

Fifteenth meeting of the Advisory Board
Summary of the Meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

- 1 The Chair of the Advisory Board, Ms. Orly Jacob, opened the fifteenth meeting of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network held virtually on Thursday, 18 June 2020. 118 attendees joined the online meeting.
- 2 The table below lists the Advisory Board members who participated in the Advisory Board's fifteenth meeting.

Advisory Board members attending the fourteenth meeting	
Mr. Pedro Garcia Brito	Mr. Henrique Schneider
Mr. Soumya Dutta	Mr. Shiv Srikanth
Ms. Moa Forstorp	Mr. Hamid Abakar Souleymane
Ms. Orly Jacob	Mr. Peter Tarfa
Mr. Omedi Moses Jura	Mr. Spencer Linus Thomas
Mr. Matthew Kennedy	Ms. Maia Tskhvaradze
Mr. Seo Gon Ko	Mr. Kenichi Wada
Mr. Sergio La Motta	Mr. Ping Zhong
Ms. Meropi Paneli	

2. Organizational matters

a) Adoption of the agenda

- 3 The Advisory Board adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document AB/2020/15/2.1.

b) Minutes of the previous meeting

- 4 The Advisory Board adopted the minutes of its fourteenth meeting as contained in document AB/2020/15/2.2.

3. Opening Remarks by CTCN host institutions and the Government of Denmark

a) Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Denmark

- 5 The Advisory Board was informed that the invited representative from the Government of Denmark was unavoidably detained and thus not able to attend the meeting. CTCN Director Ms. Rose Mwebaza highlighted Denmark's longstanding support to the CTCN, both financially and through the hosting of the Centre in Copenhagen. The Board received the information that the Government of Denmark has indicated its intention to provide new financial support to the CTCN starting in 2021 for approximately 4.4 million USD.
- 6 Opening remarks were given by representatives of the host agencies of the CTCN, Mr. Mark Radka of UNEP, and Mr. Alois Mhlanga of UNIDO.

b) United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)

- 7 Mr. Mark Radka (UNEP) welcomed attendees on behalf of UNEP and noted that UNEP's focus in dealing with the COVID Pandemic is on the opportunity to build back better and to realise the objectives of the Paris Agreement. Mr. Radka also highlighted that there is a role for technology in this and advised the CTCN to see its service provision through a COVID-19 recovery lens in the short term as well as reflect on ways to get a deeper grounding in government policymaking. Mr. Radka concluded by highlighting the opportunity presented by the current situation to advance human development and climate change action simultaneously.

c) United Nations Industrial Development Programme (UNIDO)

- 8 Mr. Alois Mhlanga (UNIDO) welcomed attendees on behalf of Mr. Tareq Emtairah, Director of the Energy Department at UNIDO, who could not attend the meeting. Mr. Mhlanga highlighted UNIDO's support to the CTCN, including through its procurement mechanism and the hosting of the CTCN's Latin America and Caribbean regional office in Mexico City, as well the support provided as the accredited entity for the GEF-funded project for mid-sized cities and to the development of the CTCN's new Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework. Mr. Mhlanga noted the ongoing collaboration between UNIDO and UNEP to review the joint programme document and affirmed UNIDO's continued commitment to support the CTCN on resource mobilization efforts. Mr. Mhlanga thanked the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs for their recent contribution and recognised existing donors for their continued support to the CTCN. Mr. Mhlanga concluded by informing the Board of UNIDO's intentions to strengthen further synergies between the CTCN and other UNIDO programmes to support COVID-19 recovery, including the Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN); the Global Cleantech Innovation Programme; and the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC).

