

Report of the twelfth meeting of the Advisory Board

1. Opening of the meeting

The Chair of the Advisory Board, Ms. Maia Tskhvaradze, confirmed quorum and opened the twelfth meeting of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network at 13:10 on Wednesday, 3 October 2018. Opening remarks were given by the hosts of the CTCN, Mr. Tareq Emtairah of UNIDO and Mr. Mark Radka of UN Environment.

The table below lists the Advisory Board members who attended the Advisory Board's twelfth meeting. Regrets were received from Ms. Sara Agesen Munoz, Mr. Pei Laing, Ms. Vicky Noens, Mr. Vatankhan Moghaddam, Mr. Henrique Schneider, and Mr. Hamid Souleymane.

Advisory Board members attending the twelfth meeting	
Mr. Spencer Thomas	Mr. Julian Frohnecke
Mr. Samuel Adeoye Adejuwon	Mr. Soumya Dutta
Ms. Mette Møglestue	Ms. Orly Jacob
Mr. Joseph Amankwa Baffoe	Mr. Karsten Krause
Ms. Claudia Octaviano	Ms. Maia Tskhvaradze
Ms. Moa Forstorp	Mr. Ian Lloyd
Mr. Matthew Kennedy	Mr. Jukka Uosukainen
Ms. Dinara Gershinkova	Mr. Sergio La Motta

2. Organizational matters

a) Adoption of the agenda

The Advisory Board Chair confirmed that the agenda item addressing the 2019 budget for the CTCN could be discussed as a separate element as part of Item 8 of the agenda, and the Advisory Board adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document AB/2018/10/2.1.

b) Minutes of the previous meeting

The Advisory Board adopted the minutes from its eleventh meeting as contained in document AB/2018/12/2.2.

c) Organization of the work of the session

The Advisory Board took note of the proposed organization of work as contained in the time schedule of the annotated agenda as well as the list of proposed actions for the meeting as contained in document AB/2018/12/2.3.

The meeting was open to observers from both Parties and accredited observer organizations, and webcast via YouTube links accessible from the AB12 page on the CTCN website. It was noted that in accordance with its rules of procedure, the Board could decide at any time that part of the meeting should be closed to observers.

d) Membership matters

The Advisory Board welcomed new representatives from its three NGO constituencies: Mr. Henrique Schneider (BINGO), Mr. Matthew Kennedy (RINGO) and Mr. Soumya Dutta (ENGO). The Advisory Board also took note of its membership list as contained in AB/2018/12/2.4, and of those relevant constituencies that needed to submit nominations in advance of COP24.

Following a procedural explanation from the CTCN Director, the Advisory Board decided to appoint Mr. Hamid Souleymane (Chad) to the position of LDC representative to the Advisory Board to replace Mr. Thinley Namgyel (Bhutan), for the remainder of his term, in accordance with paragraph 6 of its rules of procedure as contained in Annex II of Decision 25/CP.19.

3. Report on CTCN activities since the last meeting

The Advisory Board took note of the summary of actions as a result of its eleventh meeting as contained in AB/2018/12/3.1, and took note of the report given by the CTCN Director on the overall status, progress and activities of the CTCN. The Director's report highlighted the renewal of the hosting agreement with the UNFCCC and reorganization of CTCN operations towards a geographic approach, its progress in supporting NDE in their role as country technology focal points, collaboration with the Green Climate Fund, opportunities for alignment with regional programs and funding agencies and the development of both fast as well as multi-country requests for technical assistance.

The Director further mentioned the progress made in realizing voluntary approaches to technical assistance implementation, capturing and communicating the impacts of CTCN activities to a broader audience, including donors, and of the response of the CTCN to the responsibilities assigned by the COP to promote gender issues.

4. UNFCCC meetings relevant to the CTCN

a) Report from the Bonn and Bangkok Climate Change Conferences

The Advisory Board took note of the presentation by Ms. Wanna Tanunchaiwatana, UNFCCC, that addressed the main outcomes of SB 48 (Bonn, May) and SB 48.2 (Bangkok, September) with a particular focus on technology issues, specifically the response to the independent review, the scope and modalities of the periodic assessment of the effectiveness of the Technology Mechanism, and the progress made by Parties towards agreement of a Technology Framework to support the Paris Agreement.

b) Report from the meeting of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and its task forces

The Advisory Board took note of the report by the Chair of the TEC, Claudia Octaviano. Ms. Octaviano reported on the progress of the rolling workplan of the TEC and its task forces, summarized the outcomes from TEC17 that had taken place the week before, and provided its key messages to COP24 including on South-South and triangular cooperation.

c) Preparations for COP24

The Advisory Board took note of the presentation by Ms. Wanna Tanunchaiwatana, UNFCCC, that addressed logistical expectations for COP 24 in Katowice, Poland, and of the issue of linkages between the Financial and Technology Mechanisms of the Convention that will resume at that meeting, as well as the hopeful conclusion of discussions on the Technology Framework to serve the Paris Agreement.

The Advisory Board also took note of the presentation of Ms. Karina Larsen, CTCN, on its plans for COP 24 to raise awareness of the organization, deepen work with key stakeholders, and raise awareness of the achievements of the organization's first five years of operations.

5. Joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network for 2018

a) Approval of the report of the Climate Technology Centre and Network

The CTCN presented its draft input to the joint annual report for discussion among the members of the Advisory Board, including recommendations arising from the independent review of the CTCN, action on gender, and key achievements during its first five years of operations. The Board made suggestions related to the framing of impacts as a result of the CTCN's first 40 technical assistance interventions and of the financial options facing the CTCN, and suggested capturing the actions the CTCN had taken in response to the recommendations arising from the review.

The Advisory Board also reaffirmed its support of the request from its NGO members to extend their terms from one year to two years to allow them to more effectively contribute to Advisory Board discussions and to bring their terms of office in line with other members. It was noted that this is a decision that must be made by the COP.

The Advisory Board approved the CTCN's contribution to the joint annual report to the COP.

b) Review of the joint chapter of the joint annual report of the TEC and the CTCN for 2018

The CTCN presented the revisions to the joint chapter of the joint annual report to the COP and CMA that had been proposed by TEC17. The Board agreed to all proposed changes and the Chair of the TEC agreed to the correction of one error of fact, and the Advisory Board agreed to forward the text as revised for inclusion in the joint annual report.

6. Matters relating to the Financial Mechanism

a) Standing Committee on Finance

The Advisory Board took note of the remote intervention by Ms. Vicky Noens, representative of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) of the UNFCCC, updating the Board on its guidance to the Financial Mechanism of the Convention and its Biannual assessment and overview of climate finance flows.

b) Green Climate Fund

Ms. Andrea Iro, representing the Green Climate Fund, presented an update on actions taken by the GCF and its Board related to the provision of support for climate technology, as well as a look forward at the 21st meeting of the GCF Board in October 2018. Mr. Manfredi Caltagirone, CTCN, provided an update on progress made between the two mechanisms in cooperating at country level, collaboration with the TEC and GCF on National Systems of Innovation, joint participation in regional meetings, and in using GCF Readiness funding to support CTCN technical assistance.

The Advisory Board posed questions of both presenters and took note of both presentations.

c) Global Environment Facility

The Advisory Board took note of the presentation of Ms. Katya Kuang-Idba, representing the Global Environment Facility, who provided an overview of the support available for climate technologies in GEF-7 as well as detail related to the Special Climate Change Fund of the GEF.

d) Adaptation Fund

The Advisory Board took note of a remote presentation from Mr. Farayi Madziwa from the Adaptation Fund on actions undertaken by the Adaptation Fund related to climate technology and of proposed activities for collaboration between the CTCN and the Adaptation Fund in 2018/2019.

7. CTCN actions in response to review recommendations

The Advisory Board took note of the presentation of Mr. Federico Villatico, CTCN, who noted the reviews of the CTCN that have been undertaken since its inception and provided a detailed overview of the actions the CTCN has taken in response to the recommendations of the independent review. The Advisory Board discussed possible additional actions that could be undertaken and provided guidance to the CTCN that was noted by the organization.

8. CTCN Programme of Work, Annual Operating Plan and Budget for 2019

a) Approval of the CTCN Programme of Work for 2019-2022

The Advisory Board took note of the CTCN presentation by Ms. Debbie Stowell on the draft Programme of Work for 2019-2022. The Board provided extensive guidance during the course of the meeting that resulted in a revised version which was noted by the Advisory Board and viewed as a good framework to guide future Annual Operating Plans. The Advisory Board encouraged the CTCN to use and further develop the draft presented on October 5 as the basis for a task force discussion in early 2019 that will continue to revise the Programme of Work based on the outcome of relevant decisions at COP24.

b) CTCN Annual Operating Plan and Budget for 2019

The Advisory Board took note of the CTCN presentation on the Annual Operating Plan and Budget for 2019, and provided guidance that resulted in a revised Annual Operating Plan for 2019 that was approved by the Advisory Board as well as a budget and potential 'high-ambition' budget for 2019 that were endorsed by the Advisory Board.

9. CTCN Financial matters

The Advisory Board took note of the presentation of Mr. Didier Salzmänn, UN Environment, on the CTCN Financial Statement for 2017 as well as on the financial update for the CTCN. The Advisory Board provisionally endorsed the 2017 financial statement pending agreement from one of its donors.

10. Other matters

The Advisory Board took note of a statement from Marie-Claire Graf, YOUNGO, on the contributions its delegation could make in support of the objectives of the CTCN.

11. Advisory Board administrative matters

a) Guidance to Advisory Board task forces

The CTCN will convene a meeting of the Advisory Board task force that will, at minimum, discuss the path forward on the Programme of Work 2019-2022. The CTC will discuss other possible topics with the Chair and Vice-Chair and communicate with the Board electronically.

c) Date of the next meeting

The thirteenth meeting of the Advisory Board and the eighteenth meeting of the TEC will take place back to back in Copenhagen from 18-22 March, 2019, with an overlapping session on 20 March. The TEC will meet from 18-19 March and the Advisory Board from 21-22 March.