

Tenth meeting of the Technology Executive Committee

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9–12 March 2015

Background note

Review of the implementation of the rolling workplan of the Technology Executive Committee for 2014–2015¹

I. Background and scope of the note

1. At its 8th meeting, the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) adopted its rolling workplan for 2014-2015. In developing this workplan, the TEC also took into account various contextual elements, including activities under its workplan for 2012-2013, the latest COP decisions and Subsidiary Bodies conclusions, and the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP). The TEC reported to the COP on the implementation of the workplan for 2014 through its annual report and made this report publicly available.¹

2. At Lima, COP 20 and SBI 41 provided further mandates to the TEC. Further, there have been numerous developments in the work of the ADP that might be of relevance to the TEC. As a result, it may be considered important for the TEC to take stock and reflect on the progress of the implementation of its workplan in 2014, discuss recent guidance and developments, and consider how to incorporate new activities to its workplan, to ensure the relevance and effectiveness of its work in 2015.

3. This note contains:

- (a) A summary of the status of implementation of the workplan in 2014;
- (b) A summary of new guidance and developments relevant to the work of the TEC; and
- (c) Proposal for considering the prioritisation of remaining activities from 2014-2015 workplan and new activities in 2015.

4. The note was prepared by the Chair and Vice Chair of the TEC with the purpose of facilitating TEC discussion on this matter. It does not limit the scope of the discussion nor does it prejudice its outcome.

II. Status of implementation of 2014-2015 workplan

5. In 2014 the TEC has completed the following activities and deliverables as per its workplan²:

Table 1. Completed activities and deliverables in 2014

Activity	Deliverable in 2014	Remarks
1.1. Prepare joint annual report TEC & CTCN	Joint annual report of the TEC & CTCN 2014	
2.1. Review of TNAs	Recommendation/key messages to COP 20	Work on paper on best practices is continuing

¹ FCCC/SB/2014/3. The report can be downloaded from TT:CLEAR: <<http://ttclear.unfccc.int>>.

² Detail of activities in the TEC 2014-2015 workplan can be viewed at: <http://unfccc.int/ttclear/misc_/StaticFiles/gnwoerk_static/TEC_infobox_2/0bde16ddda98494d86f0e4ed105b0629/50099ad819ac40a98d336a23c06a4257.pdf>.



3.1. Prepare a value proposition paper	Value proposition paper was delivered for TEC 9	
3.2. Organise a thematic dialogue on climate technology financing	-Thematic dialogue held at TEC 9 - Key messages on climate technology financing to COP 20	
3.5. Undertake work on linkages between Technology Mechanism and Financial Mechanism	Recommendation on linkages between Technology Mechanism and Financial Mechanism to COP 20	
4.1. Hold workshop on national systems of innovation	Workshop was held in October 2014	
5.1. Undertake work on technologies for Adaptation	Workshop on Technologies for Adaptation was held in March 2014	
5.2. Prepare TEC Briefs on technologies for adaptation	- TEC Briefs on technologies for adaptation in Agriculture and Water sectors were launched at a side event at COP20 - Key messages on technologies for adaptation to COP20	
6.4. Enhance the functioning of TT:CLEAR	Continuous improvements including new technology portal, new homepage, and general improvements	

III. Summary of new guidance and developments

6. New mandate to the TEC from decision 17/CP.20: Joint annual report of the TEC and the CTCN for 2014:

13. Requests the TEC to provide guidance on how the results of the TNAs, in particular the technology action plans, can be developed into projects that can be ultimately implemented, and to provide an interim report on its preliminary findings to the subsidiary bodies at their forty-third sessions;

7. Invitation to the TEC from SB 41 to conduct the following activity:

3. The SBI noted that the TEC, in response to an invitation from SBI 40 to evaluate the Poznan strategic programme, initiated its deliberations on this matter at its 9th meeting, held in Bonn, Germany, in August 2014. The SBI also noted that the TEC will undertake the evaluation of the Poznan strategic programme in 2015, guided by the terms of reference to be developed by its task force on this matter. It invited the TEC to provide an interim report on its preliminary findings to SBI 42 (June 2015) and a final report to the COP through SBI 43 (November–December 2015).

8. New development relevant to the work of the TEC from decision 1/CP.20: Lima call for climate action:

19. Decides to continue the technical examination of opportunities with high mitigation potential, including those with adaptation, health and sustainable development co-benefits, in the period 2015–2020, by requesting the secretariat to:

(a) Organize a series of in-session technical expert meetings which:

(ii) Build on and utilize the related activities of, and further enhance collaboration and synergies among, the Technology Executive Committee, the Climate Technology Centre and Network, the Durban Forum on capacity-building, the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;

IV. Proposals for prioritisation of activities in 2015 and follow up activities in 2016

9. In addition to the new activities mandated by the COP and SBI, there are still a number of activities scheduled to start in 2015, and other activities that have been deferred to or are continuing in 2015. Given this high workload, the TEC may wish to consider prioritisation of activities in implementing its work plan for this year, in order to ensure that the TEC is able to deliver high quality work in 2015 while still complying with the request of Parties, within given time and resources available to the TEC and the secretariat supporting the work of the TEC.

