

## Climate Technology Centre & Network

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### **Collaboration between GEF focal points and national designated entities**

Dear Ms. Ishii,

The CTCN welcomes the opportunity provided by decision 10/CP.23, para 13 (a) to communicate information on collaboration between Operational Focal Points (OFP) for the GEF and National Designated Entities (NDE) for climate technology.

The CTCN continued to foster and encourage better engagement of the 134 non-Annex I NDEs with focal points of the UNFCCC's Financial Mechanism in 2019. This was done through by conducting specific sessions during the annual regional fora of NDEs, presenting summaries of CTCN- and NDE-relevant COP decisions, soliciting feedback from NDEs, and recommending ways to enhance collaboration at the national level. The objective of these discussions was to raise awareness and improve dialogue leading to the development of high-quality, transformational proposals to the Financial and Technology Mechanisms that advance country priorities.

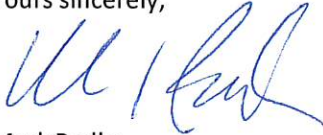
The CTCN does not have evidence that collaboration of NDEs with OFPs has been additionally strengthened in the last year. We are unaware, however, of any activities that might have been undertaken by the GEF to support in-country collaboration to implement relevant guidance from the COP. As the CTCN does not have resources to significantly scale up national-level linkages or build necessary relationships and awareness of respective processes, this situation is unlikely to change in the near future.

If resources become available, the CTCN would be pleased to work with the GEF Secretariat on a workplan aimed at strengthening the operational relationships between NDEs and GEF OFPs. A possible approach could be to build on preliminary successes, partnering with GCF National Designated Authorities, including conducting joint capacity building workshops and collaborating on regional meetings. This has led to the development of technology proposals using GCF Readiness funding. The expertise of the CTCN and its

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implementing partners could also be leveraged to develop or scale-up proposals in priority areas of the GEF-7 Climate Change Focal Area Strategy, particularly decentralized renewable energy, energy efficiency, and cleantech innovation.

Yours sincerely,



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