

# Independent Review of the Climate Technology Centre and Network

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Management Response of the UN Environment Programme

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## Background

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- COP 17 requested the Climate Change Secretariat to commission an independent review of the effective implementation of the CTCN four years after its inception and every four years thereafter.
- COP 23 considered the report on the first independent review of the effective implementation of the CTCN and decided to renew the MOU between the COP and UNEP regarding the hosting of the CTC for a further four years. It also requested the UNFCCC Secretariat to commission the second independent review.
- The second independent review, conducted by Ernst and Young et Associés covers CTCN's operations and activities from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020.

## Overview

Topic	Recommendation	Target
Funding	1. Enhance Resource Mobilization	CTC, UNEP, AB
	2. Resources for TA impact evaluation	CTCN
Governance & Organization	3. Streamline communication between the host agencies and CTC secretariat	CTC, UNEP, UNIDO
	4. Engage with and improve synergies among Network members	CTCN
	5. Stimulate collaboration between NDEs and reinforce capacity-building support for NDEs for improved TA	CTCN
Positioning	6. Base 3 <sup>rd</sup> Programme of Work on evaluation of beneficiary needs	CTC, UNEP, UNIDO, AB
	7. Reinforce CTCN position as a climate technology matchmaker	CTCN

## Recommendation 1

**Encourage the CTC, in collaboration with UNEP and in consultation with the CTCN Advisory Board,  
to further enhance resource mobilization so as to meet the costs associated with the CTCN**

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### UNEP Response

- A donor roundtable will be convened by the CTC and its host institutions during COP26 on Monday 8 November, led by the Governments of Denmark and the United Kingdom.
- UNEP will continue to support the CTC's efforts to formalize arrangements with the entities of the Financial Mechanism.
- Example: the Government of Republic of Korea will support a CTCN liaison and partnership office in Songdu
- The CTC's resource mobilization efforts will be further supported by a senior consultant engaged through UNEP in 2020.

## Recommendation 2

**Encourage the CTCN to allocate dedicated resources to pursue its efforts to conduct regular ex post impact evaluations of technical assistance**

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### UNEP Response

- The TEC and CTCN developed a new joint M&E framework to track and assess anticipated impact data.
- Transformational impacts of CTCN interventions are based on anticipated results rather than already realized impacts.
- The CTCN hopes to conduct a deep-dive analysis of selected, completed technical assistance interventions three to four years post-implementation.
- Additional financial resources are needed for such analysis.
- CTCN will seek guidance of the Advisory Board on possible funding sources.

## Recommendation 3

**Encourage the CTCN to further streamline communication between the host agencies and the CTC secretariat**

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### UNEP Response

- The CTC will strengthen existing communication channels.
- UNEP and UNIDO will explore ways to direct resources to the CTCN's multi-donor trust fund.
- This would reduce the administrative and reporting burden.

## Recommendation 4

**Encourage the CTCN to further engage with and improve synergies among Network members**

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### UNEP Response

- The CTC has made many efforts to enhance Network engagement in recent years.
- 650 organizations have joined the CTC Network to date.
- The CTC will develop and put into effect a network engagement plan, based on:
  - Findings from the CTCN's Network survey conducted in 2019
  - Feedback received from members, and
  - Past successes in engaging Network members.

## Recommendation 5

**Encourage the CTCN to enhance efforts to stimulate active collaboration between NDEs and reinforce its capacity building support for NDEs to provide improved technical assistance**

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### UNEP Response

- The CTC will continue to undertake capacity building activities and provide tailored support to NDEs from LDCs and SIDS.
- If additional funding is available it will strengthen capacity building programmes to help all developing countries NDEs develop solid TA requests.
- With additional resources, the CTCN could support the development of technology road maps for NDC implementation.



## Recommendation 6

**Encourage the CTCN to collect relevant information for its 3<sup>rd</sup> Programme of Work, including an evaluation of potential beneficiary needs that could be addressed with the available budget**

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### UNEP Response

- The CTC, in collaboration with UNEP and UNIDO and with AB guidance will prepare its 3<sup>rd</sup> PoW in early 2022 for AB endorsement in September 2022.
- The CTC will incorporate data and findings obtained through:
  - Evaluations
  - The independent review
  - Biannual NDE survey results
  - CTCN TA and CB closure reports completed by implementing entities, and
  - NDE feedback on completed technical assistance.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> PoW will follow guidance provided by the Technology Framework and COP.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> PoW will focus on transformational technologies for implementing enhanced NDCs and Net Zero goals and that help build back in a post COVID-19 world.

## Recommendation 7

### Encourage the CTCN to reinforce its position as a climate technology matchmaker

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#### UNEP Response

- Through its core service areas, the CTCN positioned itself as a key climate technology matchmaker for technology transfer globally, with over 350 technology transfer projects realized in 106 countries.
  - Over one half of the CTC's Network members are from the private sector, and many represent SMEs.
  - The CTC engages its private sector NMs through opportunities to bid for TA implementation; opportunities for capacity building; joint webinars and development of joint knowledge resources.
  - The CTCN will also seek Advisory Board guidance regarding additional financial resources that would allow enhanced interactions between Network members.
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