4. Report on CTCN activities

a) Report by the Director

- 9 Ms. Mwebaza provided an update on the overall status, progress, and activities of the CTCN in 2019. The Director highlighted regional and global technical assistance (TA) trends, new partnerships developed in 2019, and the CTCN's work on capacity building, which has now been incorporated in TA activities to ensure sustainability at the national level. The Director also highlighted progress on Network activities, including the success of the CTCN's matchmaking workshops to connect NDEs with civil society and private sector solution providers, and the shift to a two-stage bidding process for Network members to bid on CTCN activities through the UN Global Marketplace which received positive feedback. Ms. Mwebaza provided an update on the CTCN's engagement on gender and youth and noted the development of a Gender hub on the CTCN's web portal as an important resource for publications, tools, and case studies on gender and climate technologies.
- 10 The CTCN Director also presented on how the CTCN was adapting its work during the pandemic, driven by a risk analysis of the impact of COVID-19 on the CTCN work programme for 2020. As of March 2020, the impact of COVID-19 on the CTCN's budget performance stood at 15%. Due to the implications of COVID-19 on CTCN stakeholders, fewer TA requests are coming in, and some contracts for activities underway have been amended. To ensure business continuity, activities have moved online whenever possible. The CTCN Director assured the Board that funding partners would be engaged in further discussions if there were significant impacts on project implementation by the end of the summer. Regarding COVID-19 response, Ms. Mwebaza noted that the CTCN had received requests for the environmental management of biomedical waste from

COVID-19 and was supporting country initiatives in response to the global call to build back better. The CTCN Director concluded by thanking Ms. Orly Jacob for her service as Advisory Board Chair.

- 11 The Advisory Board took note of the presentation, highlighting the importance for the Board to understand how the crisis impacts the pace of the CTCN's work to best support the CTCN. The Board sought additional information from Ms. Mwebaza and her team, notably on resource mobilization efforts to meet developing country needs.

5. Coordination with other UNFCCC Constituted Bodies

b) Adaptation Committee

- 12 Mr. Kazem Kashefi (Adaptation Committee) provided the Advisory Board with an update on the Adaptation Committee's five workstreams relevant to the CTCN's work and encouraged the CTCN to contribute. These include the launching of an inventory of the different methodologies that Parties use to assess their most urgent adaptation needs; the implementation of the technical examination process on adaptation on the topic of "education and training public participation and youth to enhance adaptation action"; the publication of a technical paper on data for adaptation at different spatial and temporal scales; the identification and response to gaps and needs related to the process of formulating and implementing national adaptation plans; and the development of a report on how countries are dealing with the different hazards that are caused by the impacts of climate change.

c) Standing Committee on Finance

- 13 Ms. Vicky Noens (Standing Committee on Finance) informed the Advisory Board of the postponement of the 22nd Standing Committee on Finance meeting to November 2020 due to the pandemic, and the extension for the call for evidence for the Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows and the report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement. Ms. Noens pointed out that preliminary findings indicate that technology costs have lowered significantly over the past years, allowing more to be achieved with less financing. Ms. Noens also noted that the Standing Committee on Finance's yearly forum would be held later in the year on financing for nature-based solutions. Finally, Ms. Noens highlighted that the Standing Committee on Finance was committed to providing guidance to GEF and GCF this year and welcomed TEC colleagues' input.

d) Green Climate Fund

- 14 Mr. Emerson Resende (Green Climate Fund) provided a brief overview of the history of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) since it was first established ten years ago, noting that in 2020 the GCF is entering the first phase of GCF-1, guided by a strategic plan for the next four years (2020 – 2023). Mr. Resende also presented the GCF Readiness programme and the Climate Innovation Facility, a climate technology incubator and accelerator. The Board noted that the Climate Innovation Facility is in its first operationalization stage through an accredited entity. Mr. Resende highlighted the GCFs goal to enhance its collaboration with the CTCN and invited the CTCN to strengthen the link between Technical Needs Assessments and GCF country programmes and Entity Work Programmes (EWP) to achieve higher quality GCF funding proposals.

5. Matters relating to the Convention's Technology Mechanism

a) Technology Executive Committee

- 15 Mr. Mareer Husny (Chair – Technology Executive Committee) informed the Board that the 20th meeting of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) took place in April 2019, where Mr. Husny and Mr. Stephen Minas were elected as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively for 2020, and a gender

focal point was appointed.

