

**South Centre Response
to
Call for input on
Actions undertaken by accredited observer organizations relevant to the
Technology Executive Committee in performing its functions.**

Call for input

The TEC, at its third meeting, agreed to launch a call for input on actions undertaken by accredited observer organizations relevant to the TEC in performing its functions. The inventory of actions undertaken by these organizations would provide a basis for the TEC to identify relevant organizations for cooperation. The input from this call will be considered at the fourth meeting of the TEC.

Observer organizations accredited by the UNFCCC are invited to provide their input on actions undertaken by these organizations which are relevant to the TEC in performing its functions by using the template in the annex. Kindly send your input through email to tec@unfccc.int by 31 July 2012.

Response to Call

The South Centre, an accredited observer intergovernmental organization to the UNFCCC, hereby submits this response to the call for inputs as above described.

Input from the South Centre

Key element 1: Analysis and synthesis

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<p>Key modalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Producing periodic technology outlooks; collating, collecting and synthesizing a range of information on technology research and development and other technology-related activities from various sources, including, but not limited to, national communications, nationally determined technology needs and technology needs assessments, national adaptation programmes of action, nationally appropriate mitigation actions, national adaptation plans, and technology road maps and action plans; and examining the policy implications and opportunities for advancing technology development and transfer;b) Producing a series of technical papers on specific policies and technical issues, including those arising from technology needs assessments;c) Conducting a regular overview of existing technology development, transfer initiatives, activities and programmes with a view to identifying key achievements and gaps, good practices and lessons learned.

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<p>Actions undertaken by the organization relevant to the TEC in performing its functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Preparation and publication of various research papers on policy issues relating to technology transfer and climate change, including but not limited to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. M. Khor, Climate Change, Technology And Intellectual Property Rights: Context And Recent Negotiations (Research Paper 45, April 2012)ii. C. Correa, Mechanisms for International Cooperation in Research and Development: Lessons for the Context of Climate Change (Research 43, March 2012)

Key element 2: Policy recommendations

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Key modalities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Recommending to the COP, or other relevant bodies under the Convention, actions to promote technology development and transfer and to address barriers;b) Recommending guidance on policies and programme priorities related to technology development and transfer, with special consideration given to the least developed country Parties.

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Key element 3: Facilitation and catalysing

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<p>Key modalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Promoting and collaborating with relevant organizations, resources permitting, in organizing workshops and forums to increase the opportunities for sharing experience with experts in developing and implementing technology road maps and action plans as well as other technology-related activities;b) Establishing an inventory of existing collaboration activities and a regular review process, with a view to identifying key achievements and gaps, good practices and lessons learned;c) Making recommendations on actions to promote collaboration;d) Making recommendations on best practices and relevant tools to develop technology road maps and action plans;e) Establishing an inventory of technology road maps and action plans;f) Making recommendations on concrete actions, such as an international process for the development of technology road maps and action plans as well as support required to enhance the development of these items, and in particular capacity-building programmes that may be appropriate.

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Key element 3: Facilitation and catalysing
<p>Actions undertaken by the organization relevant to the TEC in performing its functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Conduct of trainings and workshops on climate change-related technology transfer policy issues with developing country policymakers in the context of the UNFCCC and TEC negotiations and discussionsb) Provided policy recommendations through its research and analyses to developing country governments and to the TEC on improving policy regimes for technology transferc) Advised developing country governments on the establishment and role of the UNFCCC's technology-related institutions (including TEC and SBSTA) to improve UNFCCC implementationd) Convened several meetings of developing country policymakers, delegates and NGOs to discuss and put forward proposals on climate technology issues, including in the UNFCCC contexte) Co-organized workshop in Beijing on South-South cooperation in the transfer of climate-related technologies

Key element 4: Linkages with other relevant institutional arrangements under the Convention

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Key modalities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Cross-participation in the meetings of the relevant bodies, including workshops and events organized by such bodies, or jointly organized, on issues of common interest;b) Inviting inputs to support the implementation of particular activities as specified in the workplan of the TEC;c) Providing inputs into other institutional arrangements under the Convention, in response to requests by the Conference of the Parties and/or invitations by respective institutions, to facilitate the work of those institutions;d) Knowledge and information sharing.

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Actions undertaken by the organization relevant to the TEC in performing its functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Participated in all meetings of the TEC, including providing expert speakers for various TEC sessionsb) Provision of written and oral comments and submissions during TEC meetings in relation to technology policy issuesc) Participated in major meetings of the UNFCCC COP and subsidiary bodies (including SBSTA, SBI, and the Ad-Hoc Working Groups) in which technology transfer policy issues are discussed and are relevant

Key element 5: Linkages with other relevant institutional arrangements outside the Convention

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Key modalities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Offering participation in the TEC meetings as observers or expert advisers;b) Technical task forces, stakeholder forums and/or consultative groups;c) Bilateral cooperative arrangements;d) Web-based communication channels, including through the technology information clearing house (TT:CLEAR);

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Actions undertaken by the organization relevant to the TEC in performing its functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Presented two keynote speeches in UNDP seminar on technology and climate change in Delhi, India, in 2011b) Presented speeches in high-level technology transfer conferences in Beijing (in 2009 organized by the UN and China) and Delhi (in 2010, organized by the UN and India)c) Participated in climate change and technology transfer-related policy discussions in other international forums such as the World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization, UNDP, and UNCTADd) Taking part in the 5th Assessment Report formulation process of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Changee) Active engagement with developing country governments to provide cross-forum awareness of related climate change and technology policy issues, so as to ensure more effective and integrated developing country approaches to these issues across forumsf) Participated in Rio+20 Summit in Rioo 2012 and all the preparatory meetings, including focusing on technology-related issues and texts in the negotiations

Key element 6: Information and knowledge sharing

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<p>Key modalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The TEC should disseminate its outputs and facilitate knowledge sharing through a well-functioning information platform that responds to the information and knowledge service requirements of its potential users, including Parties and a wide range of technology actors, experts and stakeholders.b) The platform would be a tool used to promote the collaboration between various actors and to seek cooperation with relevant international organizations and initiatives. It would support the efforts of the TEC in the following ways: exploring opportunities for information sharing, establishing links with existing knowledge platforms and implementing joint initiatives and programmes.c) The TEC should consider upgrading TT:CLEAR with an expanded and more strategic focus, tailored to the functions of the TEC, and building on existing technology information networks.

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<p>Actions undertaken by the organization relevant to the TEC in performing its functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Created good network and linkages with developing country policymakers in relation to climate change and technology policy issues, particularly in the context of South-South cooperation on technology transfer among developing countries, which are useful in information and knowledge sharing on technology transfer issues