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Second meeting of the new Technology Mechanism's policy arm set to kick off in Bonn

(Bonn, 14 February 2012) - The second meeting of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC), the policy arm of the UNFCCC's Technology Mechanism, is set to kick off in Bonn, Germany, on Wednesday.

The Technology Mechanism is designed to help countries step up the impact, pace and quality of technology actions that are needed to address climate change and to ensure that these benefits reach developing countries.

"Technology is vital for developing countries to both curb their emissions and to build more climate-resilient societies," said Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC. "This meeting is an important next step towards ensuring that the Mechanism becomes fully operational this year and begins delivering concrete results," she said.

The second meeting of the Technology Executive Committee (15-17 February) will develop its workplan for 2012 and 2013. Specifically, the meeting will focus on how to build on existing technology-related opportunities in the following areas: analysis and synthesis, policy recommendations, facilitation and catalysing, linkages with other relevant institutional arrangements under the UNFCCC, engagement of stakeholders including the private sector, and information and knowledge sharing.

The Technology Mechanism has a policy arm, which is the Technology Executive Committee, and an implementing arm, which is the Climate Technology Centre and Network.

A call for proposals to host the Climate Technology Centre was issued in January, and proposals need to be submitted to the UNFCCC secretariat by 16 March 2012.

At its meeting in Bonn the Technology Executive Committee will nominate three committee members from the developing world and three from industrialised countries to evaluate and make recommendations on possible hosts of the Climate Technology Centre.

The next UN Climate Change Conference in Qatar in November 2012 will give the final approval of the host of the Climate Technology Centre.



The Technology Executive Committee meeting will be webcast live and on demand from the <unfccc.int> web site, see: http://unfccc4.meta-fusion.com/kongresse/120215_tec02_bonn/templ/ovw_small.php?id_kongressmain=207

Relevant documentation can be found at <http://unfccc.int/ttclear/jsp/TECMeeting.jsp>

For more information on the issue of development and transfer of technologies under the UNFCCC, see: http://unfccc.int/cooperation_and_support/technology/items/1126.php

About the UNFCCC

With 195 Parties, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has near universal membership and is the parent treaty of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. The Kyoto Protocol has been ratified by 193 of the UNFCCC Parties. Under the Protocol, 37 States, consisting of highly industrialized countries and countries undergoing the process of transition to a market economy, have legally binding emission limitation and reduction commitments. The ultimate objective of both treaties is to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that will prevent dangerous human interference with the climate system.

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