Technology Executive Committee

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Draft joint chapter prepared by the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board

Cover note

I. Introduction

A. Background

- 1. In accordance with the agreed procedures for preparing the joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), the report shall contain a section as the joint chapter of the TEC and CTCN. The procedures also note that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board (CTCN AB) are to prepare and finalize this joint chapter, taking into account any comments received from members of the TEC and the CTCN AB.
- 2. The CMA, at its second session, recalling decision 15/CMA.1, paragraph 3, noted that the information on how the TEC and CTCN have incorporated the guidance contained in the technology framework into their respective workplan and programme of work was not included in a comprehensive manner in the joint annual report for 2019, and requested the TEC and CTCN to include this information in their joint annual report for 2020.
- 3. CMA 2 also notes the areas identified by the TEC and CTCN for collaboration in 2019–2022 in supporting implementation of the Paris Agreement, and requests them to finalize in 2020 the development of activities to be undertaken jointly in those areas with a view to incorporating the guidance contained in the technology framework into these activities.
- 4. At TEC 21, the TEC Chair and Vice Chair will be invited to present the draft joint chapter prepared by the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the TEC and the CTCN AB.

B. Scope of the note

5. This cover note provides in the annex the draft joint chapter of the TEC and the CTCN as prepared by the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board.

C. Expected action by the Technology Executive Committee

6. TEC members will be invited to consider the draft joint chapter and provide inputs and further guidance for the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board to finalize the joint chapter.

Annex

Joint chapter of the joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network

- 1. Despite the challenges posed by the outbreak of COVID-19, the TEC and CTCN succeeded in implementing a number of joint activities to support technology development and transfer under the Convention and the implementation of the technology framework of the Paris Agreement.
- 2. The TEC and CTCN implemented their respective monitoring and evaluation systems and jointly conducted outreach to NDEs in order to collect feedback on the long-term impacts of activities undertaken by the two bodies and seek input on suggested methods to improve the delivery of assistance and support.
- 3. The TEC and CTCN enhanced their contribution to pre-2020 ambition and implementation, in particular through the technical examination process on mitigation, and strengthening their engagement with global and regional stakeholders by jointly organizing four virtual regional technical expert meetings on mitigation on "Climate smart cooling solutions for sustainable buildings" for stakeholders in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Eastern Europe and West Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean, held in August 2020. 1,2,3,4
- 4. The TEC and the CTCN ensured coherent communication under the Technology Mechanism through online communication, participation by their representatives at each other's meetings and events, and the organization of, or participation in, joint events including:
 - (a) The Technology Mechanism side event at COP 25;⁵
 - (b) The Technology Mechanism virtual event during the June Momentum;⁶
 - (c) The TEC and CTCN deep dive sessions at G-STIC 2020;⁷
- (d) The panel discussion "Enabling green innovation: challenges, problems, opportunities and directions" at 2020 GSDV conference;⁸ and
- (e) The Technology Mechanism virtual event during the UN Climate Change Dialogues 2020.9
- 5. The TEC and the CTCN also continued to collaborate with other constituted bodies under the Convention and Paris Agreement and strengthened linkages with the Financial Mechanism. The Chairs of the TEC and of the CTCN Advisory Board participated in:
 - (a) The SBSTA-IPCC Joint Working Group meeting at SB 51;
- (b) The informal open dialogue between representatives of constituted bodies on the three functions of the LCIPP at SB 51;
- (c) The 4th annual meeting of the GCF with the constituted bodies, at COP 25, to enhance cooperation and coherence of engagement between the GCF and the Technology Mechanism;
 - (d) The launch of the GEF Challenge Programme for Adaptation Innovation at COP 25;
- (e) The PCCB roundtable on coherence and coordination at COP 25, to discuss how to enhance coherence and coordination among the constituted bodies and financial mechanisms;

¹ See https://unfccc.int/ttclear/events/2020/2020 event03.

² See https://unfccc.int/ttclear/events/2020/2020 event04.

³ See https://unfccc.int/ttclear/events/2020/2020 event05.

⁴ See https://unfccc.int/ttclear/events/2020/2020 event06.

⁵ See https://unfccc.int/ttclear/events/2019 event8.

⁶ See https://unfccc.int/ttclear/events/2020/2020_event01.

⁷ See https://www.gstic.org/2020/themes/climate/.

⁸ See http://igsdv.org/program.html.

⁹ See https://unfccc.int/ttclear/events/2020/2020_event08.

- (f) The technical part of the stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition at COP 25; and
- (g) The UNFCCC virtual dialogue on experiences and lessons learned from the pilot regional climate technology transfer and finance centres supported under the PSP (November 2020).
- 6. The TEC and the CTCN, through their respective secretariats, ensured that information was shared, and feedback provided on various areas of work, including the identification of needs, gaps, challenges, and enabling environments for endogenous capacity, the analysis of enablers and barriers in technology development and transfer, and the incorporation of gender considerations in each body's technology work.
- 7. In response to a mandate from CMA 2 and in addition to the joint activities implemented in 2020, ¹⁰ the TEC and CTCN finalized the development of activities to be undertaken jointly in the period 2021-2022. The identified areas for collaboration are: building back better; technology and NDCs; technologies that are ready to transfer; and gender and technology (see Annex I). [+placeholder for any other decision made during AB16 & TEC21]
- 8. In response to decision 8/CMA.2, para. 2, the TEC and CTCN have included in Annex II to this report additional information on how they have incorporated the guidance contained in the technology framework into their respective workplan and programme of work.
- 9. The TEC and the CTCN are committed to a continued enhancement of their collaboration and look forward to the organization of joint sessions of the TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board for an increased coordination of the work of the Technology Mechanism, including with a view to ensuring that Parties receive effective and coherent climate technology support in implementing their nationally determined contributions and national adaptation plans to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement.