



Concept note: Roundtable discussion between the Technology Mechanism and funding entities on enhancing collaboration

3:00 – 5:00 PM, 24 March, 2023 (3rd floor of the IBS TOWER)

Background

The Technology Mechanism (TM), comprised of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), have been mandated by Parties through numerous COP and CMA decisions to strengthen collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism (FM). These have taken place in the form of cross-participation in other body's meetings, provision of inputs, enhanced coordination among focal points, event organizations, knowledge sharing, and support for technology development and transfer.

One example of such collaboration includes the joint organization of a thematic dialogue on the promotion of climate technology incubators and accelerators in developing countries by the TEC, the CTCN, and the GCF, in conjunction with the 16th meeting of the TEC in March 2018. The GCF secretariat is formulating the following two workstreams to support climate technology incubators and accelerators, in consultation with the TEC, the CTCN, other climate funds, and stakeholders including investors, GCF accredited entities, NDAs and technology practitioners:

(a) A workstream under which a climate innovation facility will be developed. The GCF has approved a concept note on the facility, and the GCF accredited entity selected to lead the process is developing the funding proposal; and (b) A workstream under which the request for proposals (RFPs) will be developed and submitted to the GCF Board for consideration at one of its meetings in 2023.

Another pertinent example is the partnership of the GCF and the CTCN under the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme: the CTCN provides services and expertise in response to developing countries' requests using GCF country resources.

Collaboration with the GEF is ongoing as part of CTCN project selected for support by the Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation of the Global Environment Facility. Further as highlighted by TEC work on experience and lessons learned from the support for climate technologies provided by the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism¹, support has been made available from the GEF and the GCF for TNAs and the development of associated TAPs.

In October 2021, the Ministry of Science and Information and Communication Technology

¹ See <https://unfccc.int/ttclear/tec/support.html>.

(MSIT) and the city of Incheon of the Republic of Korea signed an agreement with UNEP to establish the first CTCN Partnership and Liaison Office (PALO), launched on 21 July 2022 and located at 23rd floor of G-Tower in Songdo, Republic of Korea. In addition to increasing collaboration with the GCF, the CTCN PALO will support regional partnerships, including with the Asian Development Bank and other regional donors, and with regional network members and CTCN Consortium partners. The Office will also serve as a centre for research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) of climate technologies and, as such, a liaison office for universities, research institutes, private sector organizations and other key RD&D stakeholders. The collaborative RD&D in climate technology incubators and accelerators will be a good area for the collaboration between CTCN and GCF.

The Joint Work Programme of the Technology Mechanism for 2023–2027², launched at COP27, lays out the TM's strategy for coming years. It is composed of planned joint activities (including technology roadmaps and digitalization), as well as common areas of work of the TEC and the CTCN (including national systems of innovation, water-food-energy nexus, energy systems, buildings and resilient infrastructure, business and industry, and technology needs assessment) within the rolling workplan of the TEC and the Programme of Work of the CTCN. The joint work programme brings together, for the first time, the long-term strategies of the TEC and the CTCN and defines areas of focus for the mechanism as a whole, in order to elevate the performance of the TM and increase its impact.

Objectives

The objectives of the roundtable discussion are

- (a) to introduce efforts to enhance collaboration between the TM and the FM under UNFCCC;
- (b) to identify successful modalities and modalities to be enhanced;
- (c) to share challenges and lessons learned of the TM, the FM and funding entities during the development of collaboration.
- (d) to identify effective and efficient ways to enhance collaboration in institutional and activity linkages, and mobilization of support for technology development and transfer including recommendations of the FM on ensuring financial resources for, and scaling up action on, technology development and transfer; and
- (e) to identify roles and activities of the CTCN PALO with the GCF and KDB in ensuring financial resources for, and scaling up action on, technology development and transfer and collaborative RD&D.

Program

² [Joint work programme of Technology Mechanism for 2023-2027](#)

Moderator	TEC/CTCN AB member - Stephen Minas
Participants from the FM and other funding entities	<p>Green Climate Fund: Pa Ousman Jarju, Secretary to the Board and Head of Governance Affairs (TBC)</p> <p>Global Environment Fund: Patricia Marcos Huidobro, Senior Climate Change Specialist (TBC)</p> <p>Adaptation Fund: Saliha Dobardzic, Senior Climate Change Specialist (TBC)</p> <p>International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group): Pablo Andres Salas Bravo, Senior Climate Economist (TBC)</p> <p>Korean Development Bank: Joohee Ahn, Head of Climate Business Team (TBC)</p>
3:00 – 3:04 (4 min)	Introduction of the program and participants
3:04 – 3:07 (3 min)	Opening remarks CTCN AB Chair - Omedi Jura
3:07 – 3:10 (3 min)	Opening remarks TEC Chair - Ambrosio Yobánolo del Real
3:10 – 3:20 (10 min)	Brief introduction of the activities and progress of the TEC, the CTCN, the GCF and the GEF in strengthening linkages between the TM and the FM UNFCCC Secretariat - Ariesta NINGRUM
3:20 – 3:40 (20 min)	<p>Discussion 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What have been successful modalities in conducting the linkage works from aspects of institutional and activity linkages and mobilization of support for technology development and transfer or 2. What modalities can be enhanced?
3:40 – 4:00 (20 min)	<p>Discussion 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the challenges and lessons learned by the FM, funding entities, and the TM
4:00 – 4:40 (40 min)	<p>Discussion 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the effective and efficient ways to enhance collaboration in institutional linkages? 2. What are the effective and efficient ways to enhance collaboration in activity linkages? 3. What are the effective and efficient ways to enhance collaboration in ensuring financial resources for, and scaling up action on, technology development and transfer?
4:40 – 4:55 (15 min)	<p>Discussion 4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the roles and activities of CTCN PALO in enhance collaboration with the GCF and KDB in ensuring financial resources for, and scaling up action on, technology development and transfer and collaborative RD&D?
4:55 – 5:00 (5 min)	Closing remarks CTCN AB CO-Chair - Erwin Rose