

Addendum

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on

Collaboration between the Climate Technology Center and Network and the Regional  
Technology Transfer and Finance Centres supported by the Global Environment Facility

1. Following guidance from the forty first and forty second meetings of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 41 and SBI 42), this addendum to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) report to UNFCCC COP at its twenty first session (COP 21) provides detailed information on collaboration between the Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN) and the regional technology transfer and finance centres supported by the GEF, for the period August to October 2015.
2. Under SBI 41 agenda item 12 (b), Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer<sup>1</sup>, the SBI noted the areas of collaboration between the regional technology transfer and finance centres supported by the GEF under the Poznan strategic programme and the CTCN and invited the GEF to report on this collaboration as part of its future progress reports.
3. Under SBI 42 agenda item 8, Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer<sup>2</sup>, the SBI welcomed the collaboration between the CTCN and the regional technology transfer and finance centres supported by the GEF under the Poznan strategic programme. It invited the GEF to provide more detailed information on its ongoing collaboration with the CTCN in its future progress reports.
4. The GEF is supporting the CTCN and four regional projects listed in Table 1. These projects receive funding from the GEF Trust Fund (TF) for mitigation as well as from the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) in support of adaptation. The regional projects are starting to generate lessons learned, which are discussed in paragraph 7, to help inform the Technology Mechanism, in particular the CTCN, and facilitate coordination and cooperation on climate technology development and transfer.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2014/21, paragraph 87

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2015/10, paragraph 79

Table 1 GEF Projects for Climate Technology Transfer and Finance Centres and for the CTCN

<i>Title</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>GEF financing (\$ millions)</i>		<i>Co-financing (\$ millions)</i>	<i>Status</i>
			<i>GEFTF</i>	<i>SCCF</i>		
Promoting accelerated transfer and scaled up deployment of mitigation technologies through the Climate Technology Centre & Network (CTCN)	Global	UNIDO	1.8	0	7.2	Under implementation
Pilot Asia-Pacific Climate Technology Network and Finance Center	Asia and Pacific	ADB/ UNEP	10.0	2.0	74.7	Under implementation
Pilot African Climate Technology Finance Center and Network	Africa	AfDB	10.0	5.8	89.0	Under implementation
Regional Climate Technology Transfer Center	Europe and Central Asia	EBRD	10.0	2.0	77.0	Under implementation
Climate Technology Transfer Mechanisms and Networks in Latin America and the Caribbean	Latin America and the Caribbean	IDB	10.0	2.0	63.4	Under Implementation

5. On 26 and 27 August 2015, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) organized a workshop to discuss the experiences and lessons gained from the implementation of the Pilot Asia-Pacific Climate Technology Network and Finance Center, which is a joint undertaking between ADB and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Other key regional and global institutions involved in the promotion of climate technologies including the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), which are implementing regional technology transfer and finance centres projects, the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), the GEF, the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) also shared their experiences and insights.
6. Participants to the workshop included representatives from national and local governments from nineteen developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region and representatives from the private sector, particularly those involved in the clean technology sector.
7. A key message that surfaced during the discussions as a lesson learned is that access to information and financing are main elements in the promotion of climate technologies in developing countries. Experience sharing during the sessions illustrated how interventions by different institutions are helping developing countries to use information about climate technology innovations and its potential applications for specific actions and projects that they are planning to, preparing for, or are already implementing. Encouraging open communication

among national, regional and global stakeholders helps raise awareness of the various initiatives being undertaken and to facilitate cooperation and complementary actions. Access to financing is needed to support governments to incorporate climate technologies into a greater number of their projects as well as to support the needed institutional and capacity building to ensure their sustainable shift towards a low carbon development path. The discussions also highlighted the growing role of the private sector in mobilizing resources and the importance of an enabling environment that can encourage a thriving clean technology sector.

8. On 28 August 2015, ADB organized a half-day post-workshop meeting with representatives of the UNFCCC Secretariat, the TEC, the CTCN, the GEF, UNEP, EBRD, IDB, and WIPO. This meeting served as a follow-up to the roundtable discussion hosted by the GEF and the CTCN on 7 October 2014 which discussed the joint efforts and potential cooperation among development agencies and the Technology Mechanism to accelerate climate technology transfer. The post-workshop meeting focused on three key issues: (1) areas of future collaboration; (2) the future of the climate technology centers; and (3) possible joint action for COP 21.
9. All participants (1) recognized that continuous information sharing is critical to maximize the benefits of technology transfer activities, and (2) demonstrated interest in enhancing collaboration and cooperation through various opportunities, including meetings similar to the half-day post-workshop meeting and the October 2014 roundtable discussion. The modality for collaboration between the regional development banks (RDBs) and the CTCN is evolving based on each one's expectations and available resources. The CTCN and RDBs are exploring the possibility enhancing their collaboration and cooperation. There was also a request for the GEF to continue organizing similar roundtable discussions in the future, specifically during the sidelines of GEF Assemblies or Council meetings.
10. In terms of joint action for COP 21, the RDBs as well as the CTCN are planning their own side events with their respective partners. There was general agreement to share the schedule and details of everyone's side events so that RDBs and CTCN can support each other.
11. On October 19, 2015, the GEF organized a coordination meeting on the pilot regional climate technology and finance centers at the margin of the GEF Council with the RDBs, UNEP and UNIDO. This coordination meeting, which has been held regularly since 2012 enabled participants to: (i) share the progress of the regional projects and the CTCN; (ii) discuss their collaboration; and (iii) to inform each other about COP21 engagement.
12. As for collaboration and cooperation between the regional projects and the CTCN, various activities have been implemented after the ADB-organized meeting in August 2015. For

example, EBRD has collaborated with the CTCN on Technical Assistance Requests received by the CTCN from EBRD countries of operation, and EBRD has already confirmed its willingness to collaborate on one request and has provided the CTCN with documents to support the relevant CTCN response plan. The collaboration is also through its participation in the CTCN events as appropriate. In addition, EBRD presented the regional project during the CTCN's Regional Forum for National Designated Entities (NDEs), held in Armenia from September 29 to October 1 2015.

13. The IDB has announced its plans to organize a workshop on forest-related technology transfer back-to-back with the CTCN.
14. The ADB/UNEP project is working to strengthen the regional network of NDEs and their relationship with other technology stakeholders, and supporting them to link the CTCN technical assistance with financial mechanisms and institutions that are relevant to climate technologies.
15. On COP21 engagement, the EBRD indicated that it is organizing a side event focusing on technology transfer and expressed its intention to extend invitations to the regional projects as well as the CTCN, the TEC and the UNFCCC secretariat.