

NDE Trainings in a Snapshot

The CTCN have conducted regional training workshops for National Designated Entities (NDEs) in all regions of the world. Seven trainings were conducted for countries in Asia (Cha Am, Thailand, 11 – 13 December 2013), Anglophone Africa (Nairobi, Kenya, 5 – 7 March, 2014), Latin America and the Caribbean (1-3 April 2014, Lima, Peru), Francophone Africa (20-22 May 2014, Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire), Eastern Europe and the Middle East (17-19 June 2014, Vienna, Austria), Small Island Developing States (SIDS) of the Pacific (18-19 September 2014, Apia, Samoa), and SIDS of the Caribbean, Atlantic, Indian Ocean and South China Sea (30 September - 2 October 2014, Bridgetown, Barbados).

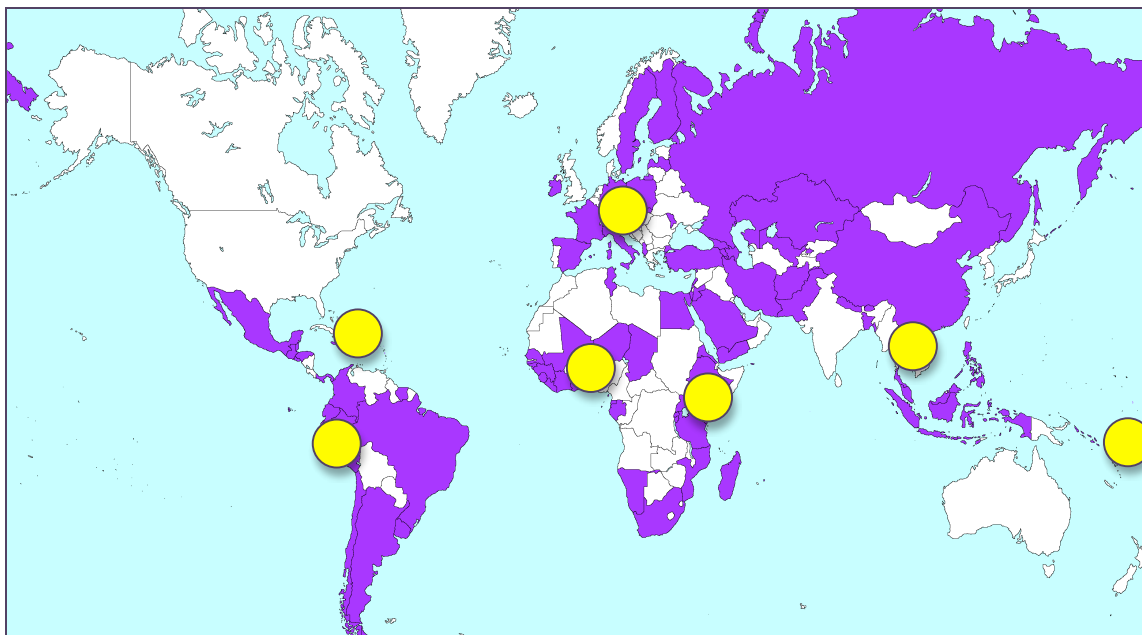


Figure 1: Regional training workshops for NDEs, from December 2013 to October 2014 (Countries with DNEs nominated as of September 17th 2014 are represented in purple).

As of September 2014, 96 countries had nominated their NDEs, 14 from Annex I countries and 82 from Non-Annex I countries¹. The majority of NDEs are located in Ministries of Environment (44 out of 96). The rest of the NDEs are hosted in other ministries and government institutions (see Figure 2 below).

