

Tenth meeting of the Technology Executive Committee

AHH, Bonn, Germany
9-12 March 2015

Background note

The main outcomes of the Lima climate change conference

I. Introduction

A. Background

1. The UNFCCC Lima climate change conference was held in Lima, Peru from 1 to 12 December 2014. At this meeting, the Conference of the Parties held its twentieth session (COP 20) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) held their forty-first sessions. In addition, the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) held the seventh part of its second session (ADP 2-7).
2. During these meetings, Parties considered, inter alia, issues related to climate technology development and transfer. This included consideration of issues relating to the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN).

B. Scope of the note

3. This background note builds on a letter sent to TEC members on 29 January 2015 by Ms. Wanna Tanunчайwatana, Manager of the Technology Sub-programme, UNFCCC secretariat. Annex I to this note provides an overview of relevant decisions and conclusions from the Lima climate change conference. Annex II consists of a current membership chart of the TEC, for membership effective as of TEC 10.

C. Possible action by the Technology Executive Committee

4. The TEC may wish to take note of the information provided in this paper.
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Annex I: Relevant decisions and conclusions from the Lima climate change conference

I. Conference of the Parties (COP 20)

Decision 1/CP.20: Lima Call for Climate Action

The COP reiterated its call to developed country Parties, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and any other organizations in a position to do so to provide support for the preparation and communication of the intended nationally determined contributions of Parties that may need such support.

The COP decided to continue the technical examination of opportunities with high mitigation potential, including those with adaptation, health and sustainable development co-benefits, in the period 2015–2020, by requesting the secretariat to, inter alia:

Organize a series of in-session technical expert meetings which, inter alia, build on and utilize the related activities of, and further enhance collaboration and synergies among, the TEC, the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), the Durban Forum on capacity-building, the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.

COP decision text:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/cop20/eng/10a01.pdf>

Decision 2/CP.20: Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

The COP appreciated the work of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts to develop its initial two-year workplan. It approved the initial two-year workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.

COP decision text:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/cop20/eng/10a02.pdf>

Decision 4/CP.20: Report of the Adaptation Committee

The COP:

- Welcomed the progress made by the Adaptation Committee in the implementation of its three-year workplan, including:
Promoting coherence in adaptation under the Convention, in particular in collaboration with the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the TEC and the Standing Committee on Finance and in the context of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change;
- Requested Parties, operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and other relevant entities working on adaptation to consider the recommendations contained in chapter V of the report of the Adaptation Committee, as included in the annex.

COP decision text:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/cop20/eng/10a02.pdf>

Decision 5/CP.20: Long-term climate finance

The COP invited the thematic bodies under the Convention, in particular the Standing Committee on Finance, the Adaptation Committee and the TEC, where appropriate, to consider the long-term finance issues referred in decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 12 when implementing their 2015–2016 workplans, as an input to the in-session workshops referred to in paragraph 12 above.

COP decision text:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/cop20/eng/10a02.pdf>

Decision 6/CP.20: Report of the Standing Committee on Finance

The COP:

- Invited the relevant bodies under the Convention to take note of the summary and recommendations by the Standing Committee on Finance on the 2014 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows;
- Welcomed the inputs of the TEC and the Adaptation Committee to the work of the Standing Committee on Finance for its consideration in preparing elements of draft guidance to the operating entities;

COP decision text:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/cop20/eng/10a02.pdf>

Decision 7/CP.20: Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The COP requested the Board of the Green Climate Fund, when deciding its policies and programme priorities, to consider the information and lessons learned through engagement with other relevant bodies under the Convention, and other relevant international institutions;

The COP also requested the Board of the Green Climate Fund to further enhance the participation of all stakeholders in accordance with paragraph 71 of the Governing Instrument and other relevant Board decisions;

COP decision text:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/cop20/eng/10a02.pdf>

Decision 16/CP.20: Joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network for 2013

The COP adopted the modalities of the TEC on linkages with other relevant institutional arrangements under and outside of the Convention contained in the annex to the report referred to in paragraph 1 above,¹ with a view to promoting coherence and cooperation across technology activities under and outside of the Convention;²

