#### Thirteenth meeting of the Technology Executive Committee

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#### **Background note**

## Main outcomes of the Bonn climate change conference of May 2016

#### I. Introduction

#### A. Background

1. On 16 to 26 May 2016, the UNFCCC held the 2016 Bonn climate change conference in Bonn, Germany. At the conference, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) held their forty-fourth sessions. The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) also held its first session. In addition to these sessions, other events also took place.

#### B. Scope of the note

2. This note summarizes the outcomes of the conference relevant to the TEC. It also highlights events and meetings in which the TEC Chair or Vice-Chair participated.

#### C. Possible action by the Technology Executive Committee

3. The TEC will be invited to take note of the information provided in this background note.

#### II. Overview of relevant outcomes from SBI 44 and SBSTA 44

# A. Scope and modalities for the periodic assessment of the Technology Mechanism in relation to supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement

- 4. Under its agenda item 11, the SBI initiated the elaboration of the scope and modalities for the periodic assessment of the Technology Mechanism in relation to supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement.
- 5. As part of the SBI conclusions on the item, the SBI invited Parties and observer organizations to submit their views on the scope and modalities for the periodic assessment by 25 January 2017. It requested the secretariat to prepare a compilation and synthesis report of those views for consideration at SBI 46.
- 6. SBI conclusions for this item may be found here:

http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2016/sbi/eng/08.pdf#page=20

## B. Technology framework under Article 10, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement

- 7. Under its agenda item 4, the SBSTA initiated the elaboration of the technology framework established under Article 10, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.
- 8. As part of the SBSTA conclusions on the item, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare an information note on mapping climate technology development and transfer activities and initiatives under and outside the Convention relevant to the implementation of the Paris Agreement, including on the status of the implementation of the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention, as adopted by decision 4/CP.7 and enhanced by decision 3/CP.13.
- 9. The SBSTA also invited Parties to submit their views by 15 September 2016 on the elaboration of the technology framework, including the content, features and characteristics, the purpose and the themes of the technology framework in order for the secretariat to prepare a compilation of Parties' submissions for consideration at SBSTA 45.
- 10. SBSTA conclusions for this item may be found here:

http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2016/sbsta/eng/02.pdf#page=10

#### III. Relevant meetings and events

### A. In-session workshop on linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism of the Convention

- 11. During the Bonn climate conference, an in-session workshop was held on linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism. The in-session workshop provided a platform for the TEC, CTCN, GCF and the GEF to continue to consult on and further elaborate the linkages between the Technology Mechanism and Financial Mechanism.
- 12. Information on the workshop may be found in the TEC 13 background note TEC/2016/13/9.

#### B. Technical expert meetings

- 13. The UNFCCC held two technical expert meetings (TEMs) on mitigation and two TEMs on adaptation as part of the 2016 Bonn climate change conference.
- 14. Information on the TEMs may be found in TEC 13 background note TEC/2016/13/5.

#### C. Participation of the TEC Chair or Vice-Chair

- 15. The TEC Chair or Vice-Chair made presentations or interventions in the following events during the 2016 Bonn climate change conference:
  - (a) Adaptation Committee side event: establishing a partnership platform to provide technical support;<sup>1</sup>
  - (b) COP 21 Presidency stocktake meeting;
  - (c) CTCN side event: technology transfer insights;<sup>2</sup>
  - (d) Durban forum on capacity-building;<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> < https://seors.unfccc.int/seors/reports/archive.html>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> < https://seors.unfccc.int/seors/reports/archive.html >.

 $<sup>^3 &</sup>lt; \underline{http://unfccc.int/cooperation\_and\_support/capacity\_building/items/7486.php} >.$ 

- (e) In-session workshop on linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism of the Convention;<sup>4</sup>
- (f) In-session workshop on long-term climate finance;<sup>5</sup>
- (g) TEC side event: supporting the implementation of technology action plans;6
- (h) Technical expert meeting on the social and economic value of carbon;<sup>7</sup>
- (i) Technical expert meeting on shifting to more efficient public transport and increasing energy efficiency of vehicles;<sup>8</sup>
- (j) Technical expert meeting follow up dialogues: renewable energy supply.9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> < http://unfccc.int/ttclear/templates/render cms page?s=events ws tmfm>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> < http://unfccc.int/cooperation support/financial mechanism/long-term finance/items/9518.php>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> < https://seors.unfccc.int/seors/reports/archive.html>.

<sup>7 &</sup>lt; <a href="http://climateaction2020.unfccc.int/tep/technical-expert-meetings/">http://climateaction2020.unfccc.int/tep/technical-expert-meetings/</a>>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> < http://climateaction2020.unfccc.int/tep/technical-expert-meetings/>.