

Draft provisional agenda for the thematic dialogue on research, development and demonstration of environmentally sound technologies

I. Introduction

A. Background

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by its decision 1/CP.16, requested the Technology Executive Committee (TEC), as one of its functions, to seek cooperation with relevant international technology initiatives, stakeholders and organizations, and promote coherence and cooperation across technology activities, including activities under and outside of the Convention.

2. The COP, by its decision 4/CP.17, adopted the following modalities for the TEC in carrying out the function related to cooperation with relevant stakeholders:

(a) Offering participation in the TEC meetings as observers or expert advisers, where applicable;

(b) Engaging stakeholders through other models that the TEC may consider establishing, such as consultative groups, stakeholder forums and technical task forces.

3. The rolling workplan of the TEC for 2012-2013 includes the organization of thematic dialogues in order to seek cooperation with other relevant technology initiatives, stakeholders and organizations. The TEC organised two thematic dialogues on enabling environments and barriers to technology development and transfer in conjunction with its third and fourth meeting in 2012.

B. Scope of the note

4. The rolling work plan of the TEC for 2012-2013 includes the organization of a thematic dialogue on research, development and demonstration (RD&D). The annex contains a draft provisional agenda for the organization of this dialogue for consideration by the TEC at its fifth meeting, with a view to organize the thematic dialogue at its sixth meeting.

Annex: Draft provisional agenda for the thematic dialogue on research, development and demonstration of environmentally sound technologies

1. Background

1. The work plan of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) includes the organization of thematic dialogues on various topics with a view to seek cooperation with other relevant technology initiatives, stakeholders and organizations. During the sixth meeting of the TEC a thematic dialogue on research, development and demonstration (RD&D) of environmentally sound technologies is tentatively scheduled.

2. Objectives

2. The thematic dialogue on RD&D aims to:
 - (a) Highlight issues surrounding the topic of RD&D of environmentally sound technologies,
 - (b) Identify challenges and opportunities, good practises and lessons learned from effective RD&D models,
 - (c) Identify possible follow up actions.

3. Format of the dialogue

3. The dialogue will be structured around three sessions:
 - 1) Presentations on the topic of RD&D of environmentally sound technologies.
 - 2) Panel discussion with representatives from relevant organizations.
 - 3) General discussion with observers present at the meeting.

4. Draft provisional agenda

Session I: Research, development and demonstration of environmentally sound technologies

4. This session will set the scene for the dialogue and will include presentations by experts on issues surrounding the topic of RD&D of environmentally sound technologies, including challenges and opportunities, good practises and lessons learned from effective RD&D models.

- 1) Presentation on issues surrounding RD&D of environmentally sound technologies - Expert from a Developed Country.
- 2) Presentation on issues surrounding RD&D of environmentally sound technologies from a Developing Country perspective - Expert from a Developing Country.
- 3) Q&A

Session II: Panel discussion on research, development and demonstration of environmentally sound technologies

5. This session will be a panel discussion among representatives from relevant organizations structured around guiding questions followed by Q&A.

6. Panel discussion with representatives from international organizations on issues surrounding RD&D of environmentally sound technologies with representatives from:

- 1) Intergovernmental Organization (IGO);
- 2) Business and industry nongovernmental organizations (BINGO);
- 3) Environmental non-governmental organizations (ENGO);
- 4) Research and independent nongovernmental Organizations (RINGO).

7. Guiding questions for the panel discussion:

- 1) Which cooperative RD&D structures (bilateral, multilateral) do currently exist in which areas and what good practices and lessons can be learned from them?
- 2) What role do the public and private sectors play in cooperative RD&D and what is the impact? How can the effectiveness be improved? How can cooperation be enhanced?
- 3) What could be the role of the Technology Mechanism in enhancing and improving cooperative RD&D activities under north-south, south-south and other schemes?

Session III: General discussion and wrap up

8. General discussions with panel members and observers present at the meeting and wrap up by the Chair.