

Thirteenth meeting of the Advisory Board UN City, Copenhagen, Denmark

Report

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The Chair of the Advisory Board, Ms. Maia Tskhvaradze, opened the thirteenth meeting of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network at 09:10 on Wednesday, 27 March 2019.
2. The table below lists the Advisory Board members who attended the Advisory Board's thirteenth meeting. Regrets were received from Board members Ms. Sara Agesen Muñoz, Mr. Julian Frohnecke, Mr. Spencer Thomas, Ms. Vicky Noens, and Mr. Kazem Kashefi.

Advisory Board members attending the thirteenth meeting	
Mr. Joseph Amankwa Baffoe	Ms. Maia Tskhvaradze
Mr. Pedro Garcia Brito	Mr. Kenichi Wada
Ms. Moa Forstorp	Mr. Ping Zhong
Ms. Orly Jacob	Ms. Dinara Gershinkova
Mr. Omedi Moses Jura	Ms. Stella Gama
Mr. Seo Gon Ko	Ms. Sakhile Koketso
Mr. Sergio La Motta	Mr. Soumya Dutta
Ms. Meropi Paneli	Mr. Matthew Kennedy
Mr. Erwin Rose	Mr. Henrique Schneider
Mr. Hamid Abakar Souleymane	Mr. Jukka Uosukainen

2. Organizational matters

a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Advisory Board adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document AB/2019/13/2.1.

b) Membership matters

4. The Advisory Board:

a. Welcomed new members:

- Mr. Ping Zhong (China)
- Mr. Pedro Garcia Brito (Dominican Republic)
- Ms. Meropi Paneli (European Union)
- Mr. Kenichi Wada (Japan)
- Mr. Omedi Moses Jura (Kenya)
- Mr. Seo Gon Ko (Republic of Korea)

- b. Appointed Mr. Erwin Rose (USA) to replace Mr. Ian Lloyd (USA); and
- c. Appointed Ms. Orly Jacob to replace Mr. Karsten Krause as Vice-Chair of the Advisory Board.

c) Minutes of the previous session

- 5. The Advisory Board adopted the minutes of its twelfth meeting as contained in document AB/2019/13/2.3.

d) Organization of the work of the meeting

- 6. The meeting was open to observers from both Parties and accredited observer organizations, and webcast via the CTCN website.
- 7. The Advisory Board took note of the proposed organization of work as contained in the annotated agenda with time schedule and document AB/2019/13/2.1.

3. Report of the CTCN Director

a) CTCN activities

- 8. The Advisory Board took note of the report given by the CTCN Director on the overall status, progress and activities of the CTCN. The Director aligned his remarks with the inaugural CTCN Annual Report, highlighting the CTCN's progress against output indicators drawn from the 2018 Annual Operating Plan and Budget and building on milestones identified in the Joint Annual Report of the CTCN to the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC.
- 9. The Advisory board was also informed about CTCN actions as a result of outcomes of the 12th Advisory Board meeting as outlined in document AB/2019/13/3.3.

4. Coordination with other UNFCCC Constituted Bodies

a) Adaptation Committee

- 10. The Advisory Board took note of the presentation by Ms. Jaime Webbe (CTCN) on progress achieved at the fifteenth meeting of the Adaptation Committee with relevance to the work of the CTCN. A written summary of the outcomes of the fourteenth meeting of the Committee as well as from COP24, produced by the co-Chairs of the Adaptation Committee, was posted for the information of members of the Advisory Board on the AB13 website.

b) Standing Committee on Finance

- 11. The Advisory Board was advised that a summary of the most recent meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance was available for its members on the AB13 website.

c) UNFCCC Financial Mechanism

- 12. Ms. Katya Kuang-Idba (Global Environment Facility) provided an update on its investments to support climate technology, including through the Poznan Strategic Program on Technology Transfer and for technical assistance via the CTCN. Ms. Kuang-Idba also noted support that would be provided via the Seventh replenishment of the GEF and its continued support for country-driven climate technology priorities.
- 13. Ms. Sakhile Koketso (Green Climate Fund) noted the updates to the GCF Readiness guidebook related to climate technology and capacity building, and provided an update on GCF support via the GCF Readiness Programme for funding requests put forward with the support of the CTCN and country focal points for climate technologies.
- 14. Following their presentations, Mr. Manfredi Caltagirone (CTCN) presented on the work of the CTCN to engage with or access funding controlled by the GEF and the GCF, including the use of GCF Readiness and Preparatory Funding to fund technical assistance requests submitted to the CTCN and an update on efforts to access funds from GEF-7. The Advisory Board took note of all presentations.

