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UNFCCC secretariat issues call for proposals for host of new Climate Technology Centre

(Bonn, 19 January 2012) – The secretariat of the UN Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC) has issued a call for proposals for the host of the Climate Technology Centre (CTC), as requested by governments at the UN Climate Change Conference in Durban at the end of last year.

The CTC, along with its Network, is the implementing arm of the Technology Mechanism established at the UN Climate Change Conference in Cancun in 2010. The mechanism is designed to stimulate technology cooperation and to enhance the development and transfer of climate-sound technologies to support action on mitigation and adaptation on the ground by developing countries.

The secretariat has called on interested organizations, including consortia of organizations, to submit their proposals for hosting the Climate Technology Centre by 16 March of this year.

“At the UN Climate Change Conference in Durban, governments gave themselves a heavy workload for 2012, and the call for proposals is the first big follow-on step from that meeting. It is also a major step towards delivering real and tangible transfer of technologies and know-how to developing countries,” said UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres.

“Governments decided in Durban to launch the selection process of the host of the CTC which is an important step to make the Technology Mechanism become fully operational in 2012, so we should very soon see concrete results,” she added.

The objective of the Climate Technology Centre and its Network is to assist developing countries to build or strengthen their capacity to make their technology choices and to facilitate the preparation and implementation of technology projects and strategies. This is to happen both through a wider and deeper collaboration among all countries and with the active engagement of relevant stakeholders, including international organizations, the research community, academia and the private sector.

After the proposals from institutions have been received by the UNFCCC secretariat, the secretariat will convene meetings of an evaluation panel comprising 6 members of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) to conduct an assessment and recommend short-listed candidates for consideration by the UNFCCC’s Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) at its thirty-sixth session in



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May 2012. The SBI will consider and then recommend the host of the CTC for final approval by the next UN Climate Change Conference, to be held in Qatar at the end of 2012.

Further information can be found at:

<http://unfccc.int/cooperation_and_support/technology/items/6602.php>

For enquiries about the call for proposals, please send an email to [CFP_CTCN\(at\)unfccc.int](mailto:CFP_CTCN@unfccc.int)

About the UNFCCC

With 195 Parties, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has near universal membership and is the parent treaty of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. The Kyoto Protocol has been ratified by 193 of the UNFCCC Parties. Under the Protocol, 37 States, consisting of highly industrialized countries and countries undergoing the process of transition to a market economy, have legally binding emission limitation and reduction commitments. The ultimate objective of both treaties is to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that will prevent dangerous human interference with the climate system.

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