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# Draft memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Environment Programme regarding the hosting of the Climate Technology Centre*

*Summary*

The draft memorandum of understanding regarding the hosting of the Climate Technology Centre was prepared by the secretariat, in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme, on the basis of the elements of a memorandum of understanding recommended by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its sixty-fourth session. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation will consider the draft memorandum of understanding at its sixty-fifth session with a view to recommending draft decisions thereon for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its thirty-first session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its eighth session.

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# I. Introduction

## A. Background and mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its sixteenth session, established the Technology Mechanism, comprising the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, and set out the functions of each body.[1]

2. COP 17 decided that the Climate Technology Centre (CTC) should operate for initial terms until 2026, at which time the COP would review its functions and decide whether to extend its term.[2] At COP 29, Parties decided to conduct this review and to determine whether to extend the term of the CTC in 2025 at COP 30.[3] The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), at its sixth session, affirmed this decision and decided that CMA 7 would participate in conducting the review and deciding whether to extend the term of the CTC.[4]

3. COP 30 and CMA 7 adopted revised functions of the CTC, which will take effect from 2027.[5] They decided to extend the term of the CTC until the end of 2041, with an initial term of agreement of five years, followed by two five-year renewal periods if so decided by the COP, subject to the host organization fulfilling the revised functions of the CTC and the roles and responsibilities of the CTC set out in the terms of reference of the Climate Technology Centre and Network,[6] to be determined by independent reviews thereof.[7]

4. Further, COP 30 and CMA 7 decided that the process for selecting the new host of the CTC would be launched upon conclusion of those respective sessions and conducted in an open, transparent, geographically balanced, fair and neutral manner in accordance with the criteria for evaluating and selecting the host of the CTC[8] and informed by United Nations practices and standards.[9]

5. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its sixty-fourth session, considered the report on the evaluation of proposals for hosting the CTC[10] and recommended the United Nations Environment Programme as the host of the CTC.[11]

6. SBI 64 recalled paragraphs 12–13 of decision 10/CP.30 and paragraphs 8–9 of decision 17/CMA.7 and requested the secretariat to develop with the United Nations Environment Programme a draft memorandum of understanding between the COP, the CMA and the United Nations Environment Programme regarding the hosting of the CTC on the basis of the elements of a memorandum of understanding recommended at SBI 64 for consideration at SBI 65.[12]

## B. Scope

7. This note was prepared in response to the mandate referred to in paragraph 66 above. The draft memorandum of understanding on the potential host agreement for the CTC was jointly developed by the secretariat and the United Nations Environment Programme and is contained in the annex.

[1] Decision 1/CP.16, paras. 117, 121 and 123.
[2] Decision 2/CP.17, annex VII, para. 23.
[3] Decision 10/CP.29, para. 3.
[4] Decision 17/CMA.6, paras. 3–4.
[5] Decisions 10/CP.30, para. 2, and 17/CMA.7, para. 4. The revised functions are contained in annex I to those decisions.
[6] Decision 2/CP.17, annex VII, paras. 4–5.
[7] Decisions 10/CP.30, para. 1, and 17/CMA.7, para. 3.
[8] Set out in annex II to decisions 10/CP.30 and 17/CMA.7.
[9] Decisions 10/CP.30, para. 6, and 17/CMA.7, para. 6.
[10] FCCC/SBI/2026/13.
[11] FCCC/SBI/2026/15, para. 99.
[12] FCCC/SBI/2026/15, para. 101.

## C. Possible action by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

8. The SBI may use the draft memorandum of understanding contained in the annex as a basis for preparing and recommending draft decisions on the host agreement for the CTC for consideration and adoption at COP 31 and CMA 8.[13]

[13] As per decisions 10/CP.30, para. 11, and 17/CMA.7, para. 7.

# Annex

## Draft memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Environment Programme regarding the hosting of the Climate Technology Centre

This draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding the hosting of the Climate Technology Centre (CTC) is concluded between the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Hereinafter, each of the above is referred to individually as a Party, and collectively they are referred to as the Parties.

