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**Proposed programme of work for 2024**

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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 sub-programme 2, Trade, Investment and Innovation of ESCAP. The following projects and programmes are proposed for implementation in 2024.

**A. Strengthen regional technology cooperation for promoting innovative and emerging technologies to address climate change and support sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region**

2. This is a regular project supported by the institutional support funds of the Centre. The project will aim at enhancing the capacities of technology and innovation policymakers and key stakeholders of ESCAP member States to facilitate regional technology cooperation and transfer for addressing climate change and support sustainable development in alignment with the Centre's strategic plan (2023-2027).

3. The Centre will conduct demand-driven capacity-building and technology cooperation activities based on the needs of the member States expressed during its nineteenth session of the Governing Council. The activities will be implemented jointly with the Centre's national focal points and key nodal institutions in the member States. For the year 2024, member States may propose concrete activities including capacity building, analytical work, knowledge products, joint projects and regional cooperation, for discussion at the nineteenth session of the Governing Council in alignment with the strategic plan.

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4. The project includes establishment of a Community of Practice (CoP) on climate change technologies for the Asia-Pacific region. As a platform for knowledge exchange, capacity building and cross-border collaboration, the goal of the CoP is to foster technology cooperation and transfer in the region.

5. Within the framework of the ESCAP Visiting Fellows Programme being launched on a pilot basis, the Centre proposes to offer opportunities for member States to host fellows from their countries to benefit from sharing of knowledge and experience, particularly on climate technologies. The fellows will contribute to supporting their countries in adoption and scaling up of climate technologies.

6. The project will support the development and dissemination of the Centre's analytical work and knowledge products such as the online periodical Asia-Pacific Tech Monitor, thematic papers, publications and knowledge products on topics related to the focus areas. It is proposed to digitize the Tech Monitor to enhance its visibility, and optimal reading experience on various devices, including smartphones and tablets. The social media presence of the Centre would also be strengthened to increase follower base, enhance engagement, improve content quality and visibility, and foster collaborations with stakeholders.

7. The project will be funded by the annual contributions received from the member States of the Governing Council of the Centre.

**B. Develop new capacity building projects in line with the strategic plan of the Centre (*Proposed*)**

8. The Centre proposes to develop new capacity building projects funded by donors and/or jointly with member States on themes based on the recommendations of the strategic plan (2023-2027), and recommendations of the eighteenth session of the Governing Council of the Centre.

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