74/85

© Participation included:

- LAC: UNFCCC TEC, AB members, members, implementing partners.
- Asia: UNFCCC TEC, AB members, members, implementing partners.
- SIDS: UNFCCC TEC, AB members, members, implementing partners.
- EE: UNFCCC TEC, AB members, & Members.

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LAC NDE Forum & Capacity Building for System Transformation *(19-20 May 2026)*

LAC NDE Forum & CB: Objectives

- © Present the latest development of CTCN services to developing countries in the region and intra-regional sharing of experiences and best practices from TAs in LAC and innovations in climate technologies.
- © Present the linkage between the CTCN support and NDCs and the TNAs / TAPs.
- © Develop and strengthen the regional NDEs network and its relationship with other climate actors.
- © Identify financial opportunities for climate technologies.



Scope of the LAC NDE Forum

Focus areas

- © CTCN and TEC Updates on climate technology development and transfer under the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism.
- © CTCN Flagship Programmes and Procedures.
- © Caribbean SIDS and financing entities: opportunities to advance climate action through technology, finance, and innovation.
- © System Transformation TAs by Network members.
- © Network Fair.





1) Hosting by Belize:

- Well organized and hosting by Belize received well by NDEs and Network Members.
- Representation of Government of Belize by the National Climate Change Office (NCCO), Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change.
- Arrangement of a cultural presentation and gathering by the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT Belize).
- Field trip to Mountain Pine and Chiquibul Forest Reserves where restoration activities are being conducted.



2) Enhanced Exchanges:

- Open house format, interactively designed sessions, enhanced engagement and feedback on the implementation of logistical support, post TA-implementation, and NDE Survey.
- Network Fair – attended by 11 Network Members from different countries (Spain, Australia, UK, Korea, LAC). Each NDE had the opportunity to meet with each NM and match common interests.



3) Feedback from NDEs:

- NDEs found the networking sessions, connecting with NMs highly valuable, a very good first step towards BTIP.
- Suggest inviting one or two NDEs from other regions to enhance NDE interregional exchange.
- Highlighted the presenters, methodologies, and capacity building sessions on readily adoptable and scalable climate technologies. Requested for more discussions on financial sustainability.

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**Asia NDE Forum &
Capacity Building
Programme on Integrating
Energy Technologies
(07-10 July 2026)**

Asia NDE Forum & CB: Objectives

- © Share experiences and best practices from CTCN TAs in the region.
- © Enhance knowledge on integrating energy systems through AI.
- © Support national coordination in identifying and discussing scalable climate technology options, considering available modalities of CTCN, GCF, and other development financing partners of GCF.



Scope of the Asia NDE Forum

Focus areas

- © Updates on the work of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism CTCN Flagship Programmes and Procedures.
- © Strengthening Inclusive, Locally Led Climate Solutions.
- © Updates on CTCN Procedures and Technical Assistance.
- © Site visit at Thai Eastern Group Holdings PCL.
- © Reframing System Transformation in Asia's Energy Context.
- © Network Fair – Members with Energy Technologies and Artificial Intelligence.





1) Hosting by Thailand:

- ☉ Generous hospitality and excellent arrangement highly appreciated by NDEs, NDAs, and NMs.
- ☉ Representation of the Government of Thailand.
- ☉ Arrangement of a courtesy visit to Minister Yodchanan.
- ☉ Organized field trip to start with a private sector perspective.



2) Tailored Exchanges:

- ☉ Dedicated session on inclusivity: gender mainstreaming, youth engagement, and benefiting local communities and indigenous people.
- ☉ Lessons learned on the implementation of logistical support scheme and post-implementation forms. NDE manuals introduced.



3) Feedback from NDEs:

- ☉ Recognized data & evidence gaps in identifying culturally adapted, traditional knowledge & technologies.
- ☉ NDE manual is long, while Logistical Support is accessible. Post-implementation forms–hard to grasp the necessity.
- ☉ Assessing of existing community solutions, including women-centred feasibility & production systems.

