

Twelfth meeting of the Technology Executive Committee

United Nations Campus (AHH building), Bonn, Germany
5–8 April 2016

Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The Chair of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) for 2015 will open the 12th meeting of the TEC (TEC 12) on 5 April 2016.

2. Organizational matters

a) Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Technology Executive Committee for 2016

2. **Background:** In accordance with the “Rules of procedure of the Technology Executive Committee” (Rules of procedure), the TEC shall elect annually a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among its members for a term of one year each, with one being a member from an Annex I Party and the other being a member from a non-Annex I Party. The positions of Chair and Vice-Chair shall alternate annually between a member from an Annex I Party and a member from a non-Annex I Party.
3. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to elect for 2016 a Chair from non-Annex I Party members, and a Vice-chair from Annex I Party members. The nominations will be effective with immediate effect, and the newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair for 2016 will be invited to preside the meeting.

b) Adoption of the agenda

4. **Background:** In accordance with the Rules of procedure, the TEC shall, at the beginning of each meeting, adopt the meeting agenda. A draft provisional agenda for TEC 12 was prepared by the TEC Chair and Vice-Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, and circulated to TEC members for comments prior to the meeting.
5. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to adopt the agenda for TEC 12.

TEC/2016/12/1 Provisional agenda for the 12th meeting of the Technology Executive Committee

c) Organization of work

6. **Background:** TEC 12 will be held from 5 to 8 April 2016, scheduled to begin at 14:00 on 5 April. The meeting will be open to attendance by Parties and accredited observer organizations as observers, except where otherwise decided by the TEC. There will be a live webcast of the meeting.
7. A tentative work schedule for the meeting presents the proposed sequence and indicative timeline for the agenda items.
8. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to take note of the proposed organization of the work of the meeting.

TEC/2016/12/3 Tentative work schedule for the 12th meeting of the Technology Executive Committee



d) Membership matters

9. **Background:** At the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21), the COP elected the following new TEC members: Ms. Claudia Alejandra Octaviano Villasana (Mexico), Mr. Michael Rantil (Sweden), Mr. Changmo Sung (Korea), and Ms. Adelle Thomas (Bahamas). The COP also re-elected for a second term the following members: Ms. Elfriede A. More (Austria), Ms. Viktoriia Shtets (Ukraine), and Mr. Stig Svenningsen (Norway). Mr. Mareer Mohamed Husny (Maldives) was nominated last year before COP 21. The following members will remain in office until their successors are elected: Mr. Gabriel Blanco (Argentina), Mr. Omedi Moses Jura (Kenya), and Mr. Karma Tshering (Bhutan).
10. At TEC 12, all TEC members will be invited to introduce themselves.
11. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to take note of the membership status.

3. **Evolution of the technology activities under the Convention**

12. **Background:** The Paris climate change conference held in December 2015 provided a rich outcome for technology development and transfer. That was another milestone in enhanced technology development and transfer activities under the Convention.
13. At TEC 12, the secretariat will be invited to provide a brief overview of the evolution of technology development and transfer activities under the Convention. This may serve as background information to inform the TEC on its further discussion on and preparation of its next rolling workplan.
14. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to take note of the information presented.

TEC/2016/12/4 Background note on the evolution of technology activities under the Convention

4. **Relevant meetings and events**a) Paris climate change conference 2015

15. **Background:** COP 21 was held in Paris, France, from 30 November to 11 December 2015, along with the forty-third sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), and the twelfth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. Technology development and transfer was one of many important issues considered and agreed upon in Paris.
16. At TEC 12, the secretariat will be invited to present a background note on the outcomes of the Paris climate change conference relevant to the Technology Mechanism. The TEC Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015 will also report on their participations in relevant meetings and events. This may serve as background information to inform the TEC on its further discussion on and preparation of its next rolling workplan.
17. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to take note of the information provided.

TEC/2016/12/5 Background note on the outcomes of the Paris climate change conference relevant to the Technology Mechanism

b) Technology Facilitation Mechanism

18. **Background:** Established to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM) was launched at the UN Summit in September 2015 with the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda. One component of the TFM is an UN Inter-agency Task Team, whose duties include promoting coordination, coherence and cooperation within UN System, and enhancing synergy and efficiency, particularly for capacity-building initiatives.
19. At TEC 12, a representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), who is also a UN organization member of the UN Inter-agency Task Team, will be invited provide an update on the progress of work regarding the TFM.

20. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to take note of the information provided.

c) Others

21. At TEC 12, TEC members will be invited to share information on their participation in any other meetings or events that may be relevant to the work of the TEC.

22. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to take note of the information provided.

5. **Matters relating to the Climate Technology Centre and Network**

23. **Background:** The Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) held its 6th meeting from 14 to 16 September 2015 in Copenhagen, Denmark, and will hold its 7th meeting from 11 to 13 April 2016 in Vienna, Austria.

24. At TEC 12, the Chair of the Advisory Board of the CTCN and the Director of the CTCN will be invited to provide an update on the main outcomes of the 6th meeting of the Advisory Board and the preparation for the 7th meeting, as well as on the operations and progress of work of the CTCN, including areas for possible collaboration with the TEC in 2016.

25. **Expected action:** In addition to exchanging views on areas for possible collaboration with the CTCN for its next rolling workplan, the TEC will be invited to take note of the information provided.

6. **Work of the Technology Executive Committee**

a) Technology needs assessments

26. **Background:** At COP 21, the COP noted that the TEC would make available to developing countries in early 2016 a guidance on the preparation of technology action plans (TAPs), for countries to use in informing the technology needs assessment (TNA) process, in line with activity 2.3 of its updated rolling workplan for 2014–2015.

27. At TEC 12, the secretariat will be invited to present a background paper on TAPs, for information. Furthermore, the task force on TNAs will be invited to present the updated guidance on TAPs, for the TEC's consideration.

28. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to consider the updated guidance on TAPs, and finalize the guidance to disseminate it to developing countries shortly.

TEC/2016/12/6	<i>Background paper on technology action plans of developing countries</i>
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TEC/2016/12/7	<i>Updated guidance on technology action plans</i>
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b) Climate technology financing

29. **Background:** At COP 21, the COP requested the TEC, the CTCN and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism to continue to consult on and further elaborate, including through an in-session workshop at the forty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (SB 44) in May 2016, the linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism. The COP also requested the TEC to include, in its annual report, the findings arising from these activities for consideration at COP 22, taking into consideration the recommendations to be provided by the Board of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) at COP 22.

30. At TEC 12, a representative of the GCF will be invited to provide an update on the current state-of-play of the GCF, their priorities for 2016 and how the GCF plans to respond to the requests from the COP on technology-related matters, including the invitation to provide recommendations on linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism. In addition, a representative of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) will be invited to provide an update on their planned activities to support enhanced action on technology development and transfer and how they plan to respond to relevant requests from the COP.

31. Also at TEC 12, the task force on linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism (task force on finance) will be invited to present a draft agenda for the in-session workshop on linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism, for the TEC's consideration. The GCF, GEF and CTCN will also be invited to consider this draft agenda.

32. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to:

- a) Consider the draft agenda of the in-session workshop on linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism, and determine the next steps to finalize the agenda for the workshop;
- b) Request its task force on finance to provide inputs after TEC 12 for the workshop on long-term finance to be held at SB 44.

TEC/2016/12/8	<i>Draft agenda of the in-session workshop on linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism</i>
FCCC/CP/2014/6	<i>Linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism of the Convention: recommendations of the Technology Executive Committee</i>

c) Enabling environments and barriers

33. **Background:** At TEC 11, the TEC requested the task force on enabling environments and barriers to identify possible activities for further work on enabling environments and barriers as part of the next TEC rolling workplan, and to present them for consideration at the next TEC meeting.
34. At TEC 12, the task force will be invited to present possible activities for further work on enabling environments and barriers, for the TEC's consideration.
35. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to take note of the task force's proposal. The further consideration of this proposal will continue in the context of the next rolling workplan, under agenda item 7.