***Whereas*** the COP, by decision 1/CP.16, established a Technology Mechanism, consisting of a Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and a Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN),

***Whereas***, pursuant to Article 10, paragraph 3, of the Paris Agreement, the Technology Mechanism shall also serve the Paris Agreement,

***Whereas*** the CMA, by decision 15/CMA.1, decided that the CTCN, consistent with its functions, mandates and modalities of work, shall implement the technology framework under Article 10, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement,

***Whereas*** the COP and the CMA, by decisions 10/CP.30 and 17/CMA.7 respectively, extended the term of the CTC until the end of 2041 and adopted the revised functions of the CTC, as contained in the appendix, which will take effect from 2027,

***Whereas*** the mission of the CTCN is to support developing country Parties in realizing technology development and transfer for climate change mitigation and adaptation by providing country-driven technical assistance; facilitating capacity-building and strengthening enabling environments; facilitating access to knowledge, partnerships and finance; and leveraging its global Network to accelerate the development, deployment, diffusion, dissemination and transfer of climate technologies through inclusive, collaborative and results-oriented approaches, and the CTC promotes transformational change, enhances resilience to climate change and contributes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in support of the objectives of the Paris Agreement and the Convention,

***Whereas*** the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the UNFCCC secretariat) issued a call for proposals to host the CTC on 16 January 2026,[1]

***Whereas*** UNEP submitted a proposal dated 13 March 2026 regarding the hosting of the CTC, which was evaluated against the criteria contained in annex II to decisions 10/CP.30 and 17/CMA.7,

***Whereas*** the COP and the CMA, by decisions -/CP.31[2] and -/CMA.8[3] respectively, selected UNEP as the host organization of the CTC,

***Whereas*** the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) is expected, at its eighth regular session, to authorize the Executive Director of UNEP to host the CTC in UNEP,[4]

[1] The call for proposals and the shortlisted proposals are available at https://unfccc.int/topics/climate-technology/resources/host-of-the-climate-technology-centre#Proposals.

[2] Draft decision entitled "[Y]" proposed under agenda item [Z] of the [body] at its [X] session.

[3] Draft decision entitled "[Y]" proposed under agenda item [Z] of the [body] at its [X] session.

[4] A decision will be available after the eighth session of UNEA, to be held in Nairobi from 6 to 10

***Whereas*** the COP and the CMA, by decisions -/CP.31[5] and -/CMA.8[6] respectively, authorized the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC to sign this MOU on their behalf,

***NOW THEREFORE*** the Parties to this MOU have agreed to the following:

# I. Purpose

1. The purpose of this MOU is to stipulate the terms of the relationship between the COP, the CMA and UNEP with respect to the hosting of the CTC by UNEP in accordance with decisions -/CP.31[7] and -/CMA.8.[8]

# II. Role and responsibilities of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

2. The COP and the CMA shall provide guidance to the CTCN, including through the CTCN Advisory Board, in accordance with decisions 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17, 1/CP.18, 14/CP.18, 25/CP.19, 1/CP.21, 10/CP.26, 10/CP.30, -/CP.31,[9] 15/CMA.1, 17/CMA.7 and -/CMA.8[10] and any future relevant decisions of the COP and the CMA, taking into account findings of and recommendations from the independent reviews of the CTCN and the periodic assessments of the Technology Mechanism, as well as the joint annual reports of the TEC and the CTCN submitted for consideration by the COP and the CMA through the subsidiary bodies of the UNFCCC, prepared in accordance with decisions 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17, 19/CP.27, 9/CP.28, 19/CMA.4, 14/CMA.5 and other relevant decisions of the COP and the CMA.

3. The Advisory Board shall advise the CTCN on the implementation of its terms of reference, the revised functions of the CTC and guidance provided by the COP and the CMA.

4. The COP and the CMA shall consider the information on the activities and performance of the CTCN contained in the joint annual reports of the TEC and the CTCN and provide guidance thereon.[11]

5. In taking decisions that would affect the hosting of the CTC by UNEP, the COP and the CMA shall take into consideration any views and information provided by UNEP.

# III. Role and responsibilities of the United Nations Environment Programme

6. UNEP agrees to host the CTC as a dedicated entity within UNEP in accordance with the provisions of this MOU and subject to its applicable rules, regulations, practices and procedures, as well as the decisions and authority of its governing bodies.

December 2027.

[5] [Draft decision entitled "[Y]" proposed under agenda item [Z] of the [body] at its [X] session.] [As footnote [x] above.]

[6] [Draft decision entitled "[Y]" proposed under agenda item [Z] of the [body] at its [X] session.] [As footnote [x] above.]