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Eastern Europe NDE Forum on Introduction to CTCN (07-08 September 2026)

EE NDE Forum: Objectives

- © Provide an introduction to CTCN procedures and services to countries in the region, and present the linkage between CTCN support and NDCs and the TNAs / TAPs.
- © Facilitate intra-regional sharing of experiences and best practices from technical assistance in EE.
- © Identify priorities for technical assistance and capacity building, and map opportunities for regional collaboration.
- © Develop and strengthen the regional NDE network and its relationship with other climate actors, leveraging the Forum's first-ever meeting of EE NDEs at the Baku Climate Week.
- © Identify opportunities for matchmaking and financial support.



Scope of the EE NDE Forum

Focus areas

- © Introduction to UNFCCC Technology Mechanism.
- © The Role of National Designated Entities.
- © The Role of Network Members.
- © Onboarding on CTCN Processes.
- © Overview of Technical Assistance Support.
- © Mapping Priority Sectors and Projects.
- © Opportunities for Regional Collaboration.
- © Facilitating Climate Technology Implementation.





1) Hosting as part of UNFCCC Climate Week:

- © Strong engagement by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan.
- © First dedicated in-person EE NDE Forum, held alongside Baku Climate Week 2026.
- © High-level participation reinforced the importance of regional cooperation on climate technology.



2) Tailored Exchanges:

- © Renewed regional exchange among NDEs on common climate technology needs, priorities & opportunities for cooperation.
- © Strong focus on moving from climate technology needs to implementation, including access to finance & partnerships.
- © Regional experiences showcased practical solutions for resilience, including vulnerability assessment, flood modelling, early warning, AI, drones and wildfire forecasting.



3) Feedback from NDEs:

- © Strong interest in more regular regional engagement and peer-to-peer exchange among EE NDEs, and the NDEs from the other regions.
- © Need to strengthen the pipeline from identified technology priorities to high-quality TA and investable solutions.

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**SIDS NDE Forum & Capacity
Building on AI for Adaptive
Management in the Energy
Sector
(14-19 September 2026)**

SIDS NDE Forum & CB: Objectives

- ☉ Share experiences, lessons learned, and best practices from CTCN TA projects in SIDS.
- ☉ Enhance knowledge and practical understanding of AI applications for adaptive management and skillset development in the energy sector.
- ☉ Facilitate NDEs' participation in exhibitions showcasing emerging climate technologies and promote direct engagement with technology solution providers.



Scope of the SIDS NDE Forum

Forum focus areas:

- © Update on the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism, Technology Development and Transfer under the UNFCCC (COP 30) .
- © Update on the TEC and CTCN activities, and Outlook for 2026-2027.
- © Updates from Financing Entities – Adaptation Fund.
- © Updates from UNFCCC Finance Mechanism – Green Climate Fund
- © Capacity Building on AI for Adaptive Management in the Energy Sector.
- © Updates from UNFCCC Finance Mechanism – FRLD and Santiago Network.





1) Hosting by PALO:

- Engagement of GCF readiness and Pacific desks was smooth.
- Updates from FRLD, Santiago Network, AF, and UNDRR were well received.



