

**Dear Co Facilitator/ Chair,**

On behalf of the Chairperson of the Advisory Board of the CTCN, I would like to place on record my thanks for inviting CTCN to the second meeting of the Paris Committee on Capacity Building. CTCN being a thematic body under the convention has been effectively delivering on its mandate to provide technical assistance to the developing countries. Technical Assistance and capacity-building are interlinked and mutually supportive. It is for this reason, capacity-building permeates the CTCN's mandate and is evident in the COP decision on the Technology Mechanism and CTCN in particular. The CTCN work is focused on strengthening the capacity of developing countries to identify technology options, make technology choices and operate, maintain and adapt technology that will help them increase resilience and mitigate GHG emissions.

CTCN has been undertaking capacity building activities at global, regional and national level through web based interactive sessions, in person one to one meetings and in country programmes. Most of the in-country capacity building work is undertaken as part of technical assistance and is focused on institutional capacity building. Further to enhance the absorptive capacities and skills of local institutions, CTCN strives to engage with a local partner for delivery of its technical assistance.

CTCN is keen to share its experiences and valuable lessons learnt during the course of its operation with other bodies under the convention. In close collaboration with the TEC, CTCN has started organizing the Regional Technical Expert Meetings (R-TEMs) both for adaptation and mitigation related technologies.

CTCN has also developed and hosts a Knowledge Management System that aims to provide access to climate technology information, tools, services and training across numerous sectors such as agriculture, energy, industry, water, etc.

**Chair,**

CTCN technical assistance requests from developing countries, and specifically, the LDCs and SIDs reveal strong capacity-building needs, which vary greatly in terms of scale, sectors, potential beneficiaries and the need for institutional strengthening.

The CTCN's country-driven nature enables it to have a better understanding of capacity-building needs on topics related to climate technologies. It shall continue to mainstream Capacity Building as an important element in its activities to bridge the gap between Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and concrete actions on the ground.

CTCN looks forward to play an active and enhanced role in the Capacity Building mechanism in the future.