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Opening Statement by the Vice Chair of the CTCN Advisory Board

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Thank you, Mr Chair.

Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This has been an important year for the Climate Technology Centre and Network, and as Vice-Chair of the CTCN Advisory Board I am pleased to be able to provide you with some highlights of our achievements in 2017.

The CTCN has firmly established itself as an operational body under the Convention, and is demonstrating how a country-driven mechanism can match global expertise with the climate technology needs of developing countries. To date, the CTCN and its implementing partners have completed nearly thirty requests for technical assistance and are acting on a hundred and eleven others in over seventy countries.

For instance, CTCN technical assistance has supported the design and construction of a solar photovoltaic facility in Algeria, as well as recommendations to Antigua and Barbuda for priority renewable energy technologies. A CTCN intervention in Jordan is strengthening its capacity to access international financing for priority technologies, and another resulted in the development of policy, legal and regulatory frameworks to guide the development of geothermal energy in Uganda.

CTCN country technology focal points (National Designated Entities, or NDEs) play a prominent role as primary interlocutors in our external relationships. This partnership with NDEs forms the basis for our strong collaboration with the Financial Mechanism as we scale up opportunities based on CTCN Technical Assistance towards effective climate investments. NDEs will also play a role in advancing collaborative Research, Development & Demonstration of climate solutions in their countries as discussed at the Eighteenth Meeting of the Green Climate Fund Board last month.

The Advisory Board established two task forces to strengthen two-way communication and enhance the guidance it provides to the CTCN. These task forces primarily provide strategic and operational advice related to CTCN technical assistance services, and recently also considered the provision of alternate means of financial support to the CTCN. These approaches will deepen engagement with donor governments and provide needed, alternative sources of funding while deploying innovative solutions and advancing national development priorities. I note, however, that while our partnerships with the GEF and GCF continue to advance, the CTCN still lacks

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sufficient financial resources to fully respond to the demands for its services from developing countries.

The CTCN measures the impacts of its operations not just in terms of adaptation and mitigation metrics but also against the targets and indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals, and is contributing in its capacity as a constituted body of the UNFCCC to share lessons learned with complementary initiatives as part of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism under SDG17.

The CTCN continues to work closely with the Technology Executive Committee, and has prepared both its Joint Annual Report and Technology Framework submission in conjunction with its Technology Mechanism partner. We have shared our lessons learned with the Paris Committee on Capacity Building, the report of which will also be considered by Parties. The additional focus for the CTCN at COP23 will be the deliberations of the independent review of the CTCN commissioned by the UNFCCC Secretariat. A great deal of work went into this review, and I am confident that its findings will serve as a reference from which the CTCN can advance its vision for the future.

The CTCN, NDEs, and some of our 400+ implementing partners will be hosting and taking part in numerous side events and parallel discussions during the next two weeks. We welcome the opportunity to meet with any Party delegation or Observer organization interested in discussing the transfer of climate technology and the contribution it can make to the implementation of countries' NDCs.

Mr. Chair,

The CTCN and its Advisory Board look forward to these discussions here in Bonn, and to working with all stakeholders and the Fijian Presidency to deliver on the promise of the Paris Agreement.

Thank you very much.