- 16 Mr. Husny provided the Board with updates on the implementation of the rolling work plan of the TEC for 2019-2022, including a draft policy brief on TNA practices; a publication on innovative approaches to stimulate the uptake of existing climate technologies; the organization of the Technology Day to discuss innovative approaches for adaptation technologies and a survey for nationally designated entities and TNA focal points on developing and enhancing endogenous capacities and technologies. Mr. Husny added that the TEC's communications and outreach strategy to support the implementation of its rolling work plan for 2019–2022 had been finalized.
- 17 Mr. Husny concluded by sharing an overview of the areas identified for collaboration between the TEC and CTCN, including research development and demonstration; organization of regional TEM-Ms; communication and outreach and M&E. Chairs and Vice-Chairs from both bodies have engaged in discussions on how to advance collaboration, and it is anticipated that a joint work plan will be produced shortly.

10.CTCN Budgetary Matters

a) Adoption of the 2019 financial statement

- 19 Mr. Ping Zhong called the Board's attention to the 2019 financial statement discussed during the task force meeting on 31 March 2020 and invited Amanda Lees of UNEP to present the financial statement for formal endorsement by the Board.
- 20 Ms. Amanda Lees (CTCN financial administrative officer, UNEP) provided an overview of the CTCN's income and expenditure in 2019. Ms. Lees explained that the CTCN received voluntary contributions of 3.8 million in 2019 from Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI); Canada; the Japan Ministry of Environment; the Republic of Korea; the GCF; Spain, and Sweden. The total expenditure incurred by the CTCN in 2019 was 6,6 million USD against an approved budget of 9,2 million USD, reflecting an overall implementation rate of 71%. Ms. Lees also presented a financial statement broken down by CTCN Service Areas showing that 46% of CTCN expenditures went to TA activities; 33% for the CTCN's operations; 11% for outreach, networking and stakeholder engagement; and finally, 10% for Knowledge Management System, peer learning and capacity building.
- 21 Ms. Lees noted that the fund balance of the CTCN at the end of 2019 is 7 million USD, and that combined with a projected cash flow of approximately 7.7 million, the CTCN's budget for 2020 and beyond amounts to around 14 million USD. Ms. Lees further highlighted that 94% of the funds available in 2020 are earmarked. Ms. Lees also provided the Board with an overview of funds secured from other financing mechanisms, including the adaptation fund and the Green Climate Fund.
- 22 The Advisory Board took note of the presentation and engaged in a discussion covering plans to enhance resource mobilization efforts and diversify funding sources in innovative and predictable ways. Advisory Board members also discussed earmarked funding with relation to how the CTC funds its operations. The Board requested more information on the impacts of COVID-19 on the CTCN's budget this year and as we move into the upcoming years. The Board also asked UNEP to provide an update on the COP25 decision to review the MOU between the COP and UNEP as the host of the CTCN and develop and implement plans to support the CTC according to the MoU.
- 23 Ms. Rose Mwebaza (CTCN) reiterated the challenges posed by the COVID pandemic on the CTCN activities and indicated this could lead to some underspending by the end of the year. Ms. Mwebaza highlighted that this would be discussed at the next AB meeting, and guidance would be sought from the Board and donors.
- 24 Mr. Mark Radka (UNEP) highlighted the challenges of distinguishing between UNEP's role as a host institution and the role of UNEP staff who support the CTCN when it comes to resource

mobilization. Mr. Radka highlighted efforts to bring closer the finance and technology mechanisms, as evidenced in the cooperation with the GCF. Mr. Radka reiterated that both UNEP and UNIDO are dedicated to seeing steady support for the CTCN and detailed ongoing initiatives and discussions with donors, including Denmark, Sweden, and the Republic of Korea, where the need for more predictability of resources for the CTCN is brought forward.

