Technology Executive Committee (TEC) – relevant work and activities for the AC

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Technology Executive Committee:

- TEC, together with the CTCN, consistent with their respective functions, is mandated to facilitate the effective implementation of the Technology Mechanism, under the guidance of the COP.
- Technology Mechanism was established to facilitate the implementation of enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation in order to achieve the full implementation of the Convention.



Functions of the TEC:

- Provide an overview of technological needs and analysis of policy and technical issues related to the development and transfer of technologies (DTT) for mitigation and adaptation (M&A);
- Consider and recommend actions to promote DTT, in order to accelerate action on M&A;
- Recommend guidance on policies and programme priorities related to DTT with special consideration given to the LDCs;
- Promote and facilitate collaboration on DTT for mitigation and adaptation between governments, the private sector, non-profit organizations, academic and research bodies;
- Recommend actions to address the barriers to DTT in order to enable enhanced action on (M&A);
- Seek cooperation with relevant international technology initiatives, stakeholders, and organizations, and promote coherence and cooperation on the DTT activities, including activities under and outside the Convention;
- Catalyze the development and use of technology road maps or action plans at the international and national levels through cooperation between relevant stakeholders, particularly governments, including the development of best practice guidelines as tools for action on M&A;



TEC workplan for 2012-2013

- WP aims to support Parties in enhancing and/or scaling up technology transfer activities under the Convention.
- Workplan made available at SB 36 (FCCC/SB/2012/1, Annex I)
- Relevant activities to the AC:
 - a) Elaborate modalities on linkages with other relevant institutional arrangements (2)
 - b) Prepare an inventory of the relevant work of the institutions that are active in the area of technology (4)
 - c) Review of technology needs from various sources (5)
 - d) Organize thematic dialogues (6)
 - e) Inventory and review of technology roadmaps (7, 12)



Linkages with other bodies under the Convention

- COP requested the TEC to seek cooperation with relevant international technology initiatives, stakeholders and organizations, and promote coherence and cooperation across technology activities, including activities under and outside of the Convention.
- For performing its functions, the TEC will work through close interaction with relevant thematic bodies established under and outside the Convention.
- Modalities on the linkages with other institutional arrangements under the Convention may include, inter alia:
 - a) Cross-participation in the meetings of the relevant bodies, including workshops and events organized by such bodies, or jointly organized, on issues of common interest;
 - Inviting inputs to support the implementation of particular activities as specified in the work plan of the TEC;
 - c) Providing inputs into other institutional arrangements under the Convention, in response to requests by the COP and/or invitations by respective institutions, to facilitate the work of those institutions;
 - d) Knowledge and information sharing.



Linkages with other bodies under the Convention

- Representatives of the AC, LEG and the SCF participated in TEC 5, including by presenting activities of the work plans of the respective bodies of relevance to the TEC.
- The TEC noted that there are some possible overlapping activities between the work undertaken by the various bodies, which may require further coordination and collaboration among the bodies to ensure coherence and promote synergies.
- In response to this need, the TEC agreed to establish a Linkage Taskforce within the TEC to:
 - a) Identify priority areas and specific topics for collaboration with other relevant institutional arrangements under the Convention and propose modalities to engage them;
 - b) Propose two possible topics for technology briefs on adaptation.



Priority areas and specific topics for collaboration with relevant bodies under the Convention

- Given the potential overlaps between the planned activities of the TEC and those of other bodies under the Convention and the need for greater coherence and collaboration, the TEC may wish to consider to collaborate with the AC:
 - a) To review technology needs from various sources;
 - b) To organize a workshop/expert meeting on barriers to and enabling factors for technologies for adaptation;
 - c) To propose two possible topics for technology briefs on adaptation
 - d) To provide input (a paper or presentation) to the workshop on means of implementation.
 - e) To collaborate on integration of TNAs into NAPs (as input to, or part of, NAPs preparation process).
- A possible starting point to initiate collaboration between the TEC, AC and LEG could be the organization of a joint workshop between the TEC, AC and the LEG to discuss prospective adaptation topics.
- This workshop could be used to start elaborating the specifics of a few topics as well as lay out a broader, long term collaborative agenda between the three entities.



Adaptation sectors, subsectors and technologies commonly considered by Parties in their TNAs



Thank you for your attention.



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