

**Briefing by the Chair of the Technology Executive Committee
at the Briefing event by institutions under the Convention relevant for the provision of support
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Opening

Thank you Mr. Co-Chair,

Distinguished co-Chairs, dear colleagues and delegates,

In my capacity as the Chair of the Technology Executive Committee (the TEC), I would like to present the following overview of the on-going and future work of the TEC.

Technology Mechanism

As you are aware, the Technology Mechanism was established by Parties at COP 16 to facilitate the implementation of enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation.

There are two components of the Technology Mechanism:

- The TEC, which is the policy and guidance component of the Technology Mechanism, and;
- The CTCN, including its Advisory Board, which is the implementation component.

The TEC, along with the CTCN, is mandated to facilitate the effective implementation of the Technology Mechanism, under the guidance of the COP.

As the policy and guidance component of the Technology Mechanism, the TEC is mandated to undertake work on areas including technology needs, policies and programme priorities for technology transfer related activities, enabling environment for and barriers to the development and transfer of technology, and technology roadmaps and action plans. This year, TEC has started with a focus on adaptation, linkages to other arrangements, technology roadmaps and a thematic dialogue. It has established a task force especially dedicated to the linkages.

Work of the Technology Executive Committee

The TEC has met five times since its inception in 2011 and has made good progress in the implementation of its work plan for 2012-2013. In 2012, the TEC presented its second annual report on its activities and performance, which included key messages and the identification of follow up activities.

With regards to on-going and future work, there are several aspects of the TEC's work which are focused on enhancing action on technology development and transfer to support action on both mitigation and adaptation, in accordance with its mandate.

The work of the TEC on **enabling environments for and barriers to** technology development and transfer is undertaken to support enhanced action on both mitigation and adaptation. In 2012 the TEC held two thematic dialogues on this issue and elaborated key messages that were presented to COP 18. For better communication, messages were summarized in a brochure. In addition TEC has held a side-event to support communication. We have the impression that this was helpful for actually making use of them.

In 2013, at its 6th meeting the TEC will consider a preliminary synthesis of information contained in the completed second round of Technology Need Assessment reports, with a particular focus on enabling environments for and barriers to development and transfer of both mitigation and adaptation technologies. This will help the TEC decide on follow up activities on this area.

In terms of technology need assessments (TNA), at its 5th meeting the TEC considered a background paper on success stories highlighting the successful implementation by Parties of technology needs identified in their TNA reports. The TEC will draw on this useful information as it develops a technology brief on TNAs, which will be made public in late 2013. This may be helpful for Parties that are developing their Technology Action Plans for action on both mitigation and adaptation.

As for technology roadmaps, the TEC held an expert meeting on technology roadmaps, with a focus on adaptation, on 26 March, in Bonn, Germany, with the main objective of considering the role of the TEC in catalysing the development and use of TRMs by Parties. During the meeting, good practises for developing roadmaps were identified, and the TEC is drawing on the outcomes of this meeting as it currently prepares a technology brief on TRMs. This may assist Parties in developing technology roadmaps for mitigation and adaptation technologies, possibly as part of their national Technology Action Plans.

Conclusion

Looking at the work carried out in the last year and a half, as well as the on-going and future work, the TEC is making good progress on the activities identified in its 2012-2013 rolling work-plan developed to fulfill its mandate to facilitate the effective implementation of the Technology Mechanism.

The TEC's overall objective and work to enhance action on technology development and transfer to support action on both mitigation and adaptation is very central to the work under both work streams of the ADP and TEC stands ready to contribute to it.

Thank you for your attention.