- 25 The Board expressed their appreciation to donors for their contributions to the CTCN and recognized that a more in-depth discussion on resource mobilization during a taskforce session would be needed.
- 26 The Advisory Board approved the CTCN's 2019 financial statement.

6. Resource Mobilization

b) Report on efforts to mobilize resources to support CTCN operations

- 27 Ms. Rose Mwebaza (CTCN) sought the Board's guidance on resource mobilization, notably through establishing a dedicated taskforce and developing a resource mobilization strategy for the CTCN. The Director also highlighted the opportunity for member states and Network members to support the CTCN by seconding experts, as evidenced in the success of recent secondment and pro bono support received on M&E and Innovation from the United States Agency for International Development and the Government of Korea respectively.
- 28 The Advisory Board took note of the proposals and confirmed its commitment to supporting the CTCN on resource mobilization issues moving forward.

7. Monitoring & Evaluation of CTCN activities

c) Report on progress regarding monitoring and evaluation efforts

- 29 The Advisory Board agreed to postpone the discussion on M&E to another meeting given the time constraints and invited Ms. Shanar Tabrizi (CTCN) and Ms. Kate Faulhaber (USAID) to present their main observations briefly.
- 30 Ms. Tabrizi (CTCN) introduced Ms. Kate Faulhaber, M&E specialist with USAID's climate change office, who reviewed the CTCN's M&E system in February 2020 thanks to pro-bono support from USAID.
- 31 Ms. Faulhaber commended the CTCN for its efforts to develop more precise reporting guidance internally and for partners. Ms. Faulhaber observed that while the CTCN focuses on a core set of implementation activities, its mandate is quite broad, encompassing many technology sectors, various stakeholders, and dozens of countries. Considering that the CTCN's activities are demand-driven by both donors and beneficiaries, the CTCN must be both agile and responsive to fulfil all the requests. Ms. Faulhaber noted that this complexity is reflected in the CTCN indicators, which are responsive and consistent with what has been asked for by the various donors and cover all the CTCN sectors and themes. Ms. Faulhaber also noted that the new M&E framework makes progress in addressing the challenge of collecting impact data by incorporating qualitative indicators and data from post-TA close-out memos. Ms. Faulhaber concluded that there is strong potential in the M&E system implemented by the CTCN to demonstrate its effectiveness of its programmes and assess internally what is working or not.

14. Advisory Board administrative matters

a) Membership matters

- 32 The Advisory Board referred to document AB2020/15/10.1, which describes the Board's current composition and noted that adjustments might be made due to the postponement of the COP and the elections.
- 33 Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim presented on behalf of Indigenous People's Organizations, the youth constituency YOUNGO, and the Women and Gender Constituency, advocating for the three entities to become members of the CTCN Advisory Board to better contribute to the mandate of the CTCN. Ms. Ibrahim shared examples of climate technology initiatives that successfully brought together women groups, indigenous communities, and the scientific community and concluded by asking that an agenda item be added to the next COP to review the constitution of the CTCN Advisory Board.
- 34 The Advisory Board took note of Ms. Ibrahim's intervention and advised it would make sure it was in the note to the COP.
- 35 Ms. Nicola Benton (UK) addressed the Advisory Board on behalf of the COP25 and confirmed the postponement of the COP to November 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Benton commended the Advisory Board for maintaining momentum and furthering its work and welcomed all to Glasgow next year.

b) Election of new Chair and Vice-Chair

- 36 The Advisory Board elected Mr. Ping Zhong (China) as Chair and Ms. Moa Forstorp (Sweden) as Vice-Chair of the CTCN Advisory Board for 2020. It was noted that the one-year terms of the next Chair and Vice-Chair should commence at the end of the 15th Advisory Board meeting.

c) Date and venue of the next meeting

- 37 It was agreed that the Advisory Board's sixteenth meeting would be held in November 2020 in person or online, alongside the 21st meeting of the TEC.

15. Closure of the meeting

- 38 The meeting was officially closed in the late afternoon of Thursday, 18 June 2020.