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The programme of work of the Centre is aligned with the Sub programme of the Trade, Investment and Innovation Division (TIID) of ESCAP. The following projects and/or programmes are being proposed for implementation for 2017, for consideration by the Governing Council.

1. Institutional Support Project on "**Strengthening the National Innovation System (NIS) of ESCAP member States with special focus on technology transfers and deployment of technology innovations**" - Funded from the Institutional Support for APCTT (Multi-Donors)

In consultation with the Programme Planning and Partnerships Division (SPMD) of ESCAP, APCTT has developed and is currently implementing its Institutional Project on "Strengthening the National Innovation System (NIS) of ESCAP member States with special focus on technology transfers and deployment of technology innovations" funded from the Institutional Support for APCTT (Multi-Donors). This project would support the Centre's regular substantive activities to strengthen the capacity of policymakers and key stakeholders in ESCAP member States to harness science, technology and innovation (STI) through facilitating regional cooperation, improved access to knowledge and information on new technological innovations, enhanced skill and capability in policy and strategy development, technology transfer, promoting the adoption and use of new and emerging technologies, and encouraging technology-based entrepreneurship.

2. "**Feed the Future India: Enhancing Food Security in Selected Least Developed Countries in Asia through Establishment of an Agricultural Innovation Accelerator Platform**" – Expected funding support from USAID with a total funding of about 1.5 Million USD

APCTT developed a project proposal entitled, "Feed the Future India: Enhancing Food Security in Selected Least Developed Countries in Asia through establishment of an Agricultural Innovation Accelerator Platform". This project aims to enhance food security by transfer of agricultural innovations from India to three least developed countries namely, Bangladesh, Cambodia and Nepal. This project is scheduled to be implemented during 2017-2021 subject to the outcome of resource mobilization efforts by APCTT which are currently underway.

3. **South-South Cooperation for STI policies in the Asia-Pacific region** – Expected funding from the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) 10th Tranche in partnership with the Trade Investment and Innovation Division of ESCAP.

APCTT jointly developed a project document on South-South cooperation for STI policies in the Asia-Pacific region, funded by the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) 10th Tranche in partnership with the Trade Investment and Innovation Division of ESCAP. The main objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of selected countries of the Asia-Pacific region to formulate STI policies and strategies to strengthen their national innovations systems. This project is scheduled to be jointly implemented by the Trade and Investment Division and the Centre during the period 2016-2019.

4. Asia-Pacific Tech Monitor and VATIS Updates

A study was undertaken to assess the quality, usefulness and viewership of APCTT periodicals by analyzing relevant data collected through (a) 'Readers Response' survey with respect to the quality and usefulness of periodicals and their contents, and (b) Google analytic data on viewership of electronic version of periodicals. The key conclusions and suggestions resulted from of the study are presented for the consideration of the Twelfth session of the Governing Council of APCTT. Based on the recommendations of GC, APCTT will decide on the future course of action related to publishing and/or upgrading *VATIS Updates* in relevant areas. Asia-Pacific Tech Monitor, the flagship publication of APCTT will however continue to be published by APCTT. These periodicals will also be disseminated widely through social media, such as Facebook and Twitter to enhance the outreach.

5. An Integrated Rural Economic and Social Development Programme for Livelihoods Improvement in the Dry Zone of Myanmar – Funded by Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund (LIFT)

In 2015, APCTT initiated work on its project entitled “An Integrated Rural Economic and Social Development Programme for Livelihoods Improvement in the Dry Zone of Myanmar”, which is being funded through the Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund. The Centre implemented various activities under this project during 2015-16 focusing on transfer of improved and environmentally sound technologies for small and medium-sized enterprises to improve the livelihoods and food security aspects of key stakeholders in the dry zone of Myanmar. During 2017, APCTT will consolidate the outputs of this project such as case studies, policy papers and workshop reports and make it easily accessible for a wide range of stakeholders through www.satnetasia.org website.