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TEC task force on adaptation – TEC Brief on South south cooperation and triangular cooperation on technologies for adaptation

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Background

Thematic dialogue on "South south cooperation on technologies for adaptation"

- Held on 6 April 2016 part of TEC12
- Focused on SSC on Water and Agriculture technologies
 - a) two prioritised sectors in adaptation identified by countries in TNAs
- Presentation of Background paper
 - a) including results of e-survey conducted with 138 National Designated Entities to the CTCN, 14 CTCN Consortium Partner representatives, and 102 CTCN Network members
- Sharing of experiences and lessons learned among SSC/TrC practitioners
- Identified ways to promote and upscale SSC/TrC in Agriculture & Water
- Follow up: Further engagement with UNOSSC to explore potential collaboration



Background

Mandate from TEC 13

"Develop a TEC Brief on South-south cooperation and Triangular cooperation on technologies for adaptation, incorporating the work of the TEC undertaken so far on this issue and relevant information from the engagement with the UNOSSC."

Process for preparation

- Main sources of information: Background paper, Thematic dialogue, further engagement with UNOSSC, Report of task force to TEC13 in 2016
- Engagement of expert to assist in developing the Brief
- Two drafts were circulated to comments to TF members and inputs were received from CTCN



Brief overview of the TEC Brief

Outline

- Why this TEC Brief?
- Highlights
- Potential of SSC/TrC in technologies for adaptation
- Main challenges to SSC/TrC in technologies for adaptation in the agriculture and water sectors
- Lessons learned
- Promoting and scaling up SSC/TrC to assist countries in implementing their adaptation actions



Some excerpt from Highlights

- The adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the entry into force of the Paris Agreement may bring opportunities for countries to increase SSC/TrC for enhancing the transfer and deployment of adaptation technologies;
- SSC/TrC can further assist countries in implementing their priority adaptation actions, as articulated in NDCs, NAPs, and other national and subnational adaptation planning efforts;
- Countries may count on the efforts taken by governments, research institutes, and global institutions and mechanisms like the TEC and the CTCN to catalyse SSC/TrC for technologies for adaptation;



Potential of SSC/TrC in adaptation technologies

- Nearly 50% of the organizations had never engaged in SSC in technologies for adaptation in the agriculture and water sectors.
- □ SSC/TrC tend to concentrate in a small number of countries





Some excerpts from Lessons learned

SSC/TrC has developed mechanisms for replicating and transferring technologies for adaptation and has offered important lessons for countries in implementing their NAPs and NDCs

- Accelerate knowledge dissemination through knowledge exchange and learning.
- Empower local stakeholders in order to replicate local solutions and promote the sustainable application of technologies for adaptation
- Integrate hardware, software, and orgware through flexible programs and partnerships.
- Effective coordination and integration of technologies for adaptation in crosssectoral planning and policy formulation by local and national governments is essential to ensure the implementation of appropriate adaptation actions.



Promoting and scaling up SSC/TrC to assist countries in implementing their adaptation actions

- A. Bringing multiple stakeholders to work together in different capacities like policy design, knowledge management and exchange, and project implementation.
- B. Providing Institutional support to SSC/TrC in order to enable effective knowledge management and information sharing on adaptation
- C. Exploring the linkages between climate change and other development areas (e.g. agriculture-water-climate nexus) and have them reflected in adaptation action within the NAPs and NDCs.
- D. Using global mechanisms, international networks and organizations such as UNOSSC to support and promote SSC/TrC in technologies for adaptation and strengthen links with the SDGs.



Next step

- > TEC is invited to provide comments on the draft
- Taskforce will finalise it after TEC14
- Possible soft launch at SB46 session in May in a side event related to South-south cooperation



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