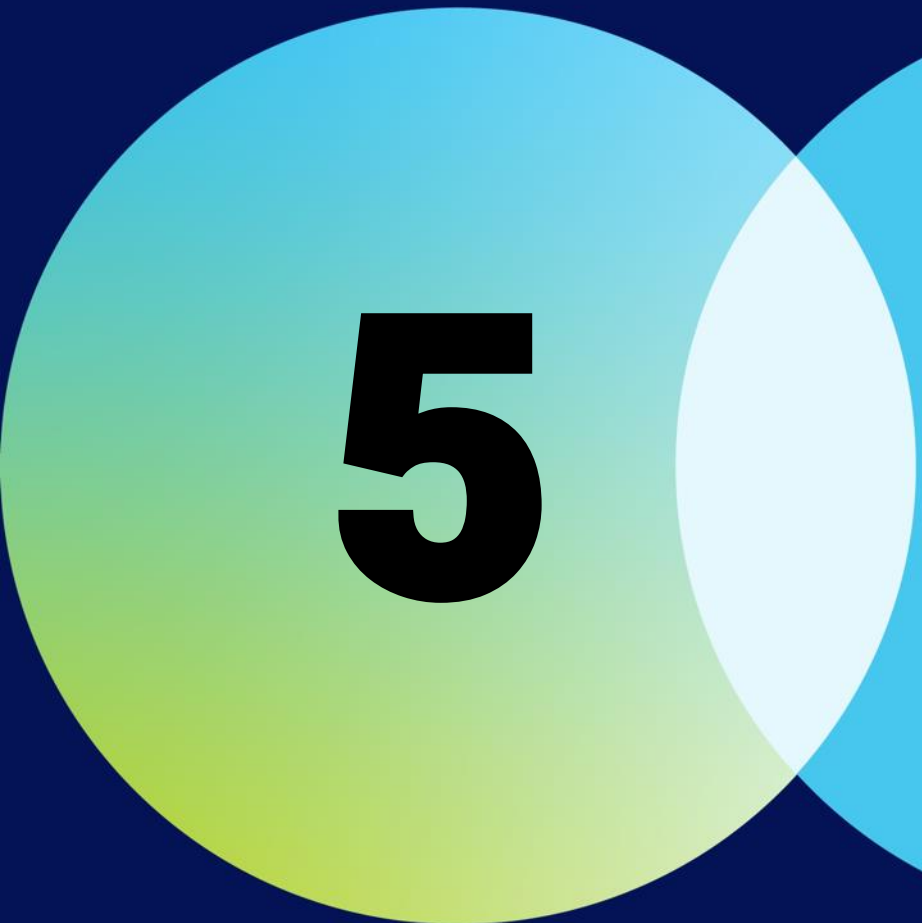
2) Cross-regional Exchanges:

- SIDS share similar climate crisis regardless of the region that they reside in.
- Ocean is their common priority, hence shared experiences can help with synergies to build better projects or with implementation.



3) Feedback from NDEs:

- The access to support should be made simpler, to overcome a challenge dealing with too many documentations/reports
- The process to implement a TA should be made faster, to respond to frequent climate disasters.
- CTCN TA could be guaranteed for GCF full proposal, in light of TM-FM linkages.
- Equipment/hardwares with CTCN TA funding could be considered.



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NDE Fora 2026: Summary

© 5 NDE Fora, implemented in 2026, 91 NDEs!

- © First in-person Eastern Europe NDE Forum well received in the region.
- © Diversification of key themes, enriching feedback to CTCN and within region, enhances potential for organizing a global forum in future.
- © Collaboration to CO-HOST with countries/events (Tunisia, Belize, Thailand, PALO, UNFCCC Climate Week) raises profile of CTCN's work in governments.
- © Diversification of workshop styles e.g. World café style and plenary presentations ensure more interactive fora and engagement with NDEs.
- © Engagement of Network Members through the 4 Network Fairs provided more exposure to Network Member abilities.
- © Tapping NDEs as co-presenters/co-facilitators during CB enhances peer to peer learning.
- © AB members from the region also articulate responses to relevant issues in the forum.

Africa



LAC



Asia-Pacific



Eastern Europe



SIDS



Challenges

- 1) **Scaling projects for higher impact:** – importance of scoping potential at design stages. Difficulty in integrating climate technology into large programmes, including GCF and GEF modalities is a live discussion in these fora.
- 2) **Sustained quality coordination:** 5 NDE Fora in a year, alongside other global events, with potential to organize a global event.
- 3) **Partnerships and value addition:** innovative ways to co-host NDE Fora to incrementally add value and respond to expanded functions, e.g. BTIP Dialogues.
- 4) **Inclusivity versus speed:** prioritization of countries that have benefitted less by actively engaging and sharing practical steps of how they can start to benefit.
- 5) **Trans-boundary challenges:** Potential for multi-country TAs where trans-boundary challenges persist.



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Planned Fora

TBD 2027 Schedule ...

1. **Scaling projects for higher impact at initial stage** – encourage use of Modality 1 logistical support for countries to seek support of key stakeholders before TA?
2. **Sustained quality coordination:** address capacity issue for organizing 5 NDE Fora in a year plus regional dialogue(s).
3. **Request for Global NDE Forum:** global platform for learning vs regional dialogue(s) to be conducted in conjunction with regional forums.
4. **Trans-boundary challenges:** Regional NDE Forums could facilitate identification and scoping of trans-boundary issues/requests where they are relevant.

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