

“Technology Mechanism ramps up its work to help countries scale up climate action on technology”

June Momentum for Climate Change

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Opening remarks by Director of Means of Implementation Division - UNFCCC

Dear participants, colleagues,

- It is my pleasure to welcome you to the first virtual event of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism in 2020
- We learned last year, that the world’s small window of opportunity to address climate change is closing rapidly. We also learned that we need major transformation in all aspects of society, and that we need this transformation immediately.
- This year we encountered another global challenge: the COVID-19 pandemic
- COVID-19 and climate change are different challenges, yet, actions to address them do intersect
- While COVID-19 has become the greatest challenge that global economies have faced in modern times, we are also presented with a golden opportunity to **recover better** from the impacts of this pandemic
- The recovery can provide an opportunity for countries to rebuild their economy, in a manner that creates pathways to transformation into green, low emission and climate resilient society. One that is fair, inclusive, and sustainable.
- The recovery also means scaling up climate actions in all fronts to deal with impacts of climate change, as science has already informed us
- The provision of means of implementation, namely, finance, technology, and capacity-building are at the heart of countries’ efforts in raising their ambition and climate action.
- For technology, the TEC and the CTCN – the two arms of the Technology Mechanism – have been working to provide advice to countries, catalyze support, and promote collaboration on climate technology, to scale up the implementation of climate actions and assist countries in implementing their NDCs.

- But we have still much work ahead of us. Despite COVID challenges, our work must and will continue
- Therefore, I welcome the joint efforts of the TEC and CTCN to keep the momentum going, and update us on their work to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement

- I encourage our panelists to provide their insights on:
 - how climate technology could play a role post-COVID 19,
 - how we can deploy all tools of cooperation to raise the ambition for climate action,
 - how the Technology Mechanism work can contribute to global efforts to “Recover Better”

- I wish you a good dialogue and I look forward to seeing the results of this afternoon discussion
- I now pass the floor to the Chair of TEC, Mareer Husny