

Annex I National Designated Entities (NDEs) for the CTCN

The following description of possible roles of Annex I NDEs has been developed by the Climate Technology Centre (CTC) as a guide. It represents a “work in progress” and provides some thoughts and suggestions that countries might find helpful in defining the roles of their NDEs.

1. Purpose of this note

The Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) is the operational arm of the Technology Mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 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.

National Designated Entities (NDEs) are the bodies granted responsibility by each Party to manage technology collaboration activities supported through the CTCN. In its decision 2/CP.18, the Conference of Parties (COP) of the UNFCCC - “invites Parties to nominate their national designated entities for the development and transfer of technologies, in order to facilitate the operationalization of the CTC”.

The nomination of NDEs is thus a necessary step for Parties to participate in the CTCN process. Nonetheless, COP decisions provide only limited guidance on the roles of NDEs, leaving these issues to each Party to determine. This note is intended to provide some thoughts on the tasks that NDEs from countries from the UNFCCC Annex I - Annex I NDEs - could perform to facilitate collaboration between their countries, the CTCN, and Non-Annex I NDEs.

2. Role of Annex I NDEs

The success of the CTCN will greatly depend on the involvement of Parties’ NDEs, both from Annex I and Non-Annex I countries. Proactive NDEs will act as leaders to accelerate engagement of stakeholders working on climate change issues, and to nurture and enhance collaboration among them. By doing so, NDEs will significantly increase the chances of countries to reach their goals of reducing greenhouse gases emissions and to strengthen their resilience to climate change effects.

Therefore, Annex I NDEs will play a key role in linking the efforts and priorities of national stakeholders working on mitigating and/or adapting to climate change, with the services and opportunities offered by the CTCN. NDEs will act as focal points to liaise among key decision-makers at all level, including development organizations, bilateral and multilateral donors, private companies, government agencies, academic and research institutions, civil society organizations, etc. Their involvement in the CTCN and in broader arenas related to climate change will create and open the door for new synergies and collaboration among actors that tend to reach similar objectives, and avoid duplication of work.

In particular, Annex NDEs can take on the following roles:

- i. Act as the national CTCN focal point in their country, to identify possible collaboration and synergies between their activities and relevant stakeholders from the public and private sector.

- ii. Contribute to the delivery of CTCN services, which include technical assistance to developing countries, information and knowledge sharing, and collaboration and networking on climate technologies.
- iii. Be an active member of the Climate Technology Network (CTN).
- iv. Support Non-Annex I countries in taking part in CTCN activities and enhancing their capacities to deploy climate technologies.

3. Examples of Annex I NDE' roles

The table below provides examples of actions Annex I NDEs might undertake. It is meant to be indicative as exact roles will differ from country to country, and will be determined nationally.

Possible NDE Role	Example of specific actions NDEs can undertake
1. Act as a focal point between the CTCN and their country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Raise awareness of relevant stakeholders from their country (government agencies, private companies, development organizations, research institute, NGOs) on climate technologies issues and opportunities and on CTCN activities. e.g. increase CTCN visibility through links to the CTCN website, organize meetings, participate in conferences, dissemination of CTCN communication materials b. Share with the CTCN information from their country on climate technologies and climate change issues in general e.g. Climate change related programs and initiatives, events, regulations, workshops, reports, donor strategies, success stories c. Liaise with development organizations from their country, and with private companies already working or looking into expanding in developing countries, to identify possible collaboration and synergies between their activities and the efforts of developing countries to address climate change issues d. Advocate for the integration of climate technology challenges in their country's policies and actions for cooperation and development assistance e. Provide suggestions on how the CTCN can improve the quality of its support and procedures. e.g. Contact CTC team with suggestions, share feedback from partners.
2. Increase efficiency of CTCN technical assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Advocate linkages and collaboration between development organizations and developing countries, to identify capacity building need, to develop and follow-up on requests and support developing country NDEs. e.g. through national consultation, donors coordination groups, ongoing discussions with partners and government stakeholders b. Encourage their existing public and private partners working in developing countries, to identify technology and capacity building needs of developing countries and support them in developing requests c. Encourage follow-up support and funding of climate related projects by donors, development organizations and private sector, to further build capacities of developing countries, and increase the impacts and success of CTCN support.
3. Contribute to increased information and knowledge sharing through the KMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide the CTC with documents and information that are relevant to the scope of the CTCN Knowledge Management System (KMS), and showcase best practices from their country stakeholders. e.g. trainings and e-learning materials, briefs, reports and other resources b. Develop materials for the KMS based on the NDE experience in developed or developing countries on climate technologies. e.g. write a brief on lessons learned from a past project.

<p>4. Increase collaboration and networking opportunities and develop the CTN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify and list programmes, initiatives and organizations that are related to climate technologies and CTCN activities. e.g. compile list of public agencies, government institutions, private companies, academic and research institutions, non-profits, intergovernmental organization, development agencies b. Invite potentially interested organizations, experts and decision-makers to CTCN events. e.g. regional and international forums, trainings, workshop, peer learning programs c. Make relevant organizations aware of the CTN and encourage them to apply to the CTN membership. e.g. send information to private and public companies, set-up meetings
<p>5. Play an active role in the CTCN as a network member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Participate and contribute to events organized by the CTCN or related to climate technologies b. Support collaboration with the CTCN to organize joint events on climate technologies. e.g. international forums, regional forums, workshops for public-private partnerships, peer learning, NDE workshops c. Answer CTCN calls for technical assistance to respond to requests from Non-Annex I NDEs, if relevant to scope of expertise of the NDE d. Provide, as applicable, general capacity-building support to Non Annex I NDEs with the CTCN. e.g. co-organize workshop to build NDE capacities, organize peer visit, one-on-one mentoring