
SPEECH By

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Distinguished Chairperson,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am honoured to brief you on the outcomes of the 18th Session of the Governing Council of Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT).

Technologies are considered as key enablers for addressing climate change and achieving Sustainable Development Goals. With focus on innovative and emerging technologies, APCTT supports member States through policy and analytical support, capacity building technology facilitation, partnerships, and knowledge management.

The 18th Session of Governing Council was held on 7 and 8 December 2022 in Bangkok and online. It was attended by 10 GC members and observers.

The Council greatly appreciated APCTT's activities and achievements during December 2021 to November 2022.

The Centre delivered and contributed to 15 demand-driven activities and events over the year in key areas including ~~4IR~~ Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies, biotechnology, energy, climate change, green innovation, smart-grids, and air pollution control. These activities enhanced knowledge of over 1100 participants from 28 member States.

The Centre also facilitated improved access to knowledge through its online periodical *Asia-Pacific Tech Monitor* and knowledge products.

The Council requested the Centre to continue providing demand-driven policy, analytical and capacity-building support to strengthen national innovation systems, technology innovations, transfer, adoption and diffusion, and promote regional cooperation.

The Council adopted the Strategic Plan of APCTT for the next five years. The Strategic Plan (2023–2027) outlines the vision of the Centre to “enhance regional cooperation for innovation, adoption, diffusion and transfer of innovative and emerging technologies in the Asia-Pacific region for addressing climate change and achieving SDGs.”

The Council also adopted the Centre’s programme of work for 2023, and invited members to consider the following suggestions:

- to provide voluntary annual contributions
- to finance technical cooperation projects or provide in-kind support
- to provide national experts to work at APCTT

The Council stands committed to support APCTT in delivering on the needs of members and address climate change through supporting innovation and scale up of emerging technologies, facilitating enabling policies and partnerships, and strengthening technology cooperation.

With your support and encouragement, the Centre will build a strong work programme and deliver more efficiently than ever.

Thank you.