[7] [Draft decision entitled "[Y]" proposed under agenda item [Z] of the [body] at its [X] session.] [As footnote [x] above.]

[8] [Draft decision entitled "[Y]" proposed under agenda item [Z] of the [body] at its [X] session.] [As footnote [x] above.]

[9] [Draft decision entitled "[Y]" proposed under agenda item [Z] of the [body] at its [X] session.] [As footnote [x] above.]

[10] [Draft decision entitled "[Y]" proposed under agenda item [Z] of the [body] at its [X] session.] [As footnote [x] above.]

[11] In accordance with decisions 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17, 19/CP.27, 9/CP.28, 19/CMA.4, 14/CMA.5 and other relevant decisions of the COP and the CMA.

7. UNEP shall design the organizational structure of and manage the CTC and provide the necessary administrative and infrastructural support for the effective functioning of the CTC, in accordance with its proposal for hosting the CTC (hereinafter referred to as the UNEP proposal) and with relevant United Nations and UNEP regulations, rules and procedures and decisions of UNEA, and subject to the financing provided, pursuant to section VI below.

8. UNEP shall select and appoint, pursuant to the United Nations staff regulations and rules and in accordance with decision 2/CP.17 and the provisions of this MOU, the Director of the CTC, who shall be a UNEP staff member and shall be accountable to the Executive Director of UNEP. UNEP shall also select and appoint, pursuant to the United Nations staff regulations and rules, the core staff required to support the CTC in an effective and efficient manner, in accordance with the UNEP proposal.

9. UNEP shall provide annual updates on matters regarding its role as the host organization of the CTC in accordance with the UNEP proposal and include this information, through the CTC, in the joint annual reports of the TEC and the CTCN submitted for consideration by the COP and the CMA through the subsidiary bodies.

10. UNEP shall support the effective functioning of the CTC in carrying out its revised functions, as contained in the appendix.

11. UNEP shall promote and support resource mobilization efforts aimed at supporting the work and effective functioning of the CTC, including by promoting the CTC and its work within relevant institutional and external resource mobilization efforts, including by integrating the resource requirements of the CTC into its resource mobilization plans, and by engaging, as appropriate, with bilateral and multilateral donors, international financial institutions, philanthropic organizations and other potential funding partners. In doing so, UNEP may take into account the resource mobilization strategy of the CTC referred to in paragraph 22 below. UNEP shall, as appropriate, inform the Advisory Board of resource mobilization efforts undertaken in support of the CTC and their outcomes. Any financial or in-kind contributions mobilized through such efforts shall be voluntary and subject to the availability of resources and relevant United Nations and UNEP regulations, rules and procedures.

12. UNEP shall, as appropriate, collaborate with the UNFCCC secretariat in mobilizing financial resources, including in-kind resources, aimed at supporting the work of the CTC, in the case of UNEP, and of the TEC, in the case of the UNFCCC secretariat, with a view to ensuring the effective and coherent functioning of the Technology Mechanism.[12]

13. UNEP shall facilitate and pursue collaboration, cooperation and partnerships with other organizations to support the CTC in the delivery of its revised functions, as set out in the appendix, with a view to leveraging the comparative advantages, expertise and resources of those organizations, and provide annual updates on this matter as part of the updates referred to in paragraph 9 above.

14. UNEP shall hold annual strategic meetings with the UNFCCC secretariat in its capacity as the entity supporting the Technology Mechanism, the TEC and the Financial Mechanism of the Convention[13] in order to discuss matters relating to the hosting and operation of the CTC. The meetings shall be aimed at ensuring the coherent and effective functioning of the Technology Mechanism, promoting complementarity and synergies between the CTC and the TEC and between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism, and supporting the implementation of relevant decisions of the COP and the CMA, including on the Belém Technology Implementation Programme, consistent with the respective mandates and responsibilities of UNEP and the UNFCCC secretariat.

15. The Executive Director of UNEP shall be responsible for the execution of the functions of UNEP under this MOU.

[12] See decision 11/CP.26, para. 20, and decision 9/CP.28, para. 15.

[13] As per Article 9, para. 8, of the Paris Agreement, the Financial Mechanism of the Convention shall serve as the Financial Mechanism of the Paris Agreement.

# IV. Role and functions of the Climate Technology Centre and Network

16. The CTCN shall report to the COP and the CMA through the joint annual reports of the TEC and the CTCN.

17. The CTCN shall operate within its terms of reference as set out in decision 2/CP.17, perform its revised functions as contained in the appendix, and be accountable to the Advisory Board, the COP and the CMA.