10. The TEC may also consider undertaking some of its 2014-2015 activities in 2016, as part of its rolling work plan for 2016-2017. This may allow the TEC to deliver high quality work in 2015, as mentioned above.

11. To facilitate discussion on this matter, the Chair and Vice Chair have mapped all remaining activities of the 2014-2015 workplan and the new mandated activities in Table 2 below. Entries highlighted in yellow indicate those activities and deliverables that have been identified by the TEC Chair and Vice Chair as possible priority activities for 2015.

12. In proposing the prioritisation of activities for 2015, the TEC Chair and Vice Chair took into account the following factors:

- (a) Activity(ies) which need to be undertaken this year to comply with requests and invitations from the COP and SBs (e.g. Activity 1.1, 2.3, 3.6);
- (b) Activity(ies) which have started in 2014 as part of implementation of the 2014-2015 workplan with major deliverables scheduled for 2015 (e.g. Activity 3.3, 4.2, 5.4, 5.5);
- (c) Activity(ies) which are relevant to the on-going discussion in the context of UNFCCC negotiation process (e.g. Activity 6.1);
- (d) Time and resources available to the TEC and the secretariat supporting the work of the TEC.

13. Considering the above, the Chair and Vice Chair also propose that the TEC considers how to organise its work this year. To support the TEC consideration, the Chair and Vice Chair outline options on the number of meetings to be held this year to accommodate the amount of work that the TEC need to undertake, while maximising the effectiveness of its work and ensuring high quality deliverables on the road to Paris. These options are also presented in Table 2, each with the expected outcomes of each meeting. Finally, the table also highlights the proposal on how to proceed with other remaining activities (not categorised in paragraph above) throughout the year and the following year.

V. Possible action by the Technology Executive Committee

14. The TEC may wish to take into account this note in:

- (a) Determining the prioritization of its 2015 activities;
- (b) Determining the number of meetings for 2015;
- (c) Reflecting its consideration in a revised workplan for 2014-2015.

Table 2. Proposal for prioritisation of activities and organisation of work in 2015

Activity/deliverable	Expected outcomes at each TEC meeting				
	Scenario: 2 meetings in 2015		Scenario: 3 meetings in 2015		
	TEC 10	TEC 11	TEC 10	TEC 11	TEC 12
1.1 Prepare joint annual report TEC-CTCN	---	Agree on report outline and process to finalize report after TEC 11	---	Mandate Chairs to prepare draft report for TEC 12	Finalize report
2.1 Review of TNA - Paper on Good practices of TNAs	---	Finalise paper	---	Finalise paper	---
2.2. Linkages between TNA and other processes ¹	---	---	---	---	---
2.3 Guidance on implementation results of TNA	Provide guidance on how to conduct the work	Finalise interim report for COP21	Provide guidance on how to conduct the work	Consider update on the status of the work	Finalise interim report for COP21
3.3 TEC Brief on climate technology financing	Agree on topic and scope	Finalize brief and agree on key messages	Agree on topic and scope	Approve content of draft brief	Finalize brief and agree on key messages
3.4 Assessing RD&D needs ¹	---	---	---	---	---
3.6 Evaluation of Poznan strategic programme	Provide guidance on structure and content of interim report to SBI 42	Finalize report to COP 21 through SBI 43	Provide guidance on structure and content of interim report to SBI 42	Consider SBI 42 guidance to TEC on PSP evaluation (if such guidance exists)	Finalize report to COP 21 through SBI 43
4.2 TEC Brief on NSI and key messages to COP 21	Agree on topic and scope	Finalize brief and agree on key messages	Agree on topic and scope	Approve content of draft brief	Finalize brief and agree on key messages
4.3 Further work on EE&B taking into account NSI workshop	---	Determine and initiate further work	---	---	Determine and initiate further work
5.3 Further collaboration with the AC	Provide guidance on collaborative work	---	Provide guidance on collaborative work	---	---
5.4 Thematic dialogue on South-South cooperation	Provide guidance for preparing thematic dialogue	Hold thematic dialogue and agree on key messages	Provide guidance for preparing thematic dialogue	hold thematic dialogue	Agree on key messages
5.5 TEC Brief on mitigation technology	Agree on topic and scope	Finalize brief and agree on key messages	Agree on topic and scope	Approve content of draft brief	Agree on key messages
6.1 Possible activities related to work of the Durban Platform on Enhanced Action	Agree on how to organise the work relevant to ADP	<i>to be determined</i>	Agree on how to organise the work relevant to ADP	<i>to be determined</i>	<i>to be determined</i>
6.2 Internal paper on views on emerging, future and cross-cutting issues ¹	---	---	---	---	---
6.3 Outreach and communication strategy	Provide guidance on structure and content of the strategy	---	Provide guidance on structure and content of the strategy	---	---

¹: Activities proposed to be undertaken in 2016, as part of TEC workplan 2016-2017