COP decision text:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/cop20/eng/10a03.pdf>

Decision 17/CP.20: Joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network for 2014

The COP:

- Noted with appreciation the collaboration between the TEC and the CTCN and encouraged them to continue collaborating to enhance coherence and synergy in the work of the Technology Mechanism;
- Decided that the TEC and the CTCN shall continue to prepare a joint annual report to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies, on their respective activities and the performance of their respective functions;
- Welcomed the work of the TEC in 2014 on technologies for adaptation, including the TEC Briefs on technologies for adaptation in the agriculture and water sectors, and looks forward to

¹ FCCC/SB/2013/1.

² The text in the annex to the report referred to in paragraph 1 above will replace chapters V and VI of the modalities of the TEC adopted by decision 4/CP.17.

the Committee's work on technologies for mitigation as part of the implementation of its rolling workplan for 2014–2015;

- Noted that the TEC held a workshop on national systems of innovation in October 2014 and requests the TEC to continue its work on enabling environments and barriers as stipulated in activity 4 of its rolling workplan for 2014–2015;
- Encouraged the TEC to continue to strengthen the linkages referred to in paragraph 10 above in the implementation of its rolling workplan for 2014–2015;
- Requested the TEC to provide guidance on how the results of the technology needs assessments, in particular the technology action plans, can be developed into projects that can be ultimately implemented, and to provide an interim report on its preliminary findings to the subsidiary bodies at their forty-third sessions;

COP decision text:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/cop20/eng/10a03.pdf>

II. Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 10)

Decision 2/CMP.10: Second review of the Adaptation Fund

The CMP requested the Adaptation Fund Board to consider options for developing operational linkages, as appropriate, between the Adaptation Fund and constituted bodies under the Convention, taking into consideration the mandates of the respective bodies.

COP decision text:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/cmp10/eng/09a01.pdf>

III. Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 41)

Agenda item 12(b): Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer

The SBI noted that the TEC, in response to an invitation from SBI 40 to evaluate the Poznan strategic programme, initiated its deliberations on this matter at its 9th meeting, held in Bonn, Germany, in August 2014. The SBI also noted that the TEC will undertake the evaluation of the Poznan strategic programme in 2015, guided by the terms of reference to be developed by its task force on this matter. It invited the TEC to provide an interim report on its preliminary findings to SBI 42 (June 2015) and a final report to the Conference of the Parties through SBI 43 (November–December 2015).

The SBI 41 conclusion on this matter is contained in document FCCC/SBI/2014/21, paragraphs 86-88:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/sbi/eng/21.pdf>

Annex - Current membership chart of the Technology Executive Committee, membership effective as of TEC 10

Africa
Mr. Birama Diarra (Mali)
Mr. Omedi Moses Jura (Kenya)
Mr. Duduzile Nhlengethwa-Masina (Swaziland)
Asia-Pacific
Mr. Kanat Baigarin ³ (Kazakhstan)
Mr. Seyed Mohammad Sadeghzadeh (Iran)
Mr. Zhang Xiaohua ⁴ (China)
GRULAC
Mr. Gabriel Blanco (Argentina)
Mr. Daniel Buira Clark (Mexico)
Mr. Eduardo Noboa (Ecuador)
Small island developing States
Mr. Albert Binger (Jamaica)
Least developed country Parties
Mr. Karma Tshering (Bhutan)
Annex I
Ms. Gabriela Fischerova (Slovakia)
Mr. Jürg Grütter (Switzerland)
Mr. Matthew Kennedy (Ireland)
Ms. Elfried More (Austria)
Mr. Antonio Pflüger (Germany)
Mr. David Reidmiller (United States of America)
Mr. Kunihiko Shimada (Japan)
Ms. Viktoriia Shtets (Ukraine)
Mr. Stig Svenningsen (Norway)

Membership chart up-to-date as of 9 February 2015. For further information, refer to:
http://unfccc.int/files/bodies/election_and_membership/application/pdf/membership_chart.pdf

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