

### **Note on CTCN Technology and Gender Mainstreaming**

This Note serves to provide the Advisory Board with context on the COP's guidance regarding the CTCN and gender, as well as an update on current activities and findings related to CTCN's efforts to mainstream gender in its work.

#### **Guidance on CTCN and Gender**

Gender considerations are referenced in numerous COP decisions referring to the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) and its Advisory Board:

#### **Decision 2/CP.17 - Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention: Annex VII – Terms of Reference of the Climate Technology Centre and Network**

##### **I. Mission**

1. The mission of the Climate Technology Centre and Network is to stimulate technology cooperation and to enhance the development and transfer of technologies and to assist developing country Parties at their request, consistent with their respective capabilities and national circumstances and priorities, in order to build or strengthen their capacity to identify technology needs, to facilitate the preparation and implementation of technology projects and strategies taking into account **gender** considerations to support action on mitigation and adaptation and enhance low emissions and climate-resilient development.

#### **Decision 14/CP.18 - Arrangements to make the Climate Technology Centre and Network fully operational**

*Whereas* the mission of the CTCN is to stimulate technology cooperation and to enhance the development and transfer of technologies and to assist developing country Parties at their request, consistent with their respective capabilities and national circumstances and priorities, in order to build or strengthen their capacity to identify technology needs, to facilitate the preparation and implementation of technology projects and strategies, taking into account **gender** considerations to support action on mitigation and adaptation and enhance low-emission and climate-resilient development,

##### **Annex II**

#### **Constitution of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network**

4. Government representatives shall be nominated by their respective groups or constituencies and elected by the Conference of the Parties (COP). Groups or constituencies are encouraged to nominate the government representatives to the Advisory Board, with a view to achieving an appropriate balance of expertise relevant to the development and transfer of technologies for adaptation and mitigation, taking into account the need to achieve **gender** balance in accordance with decisions 36/CP.7 and 23/CP.18.

#### **Decision 25/CP.19 - Modalities and procedures of the Climate Technology Centre and Network and its Advisory Board**

5. *Requests* the Climate Technology Centre and Network, in executing its modalities and procedures, to work in conjunction with the Technology Executive Committee to ensure coherence and synergy within the Technology Mechanism, with the intention of:

(a) Accelerating the development and transfer of technology, taking into account **gender** considerations;

(b) Scaling up international collaboration on the development and transfer of technology;

## **Decision 25/CP.19 - Modalities and procedures of the Climate Technology Centre and Network and its Advisory Board**

### **Annex II Rules of procedure of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network**

#### **III. Members**

4. Government representatives shall be nominated by their respective groups or constituencies and elected by the Conference of the Parties (COP). Groups or constituencies are encouraged to nominate the government representatives to the Board, with a view to achieving an appropriate balance of expertise relevant to the development and transfer of technologies for adaptation and mitigation, taking into account the need to achieve **gender** balance in accordance with decisions 36/CP.7 and 23/CP.18.

### **Gender Guidance from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)**

Furthermore, both of CTCN's host organizations, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), have established strong policy and strategy guidelines on gender equality and empowerment which serve to further guide CTCN operations in terms of planning, operations, monitoring and reporting. UNEP's *Policy and Strategy for Gender Equality and the Environment 2014-2017* document also provides specific guidance on use of financial resources for gender mainstreaming actions:

#### **Financial Resources**

105. All Divisions, Regional Offices and MEA Secretariats will allocate not less than 1 per cent of programme and operations funds to gender mainstreaming actions and, where appropriate, at least 1 per cent of project funds.

108. Wherever possible, funds will be ear-marked to support networking by Gender Coordinators and Gender Focal Points. Networking is a critical and relatively low-cost form of capacity development that can have a marked impact on individual and organizational performance

### **CTCN efforts to integrate gender perspectives to date**

#### **1. Technical Assistance (design to monitoring and evaluation)**

*CTCN Technical Assistance Response Plan:* The M&E framework for each CTCN technical assistance response plan must describe how gender considerations will be included and monitored within the proposed activities, and any gender co-benefits that will be gained as a result of implementing the CTCN assistance. Sustainable Development Goals are included among co-benefits that should be assessed. Likewise, CTCN staff are actively speaking with potential proponents about the opportunity to submit requests which highlight gender considerations.

