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I. Introduction

1. The programme of work for the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology is aligned with the work programme of ESCAP sub-programme 2, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division of ESCAP. The following projects are proposed for implementation in 2021.

A. Assist the member States through strengthening their capabilities to develop national innovations, technology transfer and commercialization

2. The capacity building activities will be funded by the annual contributions received from the Centre's Governing Council member States during the year 2021.

3. The objectives will be to increase the capacity of science, technology and innovation policymakers and key stakeholders in ESCAP member States on the following areas: enhancing skill and capability in science, technology and innovation policy making, technology transfer and commercialization; promoting the adoption and use of new and emerging technologies for sustainable development; encouraging technology-based entrepreneurship and startups; promoting cross-border technology transfer; improving access to knowledge and information on new technological innovations; and promoting regional cooperation.

4. Under this project, the Centre conducts demand-driven capacity-building activities, examining the needs of the member States expressed at the occasion of the Governing Council sessions. The capacity building activities are implemented jointly in partnership with the Centre's national focal points and key nodal institutions in the member States. For the year 2021, member States may propose concrete capacity building activities for discussion at the sixteenth session of the Governing Council of the Centre.

5. The project will also support production of the Centre's regular web-based publication, the Asia-Pacific Tech Monitor and a publication on clean energy technology transfer and innovation to be published in 2021.

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B. Evidence-based innovation policy for effective implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific Region
(ongoing)

6. The project is funded by the United Nations Development Account (11th Tranche). It is jointly implemented with Trade, Investment and Innovation Division of ESCAP and the Centre during the period 2018 to 2021.

7. The main objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of developing countries, in particular the Least-Developed Countries in South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Small Island Developing States in the Pacific, to formulate evidence-based, integrated and inclusive innovation and technology policies. Through such policies the countries should be able to use science, technology and innovations as effective means of implementation for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

8. The funds will support the Centre's capacity building activities and strengthening of online technology databases, with special reference to the least developed countries of the region.

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