18. In carrying out its revised functions, the CTCN shall operate in accordance with relevant decisions of the COP and the CMA, including those establishing and providing guidance to the CTCN, those adopted in response to the independent reviews of the CTCN and the periodic assessments of the Technology Mechanism, and those adopted in consideration of the joint annual reports of the TEC and the CTCN.

# V. Role and functions of the Director and personnel of the Climate Technology Centre

19. The Director shall be accountable to the Executive Director of UNEP for the effective and efficient performance by the CTC of its functions, as detailed in the appendix, in accordance with relevant regulations, rules and procedures of the United Nations and UNEP and decisions of UNEA.

20. The Director shall serve as the Secretary to the Advisory Board and shall be responsible for facilitating and supporting the work of the Board, including with regard to making arrangements for the meetings of the Board.

21. The Director shall prepare a budget for the CTCN in accordance with decision 2/CP.17 and other relevant decisions of the COP and the CMA and in conformity with the regulations, rules and procedures governing the programme budget of UNEP. The CTCN budget will be prepared in accordance with guidance provided by the COP and the CMA. The part of the CTCN budget managed by UNEP will be included in the programme budget of UNEP as an extrabudgetary item to support the CTCN.

22. The Director shall develop and maintain a CTC resource mobilization strategy and an implementation plan for the strategy, including a monitoring, evaluation and learning system, consistent with applicable UNEP policies and procedures, and shall ensure their effective implementation in support of the functions of the CTC.

23. The Director shall prepare a summary of the activities and performance of the CTCN for inclusion in the joint annual reports of the TEC and the CTCN submitted for consideration by the COP and the CMA through the subsidiary bodies. The annual report shall be approved by the Advisory Board in accordance with decision 2/CP.17 and shall include information on the financial status of, and the mobilization of other resources for, the CTCN.

24. The Director shall manage the financial resources of the CTCN in accordance with the United Nations Financial Regulations and Rules[14] and with the financial rules of the Environment Fund and Associated Trust Funds of UNEP, and in compliance with the relevant fiduciary, anti-fraud and anti-corruption policies and environmental and social safeguards.

25. The Director shall, under the authority of the Executive Director of UNEP, consult and coordinate with the UNFCCC secretariat through regular meetings on matters related to activities undertaken pursuant to relevant decisions of the COP and the CMA, including matters relating to the preparation and implementation of the CTCN programme of work; joint activities of the TEC and the CTCN; monitoring, evaluation and learning; and communication and outreach.

[14] Available at https://policy.un.org/en/finance-and-budget/programme-planning-budget-and-finance-framework/financial-regulations-and-rules.

## VI. Financial arrangements of the Climate Technology Centre and Network

26. The costs associated with the CTC and the mobilization of the services of the Network should be funded from various sources, including the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention, bilateral, multilateral and private sector channels, and philanthropic sources, as well as financial and in-kind contributions from the host organization and participants in the Network.[15]

27. UNEP shall provide financial and in-kind contributions to the CTC in accordance with the UNEP proposal.

28. As appropriate, the CTC shall, in collaboration with UNEP and in consultation with the Advisory Board, liaise with the UNFCCC secretariat to further enhance resource mobilization from various sources, including those listed in paragraph 26 above, with a view to meeting the costs associated with the CTCN.

## VII. Implementation of this memorandum of understanding

29. The Advisory Board and UNEP may agree on further arrangements for the implementation of this MOU, provided that they do not in any way amend the existing provisions of this MOU, and report thereon in the joint annual reports of the TEC and the CTCN.

30. Nothing in or relating to this MOU will be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

## VIII. Dispute settlement

31. The COP and the CMA, through the Advisory Board, and UNEP shall use their best efforts to amicably resolve any disputes, controversies or claims arising out of or relating to this MOU, including by use of mutually agreed dispute resolution methods.

## IX. Entire agreement

32. Any appendix to this MOU that is concluded in the future will be considered an integral part of this MOU. References to this MOU will be construed as including any appendixes, as varied or amended in accordance with the terms of this MOU.

33. This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to its subject matter.

## X. Interpretation

34. This MOU will be interpreted in accordance with relevant decisions of the COP, the CMA and UNEA.

35. Any Party's failure to request the implementation of a provision of this MOU will not constitute a waiver of that, or any other, provision of this MOU.

