

Report on the National Designated Entities Forums

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2025 CTCN NDE Fora and Collaboration with TEC



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3 Regional NDE Forums held in 2025

Organized in collaboration with the TEC and in conjunction with the CTCN under different themes:

- LAC Region (19-22 May, Panama City, Panama): 22 NDEs, 54 participants.
- Africa Region (21-25 July, Nairobi, Kenya): 37 NDEs, 38 delegates, (75 participants).
- Asia Region (1-3 September, Seoul, South Korea): 19 NDEs, 44 participants.
- Small Island Development States (1-2 December, Brisbane, Australia): Expected to invite 20 NDEs.

Virtual NDE Introduction Session for Eastern Europe planned in October.



- **TEC members:**
 - Made a presentation on ongoing activities and upcoming work of the TEC on climate technology policy in 2025-2026.
 - Gave opening remarks during the LAC NDE Forum.
 - Engaged during bilateral consultations.
 - Delivered opening remarks in Asia Forum (virtually).
 - Presented the joint work program and also engaged NDEs in Q/A sessions in various sessions at the Africa NDE Forum.



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LAC NDE Forum Highlights

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Objective:

- Strengthen collaboration among LAC NDEs under the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism.
- Share experiences, lessons, and best practices from CTCN technical assistance and update of the LAC portfolio.
- Enhance linkages with UNFCCC Financial Mechanism (GCF, GEF, AF) and create networking opportunities.
- Showcase innovative climate technologies aligned with national priorities and NDCs.
- Share information on the work of the TEC and its activities under the rolling workplan.



Scope of the LAC NDE Forum



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Date & Venue:

19–20 May 2025, Panama City, Panama

Participants:

22 LAC NDEs, 32 delegates from UNFCCC secretariat, TEC members, negotiators, AB members, implementing partners, youth representatives.

- Gender representation: 29 women, 25 men.
- TEC & AB Members: 4

Forum focus areas:

- Update on the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism, and TM Joint Work Programme (2023–2027).
- System transformation areas and Enablers as per PoW (Delivered through interactive Roundtables of Countries, hands-on activities, brainstorming from NDEs)
- Cross-cutting issues:, Gender, Youth, Indigenous People.



LAC NDE Forum –Key Takeaways



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Increased knowledge: Clarity on the flagship programmes and opportunities for TA request submission. Agreement on the role of the NDEs in project ideation, implementation, and follow-up activities.

Enhanced interaction: Exchange rooms allowed a group discussion on prioritizing climate priorities for future multi-country TA potential.

Feedback from NDEs: Expressions of interest on:

- multi-country TAs (Agrometeorological Early Warning Systems in the Caribbean).
- more capacity building on Digitalization and Climate Finance.
- sectorial policy briefs, good examples and recommendations, relevant to regions.

Bilateral sessions: The organization of bilateral sessions was improved to be more effective, allowing for discussions of the countries' needs.

Next steps: Belize expressed interest in hosting the NDE Forum 2026.





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Africa NDE Forum Highlights

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Objective:

- Strengthen collaboration among African NDEs under the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism.
- Share experiences, lessons, and best practices from CTCN technical assistance.
- Enhance linkages with other mechanisms (TEC, UNFCCC) and create networking opportunities.
- Showcase innovative climate technologies aligned with national priorities and NDCs.
- Share information on the work of the TEC and its activities under the rolling workplan



Scope of the Africa NDE Forum



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Date & Venue:

21–22 July 2025, Nairobi, Kenya

Participants:

37 African NDEs, 38 delegates from UNFCCC secretariat, UNEP, TEC members, Representative of AGN, AB members, development partners & networks.

- Gender representation: 32 women, 43 men.
- TEC & AB Members: 6

Forum focus areas:

- Technology Mechanism Joint Work Programme (2023–2027).
- System transformation areas and Enablers as per PoW (Delivered through interactive world café format in EN, FR)
- Cross-cutting issues: Gender, Youth, Indigenous Peoples.



Africa NDE Forum –Key Takeaways



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Enhanced exchanges:

- Reduced presentations allowed more peer-to-peer dialogue and collaboration. This was very well received by NDEs as they were able to learn from each other.

Actionable insights from world Café tour:

- Strengthened focus on digitalization, climate data, and resilient grids.

Feedback from NDEs:

- NDEs expressed need for stronger logistical support and continuous improvement in consultant selection for TA implementation.
- NDEs appreciated and implored CTCN to continue with their matchmaking efforts similar to successful cases in Tanzania on E-mobility.

Next steps:

- Forum reaffirmed NDEs' role in shaping climate technology priorities in Africa.
- Tunisia expressed in hosting the next NDE forum.





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Asia NDE Forum Highlights

Objective:

- Strengthen collaboration among Asian NDEs under the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism.
- Share experiences, lessons, and best practices from CTCN technical assistance.
- Enhance linkages with other mechanisms (TEC, UNFCCC) and create networking opportunities.
- Introduction to the collaborative RD&D concept and related supporting activities aligned with national priorities and NDCs.
- Share information on the work of the TEC and its activities under the rolling workplan



Scope of the Asia NDE Forum



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Date & Venue:

1 September 2025, Seoul, South Korea

Participants:

19 NDEs from West, Central, and Southeast Asia with 23 from the UNFCCC secretariat, AB members, Green Climate Fund, and observers (Network members).

- Gender representation: 20 women, 22 men.
- TEC & Members: 2

Forum focus areas:

- Technology Mechanism Joint Work Programme (2023–2027)
- NDE Feedback session on CTCN procedures
- Strengthening Technical Assistances - RD&D Collaboration Facilitation



Asia NDE Forum – Key Takeaways



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Raising awareness: The new cohort of NDEs gained a clear understanding of TM's collective support for climate technology transfer and innovation.

Exchange of support schemes: Introduction to the logistical support and CTCN TA programmes, which call for active submission of requests to access support.

Collection of success stories: NDEs shared examples of successful TA projects, including TAs that facilitated increase of number of electric buses (Jordan), mobilized finance for a geothermal project, and built NSI capacity (Thailand).

Feedback from NDEs: NDEs emphasized the importance of continuing to explore how CTCN services can be aligned with financing models.

Next steps: The NDE of Thailand and Tajikistan expressed willingness to host the next NDE forum.





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SIDS NDE Forum (*outlook)

Objective:

- Strengthen collaboration among SIDS NDEs under the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism.
- Share experiences, lessons, and best practices from CTCN technical assistance.
- Enhance linkages with other mechanisms (TEC, UNFCCC) and create networking opportunities.
- Exchange innovative climate technologies aligned with national priorities and NDCs.
- Share information on the work of the TEC and its activities under the rolling workplan.

Date & Venue:

1-2 December 2025, Brisbane, Australia

Participants to be invited:

20 countries, excluding 19 countries that participated in this year's LAC and Africa Fora

Forum focus areas:

- 1) Technology Mechanism Joint Work Programme (2023–2027)
- 2) NDE Feedback session on CTCN procedures
- 3) Key TA concepts for SIDS countries



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