



Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries

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Second session

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Report of the Council of the Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries on the work of its second session

1. The second session of the Council of the Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries was held on 3 and 4 April 2019 at its headquarters in Gebze, Turkey. The list of participants and the agenda are contained in annexes I and II, respectively, to the present report.
2. The Chair of the Council formally opened the meeting by welcoming the Council members and observers to the session.

I. Decisions taken

3. The Council adopted the following documents:
 - (a) Agenda of the session (TBLDC/2019/1) (see annex II);
 - (b) Report to the General Assembly on the work of the Technology Bank in 2018 (TBLDC/2019/3);
 - (c) Budget and programme of work of the Technology Bank for 2019 (TBLDC/2019/2);
 - (d) Decision 2019/1 (see annex III);
 - (e) Report of the session (TBLDC/2019/4).

4. The Council requested the Managing Director to submit to the Secretary-General the report to the General Assembly on the work of the Technology Bank in 2018, to be transmitted for informational purposes.

II. Discussion

5. The Chair introduced the provisional agenda for the session, which was adopted by the Council.

6. The Managing Director reported on the programme of work for 2018, which was focused on science, technology and innovation country reviews, including technology needs assessments, and digital access to research.

7. The Managing Director presented the budget estimates and programme of work for 2019. The Council members acknowledged that the proposed programme of work and budget were in conformity with the strategic plan of the Technology Bank adopted by the interim Council in 2016. The Council noted that the programme of work was aimed at consolidating and expanding on the activities of the Bank in 2018 that covered science, technology and innovation country reviews, including technology needs assessments, digital access to research, resource mobilization and outreach. The Council underscored the importance of reviewing the programme of work to maximize its impact in the countries and to ensure its alignment with available resources.

8. The Council took note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the programme of work and budget for 2019 ().

9. The Managing Director provided an update on current efforts in relation to resource mobilization and outreach. The Council members expressed appreciation for the extensive efforts of the Technology Bank and discussed possible avenues through which to mobilize additional resources from a diverse cross section of stakeholders. They agreed to support the outreach and resource mobilization efforts of the Bank through their networks.

10. The Managing Director introduced draft decision 2019/1, noting that it was important for the Council to consider providing the Managing Director with the flexibility necessary to execute the budget and programme of work of the Technology Bank effectively. The decision was approved by the Council.

11. The Chair invited the Rapporteur to introduce the draft report of the session, which was approved by the Council.

Annex I

List of participants

1. The following members of the Council attended the session:

Aggrey John Douglas Ambali

Abdoulaye Yero Balde

Sonia Bashir Kabir

Bitrina Daniel Diyamett

Zakri bin Abdul Hamid

Orkun Hasekioglu

Mohamed H. A. Hassan

Frank Rijsberman

Alfred Watkins

Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu

2. The following entities of the United Nations system participated in the session as observers:

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

3. The Managing Director of the Technology Bank, Joshua Setipa, attended ex officio.

Annex II

Agenda

1. Welcoming remarks.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Report to the General Assembly on the work of the Technology Bank in 2018.
4. Budget estimates and programme of work for 2019.
5. Three-year strategic plan for the Technology Bank adopted in 2016 and resource mobilization opportunities and outreach activities.
6. Adoption of the report of the session.

Annex III

Decision 2019/1

The Council of the Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries, considering, in connection with the adoption of the budget and programme of work for 2019, the necessary budget authorizations that may be required by the Managing Director of the Technology Bank, as the chief administrative officer of the Bank, to execute the budget and programme of work of the Bank effectively:

(a) Authorizes the Managing Director to transfer resources between budget classes involving a variation of cumulative 30 per cent or less of the amount originally approved in relation to each budget class concerned within a fiscal year;

(b) Also authorizes the Managing Director, with regard to additional resources that may be received by the Bank after the adoption of the annual budget and programme of work, to allocate and utilize them for additional activities that may be provided for in the current budget and programme of work or are in line with the current strategic multi-year plan;

(c) Stipulates that the Managing Director shall promptly inform the Council in writing of any action taken pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) above.
