

Annex 1 National Designated Entities (NDEs) for the CTCN

The following description of possible roles and responsibilities of Annex 1 NDEs has been developed by the CTC as a guide. It represents a “work in progress” and provides some initial thoughts and suggestions which countries might find helpful in defining the roles and responsibilities of their NDEs.

1. Purpose of this note

The Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) is the operational arm of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism and it is hosted and managed by UNEP in collaboration with UNIDO and with the support of 11 Centres of Excellence located in developing and developed countries. The CTCN is based in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Decision 2/CP.17 Annex VII “The Terms of Reference of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN)” state that the Climate Technology Centre will stimulate, *“the establishment of twinning centre arrangements to promote North–South, South–South and triangular partnerships, with a view to encouraging cooperative research and development.”* This objective is particularly relevant to the role of developed countries NDEs and how they can contribute to foster climate technology transfer in developing countries.

The NDE is the body granted responsibility by a Party to manage all technology collaboration activities undertaken under the CTCN. However, the COP decisions provide only limited guidance on the role of the NDEs or the requirements for establishing an NDE. These issues are instead left to the Party to determine.

The purpose of this note is therefore to provide some initial thoughts on the tasks that Annex 1 NDEs could perform to facilitate collaboration between their home countries, the CTCN, and developing country NDEs.

2. The Annex 1 National Designated Entity

Establishment of a NDE is a necessary step for participation by a Party in the CTCN process.

The NDEs from developed countries could play a fundamental role in ensuring that collaborative processes are created between developed and developing countries. Notably Annex 1 NDEs can ensure that activities under the CTCN are well coordinated with their country’s development assistance activities that address climate change, including ensuring engagement of relevant public and private organizations (NGOs, Development Agencies, technology manufacturers, academia, ect.).

3. Annex 1 NDE Roles and Responsibilities

The Annex 1 NDEs serve as country focal points and support the key services of the CTCN through facilitating:

- i. CTCN success and development by promoting synergies and partnerships with their home country
- ii. Linkages between their country’s development assistance and CTCN activities in developing countries
- iii. Regional and global networking, peer learning and collaboration efforts within the CTCN

4. Working guidance on roles and Responsibilities of NDEs

The table below provides an elaboration on examples of Annex 1 NDE role in their home country. It is meant to be indicative only; exact responsibilities will differ from country to country, determined by the country themselves.

Role	Examples of NDE Responsibilities
Facilitate CTCN success and development by promoting synergies and partnerships with their home country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Coordinate engagement of the home country with the CTCN through communicating, creating linkages and providing guidance to relevant stakeholders on the CTCN and its activities > Facilitate CTCN promotion by advocating and disseminating CTCN information in the home country > Facilitate CTCN sustainability by advocating support to CTCN by their home country and by encouraging the integration of climate technology issues in their country's development assistance strategies and plans > Contribute to CTCN efficiency through providing feedback on how the CTCN can improve the quality of its support and its procedures > Contribute to the Network development through promoting the participation of organizations from their home country in the Network, identifying strong candidates for the Network and facilitating their engagement
Facilitate linkages between their country's development assistance and CTCN activities in developing countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Facilitate request generation by encouraging partners from developing countries to submit requests to the CTCN with their NDEs > Facilitate linkages with existing development programs and projects supported by their home country by encouraging the implementing organizations to work with developing country NDEs > Contribute to the achievement of the intended impacts of the CTCN assistance by encouraging support for the planned follow up activities > Support capacity building of developing country NDE through providing peer assistance and knowledge sharing
Facilitate regional and global networking, peer learning and collaboration efforts within the CTCN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Contribute to the development of the Knowledge Management System (KMS) by identifying technology expertise and tools from the home country and best practices from its assistance to developing countries, to disseminate them through the KMS of the CTCN > Facilitate peer learning and networking by contributing to regional and global knowledge sharing and collaborative CTCN activities, and jointly organizing climate technology events with the CTCN > Create networking opportunities for home country officials and experts by promoting their participation in CTCN joint events and activities > Create learning opportunities for developing countries through organizing joint peer exchange programmes with the CTCN