5. Matters relating to the Convention's Technology Mechanism

a) Potential areas for collaboration and joint activities for the TEC and CTCN

15. On March 27, 2019, the members of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and the CTCN Advisory Board met in a joint session to discuss and provide guidance on potential areas for collaboration and joint activities for the TEC and the CTCN that will support the implementation of the technology framework agreed at COP24.
16. Members identified four overarching areas of work whose activities would benefit from increased collaboration among the bodies of the Technology Mechanism, and convened in discussion groups to brainstorm objectives, key activities and modalities for collaboration. The results were reported back to the joint session for discussion, and it was agreed that the four co-Chairs of the two bodies will convene intersessionally, with the support of the CTCN and TEC secretariats, to agree on a proposed set of actions that will be incorporated into the rolling workplan of the TEC and appended to the Programme of Work for the CTCN for 2019-2022.
17. Members also received updates on the activities and achievements of the Technology Mechanism since their previous meetings in September and October 2018, and took note of a presentation on plans for the monitoring and evaluation of the joint activities to be undertaken in support of the technology framework.

b) CTCN actions in response to review recommendations

18. The Advisory Board took note of a presentation from the CTCN Director on actions undertaken in response to the independent review of the CTCN conducted in 2017 and addressed by decisions at COP23 and 24. The Director also spoke briefly of findings of the reviews commissioned by two donors and steps underway to reflect their findings and recommendations in the day-to-day work of the CTCN.

6. CTCN Programme of Work 2019-2022

19. The Advisory Board took note of a presentation on the objectives and process involved in the development of the second CTCN Programme of Work (PoW), and the work undertaken by the CTCN to incorporate comments received by Board members on a revised version of the document circulated following the AB task force call convened by the CTCN on February 9, 2019.
20. The draft PoW links the actions identified by the new technology framework and considers the Terms of Reference of the Periodic Assessment of the Technology Mechanism of the UNFCCC in laying out the specific activities that will be undertaken during the period 2019-2022. The presentation emphasized the strategic importance of the PoW to the CTCN, as well as its use as the basis for the project documents to be prepared by CTCN host organizations UN Environment and UNIDO.
21. The Advisory Board provided additional guidance on the PoW, in particular on the appropriate design and selection of indicators to monitor progress of the activities of the CTCN that will be supplemented with targets established in CTCN Annual Operating Plans. The Advisory Board also discussed financial projections contained in the Programme of Work, in recognition of the important role of the PoW in the resource mobilization efforts of the CTCN and in identifying new sources of finance to implement the technology framework of the Paris Agreement.
22. The Advisory Board approved the revised Programme of Work (2019-2022) of the CTCN on March 29, 2019.

7. Monitoring and Evaluation of CTCN Activities

23. The CTCN Deputy Director presented the Advisory Board with an update on progress of the CTCN in updating its monitoring and evaluation system as well as guidance provided to an expert to be engaged that covers the M&E of CTCN activities as well as those undertaken jointly with or by the TEC.
24. The Advisory Board asked questions related to the scope and timeline associated with the work to be undertaken, and took note of the presentation.

8. CTCN Financial Matters

a) Presentation of the 2018 financial statement

25. The CTCN Financial Management Officer presented the CTCN financial statement for 2018 as well as a financial breakdown by activity area for the activities of the CTCN in 2018. The presentation addressed key areas of interest to the Advisory Board in evaluating the financial status of the CTCN, including resources available to support its activities and the percentage of those resources earmarked for a specific purpose.
26. Advisory Board members requested and received additional information, took note of the presentation and endorsed the CTCN Financial Statement for 2018.

b) Update on resources available to meet the costs associated with the CTCN, including resource mobilization

27. The Advisory Board took note of a presentation by the CTCN Deputy Director on the CTCN's overarching approach to resource mobilization, including challenges faced in engaging funding partners and planned work to be undertaken to increase the visibility and understanding of the CTCN value proposition. The presentation also addressed the interlinkages between effective outreach, engagement, monitoring and evaluation, and communication of impact and their importance to the effective resource mobilization efforts on behalf of the CTCN.
28. The Advisory Board inquired as to efforts underway to partner with existing initiatives, including those funded by donor partners of the CTCN, and offered outreach assistance as possible and appropriate. It was suggested that resource mobilization be addressed by a meeting of the CTCN AB task force.

9. National Designated Entities and the CTCN

29. The Advisory Board took note of the presentations by NDEs and representatives from Antigua and Barbuda, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Germany, the European Commission and Canada on their experiences partnering with the CTCN, challenges faced, and outreach and engagement being undertaken in support of NDE and CTCN objectives.

10. Other matters

30. The Advisory Board took note of interventions from observer organizations, including representatives from the NGO, Women and Gender, and Youth constituencies. No other matters were formally considered under this agenda item.

11. Advisory Board administrative matters

a) Guidance to Advisory Board task force

31. The Advisory Board nominated Mr. Matthew Kennedy to lead intersessional advisory board task force discussions that will be open to participation from all members of the Advisory Board. An indicative list of proposed topics to be addressed includes: CTCN Annual Operating Plan for 2020, Monitoring & Evaluation, and Financial Matters. Topics and schedule will be guided by Mr. Kennedy with the support of the CTCN.

b) Date and venue of the next meeting

32. It was agreed that the fourteenth meeting of the Advisory Board would take place during the week of 9-13 September, in order to minimize overlap with other meetings and facilitate the participation of TEC and CTCN AB members at both meetings, subject to confirmation of available meeting facilities. The dates and location of AB14 will be communicated to all AB members as soon as finalized by the CTCN and its host agencies.

c) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

33. Ms. Orly Jacob (Canada) was elected as the new Chair of the Advisory Board, and Mr. Ping Zhong (China) was elected as the new Vice-Chair. The Advisory Board thanked Ms. Maia Tskharadze for her service as Chair of the Advisory Board.

14. Closure of the meeting

4. The meeting was officially closed at 16:00 on Friday, 29 March 2019.