

**DRAFT**  
**MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING**  
**OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**  
**Buenos Aires, 2 to 4 December**

EGTT/2005/1

**Attendance**

The following EGTT members attended the sixth meeting of the EGTT:

- Mr. Leonidas Osvaldo GIRARDIN
- Mr. Rawlestone MOORE
- Mr. Bernard MAZIIN
- Ms. Margaret MARTIN (Chair)
- Mr. Thomas VERHEYE
- Mr. Holger LIPTOW
- Mr. William Kojo AGYEMANG-BONSU
- Mr. Taka HIRAISHI
- Mr. Anthony ADEGBULUGBE
- Mr. Imran Habib AHMAD
- Ms. Renata CYBULSKA-WITKIEWICZ
- Mr. Young Gu PARK
- Ms. Muriel DUBE
- Mr. Vute WANGWACHARAKUL
- Mr. Kishan KUMARSINGH (Vice-Chair)
- Mr. Elmer HOLT
- Mr. Carlos GREZZI
- Ms. Christine WOERLEN (GEF)
- Mr. Yamil BONDUKI (UNDP)
- Mr. Jens MACKENSEN (UNEP)

The following resource persons were invited to participate in the meeting:

- Mr. Brian CHALLENGER outgoing chair CGE
- Ms. Emily OJOO-MASSAWA incoming chair CGE
- Ms. Marina PLOUTAKHINA (UNIDO)

**Proceedings**

The meeting was opened at 10 am on 2 December 2004.

**1. Adoption of the agenda and the minutes of the last meeting.**

Acknowledging the fact that some EGTT members and relevant resource persons were yet to arrive, it was decided to adapt the proposed agenda to allow these persons to make their statement at relevant agenda items.

**Action :** The agenda was adapted as proposed during the meeting and the minutes of the special meeting held in Montreal, in September 2004 approved.

## 2. Completion of the remaining activities in the programme of work of the EGTT for 2004

### A. Technology needs assessments

The EGTT took note of the information provided by UNDP on the status of its work in providing support to Parties on their technology needs assessments in response to the invitation of the SBSTA at its twentieth session. The EGTT further noted that fewer than 10 technology needs assessments reports had been received by UNDP to date. Using this limited number of reports, UNDP initiated a preliminary analysis with the purpose of identifying technology priorities that may be common across countries and regions. UNDP anticipated that this information would assist Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) in identifying issues relevant to the preparation of their second national communications. Thus, it will focus on lessons learned that could assist countries in the analysis of technology needs and gaps in the future.

UNDP also informed the EGTT that the National Communications Support Programme (NCSP) of UNDP and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), is scheduled to initiate its activities in early 2005. The NCSP will provide an integrated package of technical support to facilitate implementation of second national communications. The core focus of the programme is capacity-building, best practices and knowledge management. A key area of work will be technology needs assessments in the context of national mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Furthermore, the EGTT agreed to encourage Parties undertaking technology needs assessments to use the handbook to guide their work on technology needs assessments, as appropriate. The EGTT encouraged UNDP and CTI to continue their training and technical assistance efforts to assist non-Annex I Parties in conducting their technology needs assessments.

**Action:** The EGTT, in undertaking its activities in relation to technology needs assessments, will review further progress of this work in collaboration with UNDP, UNEP and the GEF with the aim to organizing a workshop in 2006 to share experience and lessons learned among Parties undertaking technology needs assessments.

### B. Technology information

With respect to the outcome of the survey on TT:CLEAR, the EGTT agreed to inform the SBSTA of the useful contributions being made by TT:CLEAR in assisting Parties to gain access to relevant technology information. The EGTT also considered document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/10 prepared by the secretariat on resource implications for the maintenance and further development of TT:CLEAR.

**Action:** The EGTT will recommend the SBSTA that financial support be allocated to maintain and improve TT:CLEAR on an ongoing basis. It also will recommend to define more narrowly what topic areas TT:CLEAR can best focus upon while enhancing use and access to TT:CLEAR as indicated in the report on the results of TT:CLEAR survey (FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.8) presented for consideration by the SBSTA at its twentieth session. In addition, the EGTT will recommend that the SBSTA should encourage the secretariat, resources permitting, to pursue its work as described in FCCC/SBSTA/2004/10.

With regard to the review of needs, logistical implications and institutional arrangements associated with networking international technology clearing houses and networks of regional and national technology centres, the secretariat informed the EGTT of its activity to explore with UNEP/SANet, Natural Resources Canada and Climate Technology Cooperation Gateway (United States of America) opportunities for cost-effective sharing of electronic information between TT:CLEAR and their web portals. The EGTT was informed that a functioning pilot information sharing network was established with UNEP/SANet and Canada's Clean Energy Portal to test the

feasibility of the technical solution proposed and to estimate the logistical implications, institutional arrangements and the costs associated with networking national technology centres.

The secretariat also prepared an informal paper which was considered by the EGTT to document the above exercise and to provide information on options and estimated technical and financial resource requirements for extending this network to cover two to three national/regional centres in developing countries for testing the feasibility of the system as a pilot phase.

**Action:** After a long debate, the EGTT decided to seek more information on the topic of networking and to continue its discussion on this issue at its seventh meeting, by considering a draft scope of work prepared by the secretariat. This work is related to task 3 identified in document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/10 and is reflected in the EGTT work programme for 2005.

### **C. Enabling environments**

During the intersessional period, the EGTT consulted with business and industry through the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and provided input on the preparation of sector specific workshops as encouraged by the SBSTA at its eighteenth session. The business and industry representatives informed the EGTT and the secretariat that they will organize this activity in conjunction with SBSTA 21 on Monday, 13 December 2004, from 1800 to 2000 hours.

With regards to the analysis of the interaction of climate and environmentally related legislation and policies on national technology choices and transfer, the EGTT was not able to undertake its work because the SBSTA at its nineteenth session did not endorse the EGTT's suggestion that Parties submit their views on this matter.

**Action:** The EGTT agreed to consider the outcome of the event organized by business and industry at COP 10 at its seventh meeting. Also under this area, the EGTT agreed to prepare for its seventh meeting an informal paper to define and better understand the issues surrounding publicly owned technologies and those in the public domain.

### **D. Capacity building**

One of the EGTT's activities for 2004 in the area of capacity building was to analyze trends (e.g., capacity-building for hardware operation, human resources and institutional capacity-building) and gaps and overlaps in the implementation of different capacity-building activities. The EGTT, at its fifth meeting, decided to base its work on the information provided in documents FCCC/2003/TP/1 and FCCC/2004/TP/1 with, if necessary, additional information provided by the secretariat, and formed a small group to work on this issue. However, due to the heavy workload in other areas, this group was not able to complete its work as planned.

**Action:** In pursuing its work on capacity building, the EGTT decided to integrate activities on this matter with other activities in the cross-cutting area of the proposed work programme for 2005.

### **E. Mechanisms**

At the special meeting in September 2004 Montreal Canada the secretariat presented an update of the ongoing work of the Joint Liaison Group (FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.9). At this meeting, the secretariat of the CBD was also invited to present technology transfer activities under the CBD, including possible collaboration between the EGTT and the CBD expert group on technology transfer and technological and scientific cooperation.

**Action:** The EGTT agreed that it will continue to explore possible areas for collaboration with other Conventions and processes and will report on the progress to the SBSTA as requested

#### **F. Cross-cutting activities**

On work relating to clean technology/energy centres in the context of technology centres and networking, the EGTT took notice of the information provide by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on activities on related to their cleaner production centres programme.

**Action:** The EGTT agreed to explore further possible collaboration with UNIDO and other relevant organizations on this issue.

With respect to technologies for adaptation to climate change, the EGTT agreed on the terms of reference for a seminar on development and transfer of environmentally sound technologies for adaptation to climate change, including endogenous technologies to be organized by the secretariat in 2005 as requested by the SBSTA at its twentieth session.

#### **G. Innovative financing**

The EGTT took notice of the report of the workshop on innovative options for financing the development and transfer of technologies which took place on 27–29 September 2004 in Montreal, Canada. The workshop was organized by the secretariat under the guidance of the EGTT and its report is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/11. The EGTT recognized the kind assistance of Natural Resources Canada and the financial support for the organization of the workshop provided by the Governments of Finland and the United States of America and the European Commission as well as the Climate Technology Initiative.

As requested by the SBSTA at its twentieth session, the EGTT considered the outcomes of the workshop and the report of the workshop prepared by the secretariat. The EGTT found the workshop useful in broadening the understanding of workshop participants on the role and interest of governments and the private sector, including local project developers, entrepreneurs and the financial community, and on conventional as well as innovative financing approaches currently applied and/or under development with regard to the transfer of technologies within and outside the Convention process.

**Action:** The EGTT agreed to continue its work on this area as proposed in the proposed work programme for 2005.

### **3. Programme of Work for 2005**

The EGTT recognized the need to undertake work in many areas, including that requested by the SBSTA at its nineteenth and twentieth sessions. However, within the limited time and resources available in 2005, the EGTT would caution that it may not be able to respond fully to all requests by the SBSTA. In this context, the EGTT agreed to focus its activities in 2005 on:

- (a) Areas relating to technology needs assessments
- (b) Organization of a seminar and preparation of terms of reference for a technical paper on technologies for adaptation to climate change, including endogenous technologies
- (c) Innovative financing for the development and transfer of technologies by preparing a practioners' guide, as called for at the Montreal workshop, and by organizing a workshop to advance the issue

- (d) Enabling environments in relation to issues surrounding publicly owned technologies and those technologies in the public domain.

#### 4. Other matters

##### A. Coordination between EGTT, LEG and CGE expert groups

In implementing its work programme for 2004 the EGTT continued to cooperate on cross-cutting issues with the other expert groups established under the Convention. At the sixth meeting of the EGTT the outgoing Chair and incoming Chair of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) were invited to present the work of their group and to identify possible areas for cooperation. In this context, the role of technology needs assessments and their link with the national communications of non-Annex I Parties was addressed, as well as the EGTT activities on technologies for adaptation.

**Action:** In 2005, the EGTT will further enhance this cooperation, including on facilitating the exchange of views between the groups by organizing back-to-back meetings and inviting members of the other groups to brief the EGTT on their activities, by linking the web pages of the groups and by improving the exchange of information and documentation.

##### B. Election of EGTT officers serving for the year 2005 and changes in its membership

In accordance with paragraph 6 of its terms of reference, the EGTT at its sixth meeting elected, by consensus, Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh (Trinidad and Tobago) as Chair and Mr. Bernard Mazijn (Belgium) as Vice-Chair of the EGTT for 2005.

**Action:** Parties will nominate or confirm, as appropriate, members of the EGTT for the period 2005–2006 and inform the secretariat on these nominations at SBSTA 21. The list and terms of EGTT members will be contained in an annex to the SBSTA 21 report.

##### C. Calendar of the EGTT meetings for 2005

The seventh meeting of the EGTT will take place on 12 and 13 May 2005 in conjunction with SBSTA 22 in Bonn, Germany. The eighth meeting will be held on 2–4 November 2005 in conjunction with SBSTA 23. The group tentatively planned to convene a special meeting in conjunction with the seminar on technologies for adaptation to climate change to be organized by the secretariat in late June 2005.

#### 6. Closure of the meeting.

The sixth meeting of the EGTT was adjourned at 18.30 on 4 December 2004.

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