

Informal Note

Summary of the virtual informal discussion by the COP 29 incoming Presidency on technology development and transfer

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As part of our effort to support progress towards the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) in a transparent and inclusive manner, we, the COP29 incoming Presidency, in continuation of the first informal discussion on the margins of SB 60, convened a virtual informal discussion on 30 September 2024 with the aim of providing further informal space to Parties for discussion and better understanding their priorities and expectations for COP 29 on matters relating to technology development and transfer, including the Technology Implementation Programme (TIP) referred to in decision 1/CMA.5, para 110 as an outcome of the first global stocktake.

We provided Parties with the following guiding questions to facilitate the discussion:

1. What are your main priorities and expectations for the Technology Implementation Programme at COP 29? What are the key issues that Parties need to agree on?

2. How are outcomes on the TIP and other technology items interlinked? Other technology items to be considered in Baku are:

- Poznan Strategic Programme on Technology Transfer;
- Linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism; and
- Joint annual report of the TEC and the CTCN.

3. How can the COP 29 incoming Presidency support Parties to make progress across all technology items considering these interlinkages?

We were very pleased with the active and constructive engagement of Parties and groups of Parties on the topic, which sent a strong signal on the importance of an ambitious technology outcome for the success of COP 29. A summary of Parties' responses to the three discussion questions is provided below. This informal note, prepared in a non-affiliated manner aims to provide an overview of the discussion, while not constituting an exhaustive reflection of views expressed by Parties.

1. <u>What are your main priorities and expectations for the Technology Implementation Programme at COP 29? What are the key issues that Parties need to agree on?</u>

Parties highlighted their main priorities for the TIP around its two objectives as contained in Decision 1/CMA.5, para 110, namely strengthening support for the implementation of technology priorities identified by developing countries and addressing the challenges identified in the first periodic assessment of the Technology Mechanism (PATM).

- With regard to strengthening support for the implementation of technology priorities identified by developing countries, priorities indicated by Parties included: facilitating knowledge sharing and technology implementation in developing countries within the context of national circumstances; streamlining and speeding up processes to access finance and capacity-building support for technology development and transfer; enabling innovation and improving endogenous capacities including through research and development; fostering national and international cooperation on, and addressing systemic barriers to, technology development and transfer.
- With regard to addressing challenges identified in the first PATM, priorities expressed by Parties included: ensuring adequate and predictable financial resources for the CTCN and the TEC to enhance effectiveness of the Technology Mechanism as guided by the technology framework under the Paris Agreement; fostering collaborative approaches, complementary actions and effective partnerships on the work of the TEC and CTCN and in relation with relevant actors under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including the private sector; and following a constructive and facilitative manner in addressing challenges identified in the first PATM.

Parties also indicated their expectations for the TIP, including in considering the design and operation of the TIP, to: build on existing work, knowledge, and experiences on climate technology implementation and lessons learned from efforts to date; utilize synergies and complementarities with other relevant workstreams, mechanisms and initiatives with technology elements under and outside of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, avoiding duplication of work; promote effective coordination among bodies and actors under and outside of the Convention and the Paris Agreement; strengthen cooperative action at various levels including the national and sub-national levels; remain relevant and adaptable in the face of emerging needs and priorities; address systemic barriers to the effective development and transfer of technologies; and be a catalyst for transformational changes envisioned in the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

Regarding key issues to be agreed in Baku, interventions made by Parties included suggestions on elements and modalities of the TIP and the role of various actors. Parties expressed support for the organization of multi-stakeholder dialogues aligned with the objectives of the TIP with Party and non-Party stakeholders, experts from developed and developing country parties, operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, international organizations and other implementation actors including from multilateral development banks and the private sector.

In this context, some Parties suggested that the Poznan Strategic Programme on Technology Transfer (PSP) and lessons learned emerging from its operation may serve as a model for the design of the TIP. Others suggested to follow the model of work programmes established in recent years under the Paris Agreement, namely the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme and the United Arab Emirates Just Transition Work Programme.

2. How are outcomes on the TIP and other technology items interlinked?

Parties noted that the design and implementation of the TIP and its outcomes are closely interlinked with other technology items under consideration in Baku, highlighting that:

- Experiences and lessons learned under the PSP are to be taken into account in the consideration of the TIP;
- Consideration of the linkages between the Technology Mechanism and Financial Mechanism is interlinked with the TIP, recalling that the TIP is to be supported, *inter alia* by the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;
- Addressing challenges identified in the first PATM is interlinked with the agenda item on the Joint Annual Report of the TEC and CTCN, under which the CMA provides guidance to the TEC and CTCN, including regarding actions in response to the findings of the first PATM.
- 3. <u>How can the COP 29 incoming Presidency support Parties to make progress across all technology items</u> <u>considering these interlinkages?</u>

Further to distributing an informal summary note, Parties also suggested that the incoming COP Presidency could continue consulting with Parties and consider holding more informal discussions to further facilitate the exchange of views on elements of TIP ahead of negotiations in Baku.