

Dear Chair,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on behalf of the work that the CTCN Advisory Board and Secretariat have undertaken this year in developing the operational arm of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism. The Advisory Board held its 3rd meeting in March 2014 and its 4th meeting in October 2014, during which time we approved and endorsed the Operating Plan and Budget for the coming two years.

The CTCN is still in the early stages of its implementation, but the potential and the impact of the CTCN are starting to become visible.

- 104 countries have now selected their National Designated Entities, who serve as the CTCN focal point, conveying technical assistance requests to the CTCN secretariat.
- The CTCN responded to a growing number of requests from developing countries for technical assistance. These requests come from all developing regions, are fairly equally distributed between mitigation and adaptation; and focus on a diversity of technology sectors, from biodiversity to transportation.
- The CTCN has also been attracting increasingly diverse organizations from both developed and developing countries to join the Network as service providers.
- The Centre provided capacity building to 140 individuals from 119 countries around the world this year, in order to support countries' efforts to identify and prioritise their climate technology needs.
- A few days ago, the CTCN and its Network partner, REEEP, launched the Climate Tagger, a publically available tool that helps connect climate knowledge communities. Tomorrow, during the joint TEC/CTCN side event, the CTCN will present a first version of its online knowledge management system, the CTCN Technology Portal, which aims to create greater accessibility to important climate technology information.

For Parties to effectively benefit from CTCN services, it is crucial that they nominate their National Designated Entity, if they haven't already done so. And we encourage academic, NGO, private sector and research entities, particularly from the global south to join the Climate Technology Network.

We acknowledge and would like to convey appreciation for those Parties who have generously contributed to the CTCN thus far. We underline the need for sustainable and predictable financial support to ensure effective cooperation and timely delivery of services of the CTCN.

Finally, the CTCN Advisory Board is looking to the future; one in which technology transfer plays a crucial role in a renewed climate agreement.