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Contribution from the CTCN

Launched in December 2013 at COP19, the CTCN is the operational arm of the Technology Mechanism established under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It is hosted by the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and 11 independent, regional organizations with expertise in climate technologies. Through this partnership and its Network of regional and sectoral experts, the CTCN provides customized technology solutions and capacity building, and connects stakeholders with the information, service providers, and funding sources they need.

The CTCN Mission is to accelerate technology cooperation and enhance the development and transfer of technologies tailored to developing country requests. It responds to direct requests for technical assistance submitted by developing countries through their National Designated Entities (NDEs). Technical assistance covers a wide range of support such as capacity building and disseminating technology transfer best practices; identifying technology needs; developing environmentally sound technology solutions; technology cooperation and matchmaking; and catalysing private and public investment.

The CTCN is now fully operational and is currently collaborating with 6 countries on 8 technical assistance requests covering sectors such as energy, water, agriculture and forestry. Countries receive feedback on their requests within two weeks after submission. In the area of land use, the CTCN received three requests. The first was from Honduras to help install technology and enhance local capacity for monitoring and protection of mangrove forest in coastal zones. The second was received from Chile to establish a national network for monitoring biodiversity. The third request was from Colombia to establish a unified system for monitoring national efforts on adaptation to be able to measure their impacts and benefits.

The success of the CTCN will depend on the active and effective engagement of NDEs. To enable NDEs to understand their roles and the process for developing and submitting requests, the CTCN has been conducting training workshops in Africa, Asia and Latin America. To date, 84 individuals from 74 countries have been trained. As a result, more countries are now submitting requests to the CTCN, and we encourage countries who haven't yet nominated their NDEs to do so as soon as possible so they can benefit from the services offered by the CTCN.

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