

Fourteenth meeting of the Technology Executive Committee

United Nations Campus (AHH building), Bonn, Germany
28–31 March 2017

Cover note

Draft agenda of the special event on innovation and climate change of the Technology Executive Committee

I. Background

1. Building on its work on innovation and the need to support countries in implementing their nationally determined contributions (NDCs), the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) has decided to hold an event on innovation and climate change. Specifically, the TEC decided that it will hold a special event on: *how innovation can support the implementation of the technology elements of NDCs and mid-century strategies*. The TEC decided to hold this event during the United Nations Bonn Climate Change Conference in May 2017.
2. The TEC requested its task force on innovation and research, development and demonstration to support the preparation of this event.

II. Scope of the note

3. The annex to this note contains the draft agenda of the special event on innovation and climate change of the Technology Executive Committee. As the organization of the event is a dynamic process and speakers continue to confirm, the most up-to-date agenda, and further information on the event, can be found here: <http://unfccc.int/ttclear/events/2017_event2>.

III. Expected action by the Technology Executive Committee

4. The TEC will be invited to consider the task force's update and provide guidance for the preparation of the special event.





Special Event

How innovation can support implementation of nationally determined contributions and mid-century strategies

A Technology Executive Committee event

Draft Agenda

Moderator: Mr. Zitouni Ould-Dada, Head of Technology Unit, UN Environment

10:00 – 10:15 *Opening*

Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, United Nations Climate Change Secretariat
Mr./Ms. Chair, Technology Executive Committee

10:15 – 11:45 *Session I: Keynote speakers*

Innovation for addressing climate change

Professor Mariana Mazzucato, Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value, University College London (tbc)

How can innovation help us to address climate change?

Mr. Elon Musk, Chief Executive Officer, Tesla Motors (tbc)

Ms. Nawal Al-Hosany, Executive Director of Sustainability Masdar (tbc)

Three 20 minute high-level presentations followed by discussion among all participants.

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11:45 – 11:50 **Video: Climate innovation (tbc)**

11:50 – 13:00 **Session II: Climate innovation efforts from across the globe**

Scaling up climate innovation in India

Mr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute, India

Enhancing climate innovation and entrepreneurship in Kenya

Mr. Edward Mungai, Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Climate Innovation Centre

Implementing Argentina's nationally determined contribution through innovation

Mr. Miguel Ángel Blesa, Secretary of Planning and Policy, Ministry of Science and Technology, Argentina

Three 10 minute presentations followed by discussion among all participants.

13:00 – 15:00 **Lunch**

15:00 – 16:15 **Session III: Sectoral tech innovation enhancing climate action**

Innovation in the clean energy sector

Mr. Bill Lenihan, Chief Financial Officer, Off-Grid Electric Tanzania (tbc)

Technology innovation supporting the Caribbean to adapt to climate change

Mr. Glenroy Brown, Jamaican Meteorological Service

Climate innovation for cities: bus rapid transport in Guangzhou and Yichang

Ms. Xiaomei Duan, Technical Director, Far East BRT Planning Co., Ltd., China

Three 10 minute presentations followed by discussion among all participants.

16:15 – 16:20 **Video: Climate innovation (tbc)**

16:20 – 17:45 **Session IV: Plenary discussion**

Q1: How can we nurture innovation in developing countries, enhancing the implementation of nationally determined contributions and mid-century strategies?

Champion: Mr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute, India

Q2: How can international cooperation accelerate climate tech innovation efforts in developing countries, enhancing the implementation of nationally determined contributions and mid-century strategies?

Champion: Mr./Ms. (to be confirmed), International Energy Agency

Q3: How can the UNFCCC process and its constituted bodies accelerate climate tech innovation efforts in developing countries, enhancing the implementation of nationally determined contributions and mid-century strategies?

Champion: Mr. Jukka Uosukainen, Director, Climate Technology Centre and Network

All participants consider three questions. Each question champion makes a 5 minute presentation and then moderates plenary discussion on their question.

17:45 – 18:00 **Summary, way forward and closing**