

Advisory Board to the CTCN

Thirteenth meeting

27-29 March 2019

AB/2019/13/3.3

Summary of actions as a result of AB12

1. The CTCN presented its draft input to the joint annual report of the TEC and CTCN to COP24 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 CTCN reflected the helpful guidance of the Board in the communication of its impacts, guidance that also informed the development of the terms of reference for the Monitoring & Evaluation consultant to be engaged in Q2 2019 jointly by the TEC and CTCN to ensure systems are in place to appropriately capture and report on the impacts of their activities.
2. 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.
 - The request to align NGO terms was included in the report of the CTCN to COP24 and affirmed in COP decision 12/CP.24 paragraph 16. The decision has immediate effect, and the terms of the current NGO reps to the Advisory Board will conclude after AB15.
 - CTCN host UNEP acted to address a discrepancy in the reporting of a donor's contribution discussed at AB12, and included the revised figure in the report to COP24.
3. 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.
 - In responding to AB guidance and additional review recommendations, the CTCN has, *inter alia*:
 - Circulated the DANIDA review of the CTCN to AB members and made the report available on ctc-n.org;
 - Increased its outreach to Network members via its regional approach and increased their participation at regional forums convened by the CTCN;
 - Reposted the guidance endorsed by the Board at AB3 for Annex I NDEs;
 - Strengthened partnership with UNFCCC country focal points, including for the Financial Mechanism;
 - Engaged a deputy Director who will lead on resource mobilization, monitoring & evaluation, donor engagement, and partnerships – including with Network and NDEs;
 - Made TA closure reports publicly available on ctc-n.org;
 - Developed a 2018 Annual Report in response recommendations from the DANIDA report.

4. The Advisory Board took note of the CTCN presentation 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.

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 CTCN convened an AB Task Force meeting on outcomes from COP24 and preparations for AB13, including preparations for the joint session with the TEC and the CTCN Programme of Work on 9 February 2019;
- The CTCN prepared a revised version of the Programme of Work in early 2019 that was circulated to the Advisory Board for comment prior to AB13. A revised draft based on AB feedback will be considered for approval by the AB at its thirteenth meeting.