*Gender-related requests:* In the first quarter of 2016, the CTCN received a request for "mainstreaming gender for a climate resilient energy system in ECOWAS". This is a regional request from Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo. The goal of the request

is to facilitate a gender-responsive, climate resilient energy sector in West Africa, via four strategic areas: policy support and development; capacity building; knowledge management, awareness & advocacy; and investment promotion and business development. The support from CTCN is intended to complement the ongoing work of the ECOWAS Programme on Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access (ECOW-GEN).

## **2. Knowledge Sharing**

The CTCN partnered with UNIDO, UN Women, and ENERGIA on a webinar hosted by EmpowerWomen.org on the webinar: “RE-Thinking the Role of Climate Technology for Women’s Empowerment”. CTCN is also actively seeking knowledge partnerships with organizations experienced in gender and climate in order to collaborate on generating greater access to existing gender mainstreaming tools, guidance materials, reports and case studies via the CTCN Knowledge Portal: [www.ctc-n.org](http://www.ctc-n.org). Currently there are 249 information resources (publications, lessons learned, etc.) with a focus on gender within the CTCN KMS.

## **3. Capacity Building**

*NDE Trainings:* As part of regional inception trainings for CTCN National Designated Entities, sessions on [Mainstreaming gender into climate planning](#) have been presented.

*CTCN Secondment Programme:* The CTCN Secondment Programme enables young professionals from among Network members (including NDE institutions) and Consortium partners to participate in the work of the CTCN headquarters in Copenhagen, Denmark for a period of 4 - 6 months. Secondees participate in the strategic and operational work of the Centre, while enhancing their understanding of climate technology implementation and knowledge transfer. At the same time, the CTCN hopes to learn from the Secondees' experience, including identifying local technology needs, cultural, socio-economic and political influences on technological development, and how to effectively support development in specific regions. The selection process strives for a gender and geographical balance of Secondees.

## **4. Gender mainstreaming coordinator**

CTCN has appointed a Gender Mainstreaming Focal Point with educational and work experience in gender equality from among its manager-level staff. Furthermore, the Centre is in the process of hiring an expert consultant on gender mainstreaming to perform a gender analysis of CTCN, its functions, activities, and main stakeholders; provide a review of existing institution’s best gender mainstreaming practices, and to advise CTCN on a more comprehensive gender mainstreaming strategy.

## **5. Partnerships: UN Women**

The Climate Technology Centre and Network is working in partnership with UNEP and UN Women on the newly launched Global Programme for Women’s Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Energy (WESE). This Programme aims to promote gender-inclusive energy planning and policies and increase access to sustainable energy information to women entrepreneurs and energy users. The CTCN will support this Programme by making available its technology information and by ensuring that CTCN National Designated Entities are invited to participate in the Programme’s national stakeholder forums.

## **6. Participation in gender related meetings organized by the UNFCCC**

- ***In-session workshop on gender-responsive climate policy with a focus on mitigation action and technology development and transfer*** (8-9 June 2015): The CTCN presented on its mandate and operations in terms of gender at this workshop held in Bonn, Germany during the forty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies. The workshop was requested by decision 18/CP.20.

- **Expert Group Meeting: Implementation of gender-responsive climate action in the context of sustainable development** (14 – 16 October 2015): The CTCN presented at the Expert Group Meeting organized by UN Women, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat (UN DESA), and the secretariat of UNFCCC in Bonn, Germany. The EGM brought together representatives from existing climate finance and climate technology institutions, gender equality and climate change experts and specialists from a variety of countries, disciplines and organizations, as well as representatives of the organizing entities. Findings from this meeting were published in a report in November 2015. Excerpts from this report which reference CTCN follow in Annex 1. below.