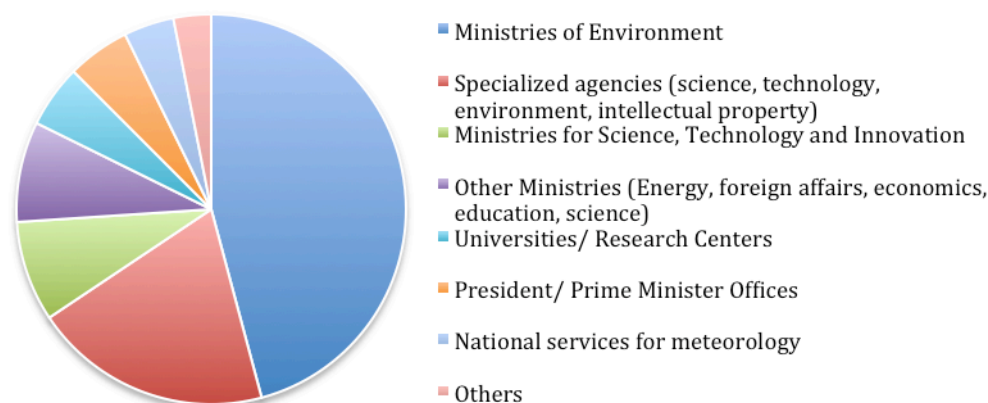


Figure 2: Distribution of NDEs by types of host institution (September 2014)

¹ http://unfccc.int/ttlelear/templates/render cms_page?TEM_ndes

The workshops aimed to present the CTCN to NDEs, to train them on helping their country accessing CTCN assistance, and to identify their needs and priorities. In total, 140 individuals have been trained to date, representing nominated NDEs or Climate Change Focal Points from 119 countries (Asia, Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Middle East, SIDS). 51 NDEs were represented in these workshops, 8 from Asia, 8 from Anglophone Africa, 8 from LAC, 9 from Francophone Africa, 2 from Eastern Europe, 2 from Middle East, and 14 from SIDS.

Overall, the trainings were successful as the participants obtained a good understanding of what services the CTCN can and cannot provide, given its mandate and resources. Participants were very engaged and particularly appreciated the exercises and practical aspects of the training, as well as the availability of the CTCN Consortium. The trainings also provided an opportunity to share perspectives and initiate a dialogue with NDEs as well as to build NDE capacities in performing the tasks of climate technology champions and focal point of CTCN activities in their countries. NDEs particularly appreciated the opportunity to meet NDEs of other countries and to exchange views and experience among each others.

Figure 3: Feedback from participants:

<p><i>"I particularly liked interacting with NDEs from different countries and sharing their experiences".</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Participant from Anglophone Africa</p>
<p><i>"It was the best training I participated in, during my 30 years of my professional life".</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Participant from Asia</p>
<p><i>"J'ai appris beaucoup de choses sur les mécanismes d'adaptation et d'atténuation dans le cadre de la CCNUCC."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Participant from Francophone Africa</p>
<p><i>"The information was easy to understand and the participative mechanisms used were really appropriate and very didactic."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Participant from Latin America and the Caribbean</p>
<p><i>"This workshop opened my eyes about the importance of stakeholders engagement."</i></p> <p><i>"The method of having so many exercises is very efficient. It enables us to learn all practical steps we will need to fulfil our role."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Participants from Eastern Europe/ Middle East</p>

KEY LESSONS LEARNT

- Following NDE feedbacks from the trainings, the CTCN has adapted its processes, in order to be better in line with their needs and priorities. Therefore, the CTCN now accepts requests submitted in all UN languages. In addition, the CTCN has developed a Request Incubator Programme for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to help them best benefit to CTCN technical assistance.
- There is a positive correlation between the requests received and countries that have participated in CTCN Regional Consultations and NDE training workshops. It is thus critical for the CTCN to sustain the interest generated through the trainings (e.g. by ensuring regular communication and information sharing with the countries, organizing next round of regional trainings, etc.).
- Other needs expressed by NDEs in particular for capacity building, will serve as a basis for the next round of NDE trainings. In particular, NDEs highlighted the need to identify and facilitate funding from various sources, to monitor the success and impacts of CTCN assistance, and to learn from other NDEs' experience and successes.