## XI. Term of this memorandum of understanding

36. The initial term of this MOU shall be five years, followed by two five-year renewal periods if so decided by the COP and the CMA and subject to the agreement of UNEP.[16]

[15] As per decision 2/CP.17, para. 139.

[16] See decisions 10/CP.30, para. 1, and 17/CMA.7, para. 3.

## XII. Notification and amendment

37. Each Party will promptly notify the others in writing of any anticipated or actual material changes that may affect the execution of this MOU.

38. The Parties may amend this MOU by mutual written agreement.

## XIII. Entry into force

39. This MOU will enter into force upon the last date of signature by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

## XIV. Termination

40. Subject to section XI above, any Party may terminate this MOU by giving one year's prior written notice to the other Parties. The termination shall come into effect one year from the date of receipt of such a communication.

41. Following the termination of this MOU, UNEP shall take all necessary actions to conclude its operations relating to the CTC in an expeditious manner. Any termination of this MOU will be without prejudice to any other rights and obligations of the Parties accrued prior to the date of termination under this MOU or any legal instrument executed pursuant to this MOU.

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| Signed: | Signed: |
| On behalf of the COP and the CMA:<br>Simon Stiell<br>Executive Secretary<br>UNFCCC secretariat | On behalf of UNEP:<br>[First name and surname]<br>[Position] |
| Date: | Date: |

# Appendix

## Revised functions of the Climate Technology Centre as contained in annex I to decisions 10/CP.30 and 17/CMA.7

To enhance the impact of its work, promote transformational change and support Parties in realizing technology development and transfer in order to improve resilience to climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the Climate Technology Centre shall facilitate a Network of global, regional, national and sectoral technology networks, organizations, platforms and initiatives in performing the following functions:

(a) At the request of a developing country Party:

(i) Provide advice and support in:

a. Identifying, prioritizing and addressing technology-related needs, including by supporting the deployment of climate technologies through pilot, demonstration, diffusion and dissemination projects;

b. The development of enabling environments;

(ii) Support the enhancement of national systems of innovation and capacity for developing Indigenous and endogenous technologies;

(iii) Provide information, training and support for programmes aimed at building or strengthening the capacity of developing country Parties to identify technology options, make technology choices and operate, maintain and adapt technologies;

(iv) Facilitate prompt action on the development, deployment, diffusion and dissemination of technologies in developing country Parties on the basis of identified needs;

(v) Provide technical and logistical support to national designated entities to enable them to fulfil their role;

(vi) Support, in accordance with the respective guidelines and criteria, the preparation of project proposals to enable the financing, deployment and use of existing technologies for mitigation and adaptation;

(b) Utilize multi-country and programmatic approaches to responding to requests for technology development and transfer;

(c) Enable and encourage the development and transfer of climate technologies through collaboration and partnerships with private sector entities, philanthropic organizations, public institutions, and academic and research institutions, as well as through opportunities for North–South, South–South and triangular technology cooperation;

(d) Facilitate its Network in order to:

(i) Cooperate with national, regional and international technology centres and relevant national organizations, including those that facilitate social inclusion and promote gender-responsive technologies, technologies led by youth, women and Indigenous Peoples as well as local communities, and endogenous technologies;

(ii) Foster international partnerships with public and private sector stakeholders to accelerate the development, deployment, diffusion and dissemination of climate technologies in developing countries;

(iii) Provide in-country technical assistance and training to support the development and implementation of identified technology actions in developing countries;

(iv) Stimulate the establishment of twinning centre arrangements to promote North–South, South–South and triangular partnerships with a view to encouraging cooperative research, development, demonstration and deployment;

(v) Identify, disseminate and assist with developing analytical tools, policies and best practices for country-driven planning to support the development, diffusion and dissemination of climate technologies;

(vi) Provide matchmaking for the purpose of securing funding for implementing technologies identified as needed by developing country Parties;

(e) Cooperate with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Adaptation Fund and UNFCCC constituted bodies;

(f) Evaluate, in coordination with nationally designated entities, the outcomes and long-term impacts of technical assistance provided in response to requests from developing country Parties as part of the monitoring and evaluation framework of the Climate Technology Centre;

(g) Perform other activities as may be necessary to carry out the above-mentioned functions.