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## **Annex. 1 Report of the Expert Group Meeting, EGM/GR-CR/Report, November 2015: Implementation of gender-responsive climate action in the context of sustainable development**

Excerpts of this report which reference CTCN are as follows:

### **The role of CTCN and TEC in supporting TNA implementation**

Guidance on systematic approaches for the inclusion of gender considerations needs to be enhanced in the support available for TNA implementation from the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) and the Technology Executive Committee (TEC). To fulfil the COP mandate for the CTCN to take into account gender considerations in its processes and operations, the operational arm of the UNFCCC's Technology Mechanism is moving towards fulfilment of its criteria to 'promote gender equality' in screening requests for technical assistance from developing countries. The CTCN will continue building its own gender equality expertise and capacity through the recruitment of gender specialists to guide the secretariat's work in incorporating gender considerations in its operations and processes and in providing technical assistance to developing countries. The gender equality expert who would be hired by the CTCN should be able to ensure the operationalization of the general guidance provided by its Advisory Board in 'promoting gender equality' as a prioritization criterion in screening requests for technical assistance by developing countries and the incorporation of gender considerations in all aspects of the operations of the CTCN, as earlier mandated by the COP, with clear indicators and targets.

Developing the gender equality capacities of NDEs is crucial since they serve as the national focal points for the CTCN's activities and act as links with national stakeholders. The CTCN needs to provide explicit guidance to the NDEs on the importance of building their gender expertise since they screen and decide on the requests for technical assistance that are submitted by the country to the CTCN. The CTCN will need to further strengthen its outreach to women's organizations and civil society organizations that promote gender equality and women's empowerment in the technology sphere to motivate them to become members of the Climate Technology Network (CTN). Local groups may be encouraged to join the CTN with more explicit information on the benefits that they can obtain as members.

### **Gender balance**

The COP decision creating the CTCN urged Parties to ensure gender balance in the designation of representatives in the Advisory Board of the CTCN. Despite this mandate, the composition of the Advisory Board of the CTCN remains unbalanced.

The gender equality expertise of members of the CTCN consortium that provide capacity building to the NDEs and countries as requested, as well as among the members of the Network that provide technical assistance as requested by Parties, should also be further built and expanded.

### **Guiding the TNA process: UN agencies**

Incorporate gender perspectives in the ClimateTech Wiki and CTCN Portal. Expand the online databases and knowledge portals on climate technologies as very promising tools for mainstreaming gender perspectives in TNA, TAPs and in the overall technology development and transfer efforts of countries; explore ways for

women's groups and civil society organizations to contribute resources to these portals, including on adaptation and mitigation technologies at the national and local levels, and also include country experiences and case studies.

**Supporting TNA implementation: CTCN and TEC**

Support gender-responsive climate technologies for adaptation and mitigation resulting from the TNA process. CTCN to ensure that its gender expert operationalizes the general guidance provided by the CTCN Advisory Board of "promoting gender equality" as a prioritization criterion in screening requests for technical assistance by developing countries; and also ensures the incorporation of gender considerations in all aspects of the operations of the CTCN, with clear indicators and targets.

Capacity-building to support incorporation of gender considerations in the TNA process. CTCN to build the capacity of its Technology Managers and staff on gender issues across technology sectors and tap into the expertise of women's organizations that are directly involved in promoting gender equality in climate technologies at the local levels; extend such capacity-building to the members of the CTCN consortium and network members, and to NDEs who receive training in regional forums; include gender perspectives in CTCN webinars on different technology sectors and issues, in addition to a thematic webinar on gender and technology.

Develop gender equality capacities of NDEs. CTCN to provide explicit guidance to the NDEs on building their gender equality capacities and enabling them to screen, from a gender perspective, and decide on the national requests for technical assistance to be submitted to the CTCN.

Reach out to organizations promoting gender equality. CTCN to reach out to women's and civil society organizations that promote gender equality and women's empowerment in the technology sphere to encourage them to join the Network; and encourage local groups to join CTCNs Network with targeted information on the benefits they can obtain from membership.

(Full report can be accessed at

[https://unfccc.int/files/gender\\_and\\_climate\\_change/application/pdf/egmreport\\_bonn\\_final\\_25\\_november\\_2015.pdf](https://unfccc.int/files/gender_and_climate_change/application/pdf/egmreport_bonn_final_25_november_2015.pdf))