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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 2025.

A. Strengthen regional cooperation for innovation, adoption, diffusion, and transfer of innovative and emerging technologies for addressing climate change and achieving SDGs in the Asia-Pacific region

2. This is a regular capacity building project supported by the institutional support funds of the Centre. The project aims at strengthening the capacities of key stakeholders of ESCAP member States for adoption, diffusion and transfer of innovative and emerging technologies and fostering regional technology cooperation for addressing climate change and supporting sustainable development, in alignment with the Centre's strategic plan (2023-2027).

3. The project focuses innovation and scale up of innovative and emerging technologies, strengthening policies and linkages for access to financing and technical support mechanisms, and enhancing cross-border cooperation and networking for technology transfer. The project will have a prioritized focus on youth including young policymakers, innovators and entrepreneurs for enhancing their skill sets and capabilities in key areas of technology transfer such as intellectual property management, financing green and digital innovations, cross border collaboration and entrepreneurship development.

4. Under this project, the Centre will provide on-demand technical support, policy advice and capacity building based on the needs of member States expressed during its twentieth session of the Governing Council as well as targeted interventions in areas prioritized in the Centre's Strategic Plan. The

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activities will be implemented jointly with the Centre's national focal points and key nodal institutions in the member States. For the year 2025, member States may propose concrete activities including capacity building, analytical work, skill and entrepreneurship development programmes, knowledge products, joint projects and regional cooperation, for discussion at the twentieth session of the Governing Council.

5. The project will support the Centre's ongoing regional cooperation, networking and technology facilitation activities such as consultative meetings, expert group meetings, Community of Practice on climate technologies, and the ESCAP Visiting Fellows Programme on technology transfer. The Visiting Fellows Programme is aimed at young policymakers for enhancing the understanding of the interactions between enabling policies and emerging technologies and greater regional collaboration for technology transfer. The project will support sharing of experiences and innovations, facilitating networking and cross-border linkages among young innovators and entrepreneurs through an Innovation Challenge for the young entrepreneurs, as well as through exhibitions and events such as the Technology and Innovation Conclave and Exhibition.

6. The project will support, development and implementation of self-paced online learning modules on technology transfer and commercialization for policymakers and relevant stakeholders in member States in line with the recommendation of the Centre's evaluation report (2019-2023). Targeted and specialized modules may be developed for young policymakers and relevant stakeholders in member States for promoting role of youth and women in technology related activities in key areas of technology transfer including intellectual property management, financing green innovations, cross-border linkages for scale up of innovations and entrepreneurship development.

7. The project will support knowledge management for facilitation of technology transfer. This includes 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. The feasibility of developing a digital platform or database containing information related to technologies and regional cooperation in emerging technologies is being explored for development.

8. The project will support activities aimed at enhancing the visibility of the activities and outputs of the Centre in the region as recommended in its evaluation report (2019-2023). A comprehensive communications and information strategy will be finalized for greater visibility of the Centre, as well as on advocacy and awareness creation among youth, women and other stakeholders on role of technologies in addressing climate change and for sustainable development. The social media presence of the Centre will also be strengthened to improve content quality and visibility, increase its follower base, and enhance engagement with partners and stakeholders.

9. The project will be funded by the annual contributions received from member States of the Governing Council and observer countries.

B. Develop a multi-year capacity building project as recommended by the evaluation report of the Centre

10. As per the recommendation of its evaluation report (2019-2023), the Centre is in the process of developing a multi-year capacity building project

comprising, among others, of a series of knowledge-sharing workshops focusing on research and development and innovation to address technological issues related to energy transition and renewable energy technologies, climate resilient infrastructure in cities, air pollution and digital and fourth industrial revolution technologies. The Centre will mobilize funding resources from donors for this project.

C. Develop new collaborative projects in line with the strategic plan of the Centre (*Proposed*)

11. The Centre proposes to develop new collaborative projects with member States on themes based on the recommendations of the strategic plan (2023-2027) and the twentieth session of its Governing Council.