TEC/2016/12/9	<i>Background note on possible activities for further work on enabling environments and barriers</i>
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d) Technologies for mitigation

36. **Background:** At TEC 11, the TEC considered a draft outline and proposed scope of a technical paper on distributed renewable electricity generation prepared by the task force on mitigation, in accordance with activity 5.2 of its updated rolling workplan. As the TEC could not conclude its consideration on the exact scope of the paper, the TEC noted that this matter would be further considered in the context of its next rolling workplan to be developed at TEC 12.
37. At COP 21, the COP resolved to strengthen, in the period 2016–2020, the existing technical examination process on mitigation (M-TEP), including by requesting the TEC to engage and provide regular updates during in the technical expert meetings (TEMs) on the progress made in facilitating the implementation of policies, practices and actions identified during this process. The COP decided that this process should be organized jointly by the SBI and the SBSTA and should take place on an ongoing basis until 2020. The COP also requested the secretariat to organize the M-TEP and disseminate its results, including by organizing, in consultation with the TEC and relevant expert organizations, regular TEMs focusing on specific policies, practices and actions representing best practices and with the potential to be scalable and replicable.
38. At TEC 12, the secretariat will be invited to present an update on the preparation of the TEM on mitigation in May 2016 as part of SB 44.
39. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to agree on its action/inputs for the TEM on mitigation in May 2016. Discussions related to the TEC work in the M-TEP and technologies for mitigation will take place in the context of the next rolling workplan, under agenda item 7.

e) Technologies for adaptation, including in-session thematic dialogue on enablers and barriers to South-South cooperation on technologies for adaptation

40. **Background:** As per activity 5.3 of its updated rolling workplan, the TEC is to organize a thematic dialogue on enablers and barriers to South-South cooperation on technologies for adaptation, to take place as part of the first TEC meeting in 2016.

41. **Expected action:** As part of TEC 12, the TEC will hold this thematic dialogue on Wednesday 6 April. Any follow-up discussion and possible actions arising from the thematic dialogue will take place in the context of the next rolling workplan, under agenda item 7.

TEC/2016/12/10	<i>Agenda for the thematic dialogue on enablers and barriers to South-South cooperation on technologies for adaptation</i>
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f) Outreach and communication strategy of the Technology Executive Committee

42. **Background:** At TEC 10, the TEC agreed to further elaborate its outreach and communication strategy, with advice and inputs from experts in this area, and to finalize its strategy at a future TEC meeting in 2016, in accordance with activity 6.3 of its updated rolling workplan.
43. At TEC 12, the secretariat will be invited to present, for the TEC's consideration, a draft communications and outreach strategy of the TEC prepared with expert inputs and taking into account communications and outreach activities the TEC conducted in the second half of 2015.
44. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to consider this draft, and agree on a communications and outreach strategy of the TEC.

TEC/2016/12/11	<i>Draft communications and outreach strategy of the Technology Executive Committee</i>
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7. **Development of the next rolling workplan of the Technology Executive Committee**

45. **Background:** In accordance with the Rules of procedure, the TEC shall agree on a workplan and keep it under regular review. At TEC 11, the TEC initiated a discussion on possible elements for its next rolling workplan, and requested its Chair and Vice-Chair to prepare, with the support of the secretariat, a draft TEC rolling workplan for 2016–2017, taking into account relevant outcomes of COP 21, for consideration by the TEC at its first meeting in 2016.
46. At TEC 12, the TEC Chair and Vice-chair will be invited to present a proposal for a draft rolling workplan for 2016–2018 for the TEC's consideration. The TEC will consider this matter in various sessions (see tentative work schedule TEC/2016/12/3).
47. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to consider this draft, and agree on its next rolling workplan.

TEC/2016/12/12	<i>Draft rolling workplan of the Technology Executive Committee for 2016-2018</i>
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8. **Date and venue of the next meeting**

48. **Background:** In accordance with the Rules of procedure, the TEC shall meet at least twice a year, resources permitting. Additional meetings may be organized as necessary to enable it to discharge its responsibilities. At TEC 11, the TEC agreed to tentatively hold its 13th meeting (TEC 13) in the week of 27 to 30 September 2016. However, due to the early date of COP 22 and the need to complete the annual report of the TEC and CTCN to the COP beforehand, the date had to be brought forward. Taking into account the availability of TEC members and rooms on the UN campus, TEC 13 will take place in the week of 5-9 September 2016, and members were informed electronically before TEC 12.
49. **Expected action:** The TEC will be invited to take note of the date for TEC 13.

9. **Other matters**

50. At TEC 12, TEC members and observers will be invited to raise any other matters.
51. **Expected action:** The TEC may wish to consider any other matters raised and determine any follow-up action, as appropriate.

10. **Closure of the meeting**

52. The TEC Chair will be invited to recap the key outcomes of the meeting, and close the meeting.