

ASIA CLEAN ENERGY FORUM 2019

PARTNERING FOR IMPACT

MANILA | 17–21 JUNE 2019



Deep Dive Workshop

Climate Technology Matchmaking Event



Point of Contact:

Claudius “Deo” Gabinete,
CTCN claudius.gabinete@un.org

Background

Mobilizing private sector participation in action to address climate change is an important issue for policy makers in Asia-Pacific. The outcome statement of the Asia-Pacific Carbon Week 2017 emphasized the importance of private sector investments in leveraging climate finance—through de-risking and credit enhancement.

Sector specific calls for enhanced private sector engagement for climate technology development, transfer and deployment have also been issued by ASEAN, while the Asia Development Bank, World Bank and UN Environment are all piloting innovative green financing mechanisms in the region. In fact, Asia-Pacific accounts for almost half of the world’s value of climate aligned bonds.

Seventy-nine (79%) of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in Asia-Pacific identify technology transfer and specific technology needs as priorities. Since 2015, there has been a surge in climate finance investments, particularly coming from the private sector – brought about by maturing renewable energy technologies that now requires less public investment to attract private capital. More than 150 billion USD of investments made in Asia Pacific during 2015 and 2016 on renewable energy technologies.

The Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), as the operational arm of the technology mechanism under the UN Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC), is mandated to support business opportunities, investments and innovation in climate mitigation and adaptation technologies. In particular, in adopting the Technology Framework Parties to the UNFCCC tasked the CTCN with, among others:

- Supporting countries in the development, deployment and dissemination of existing innovative technologies and the scale-up and diffusion of emerging climate technologies;
- Building partnerships between the public and private sector in the development and transfer of climate technologies; and

- Increasing capacity for private and public sectors to fully realize the development and transfer of climate technologies.

Concept

With support from the European Commission and in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank, CTCN will organize an Asia-Pacific private sector matchmaking event for National Designated Entities (NDEs), regional partners and Network Members. The matchmaking event will follow the model developed by Enterprise Europe Network and will include an online profile and meeting brokering element along with in-session workshops.

The matchmaking event will make use of an online platform on which NDEs can upload their funded climate technology needs and Network Members can submit requests for pitch meetings based on the technologies and approaches they have to offer.

As the matchmaking event will be held at the margins of the Asia Clean Energy Forum, the focus of the event will be on energy efficiency, clean energy and renewable energy technologies.

Objective

The objective of this Deep Dive Workshop is to increase private sector engagement in energy-related technology transfer and deployment to developing countries.

Agenda

9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p>Plenary session: Accelerating climate ambitions through private sector innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion to share experiences and lessons learned from successfully upscaled technology partnerships with the private sector <p>Role of CTCN in catalyzing in climate investments</p>
10.30 a.m. - 15.30 p.m.	Matchmaking Session (7 rounds of 30 minutes)
15:30 p.m. - 16.30 p.m.	Bilateral meeting
16.30 p.m. - 17.00 p.m.	Debriefing and Closing Plenary