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Proposed future projects and programme of work for 2019**Draft programme of work of the Asian and Pacific Centre
for transfer of technology for 2019****I. Introduction**

1. The programme of work for 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 and programme of work are proposed for implementation in 2019.

A. Project on “Strengthening the National Innovation System of ESCAP member States with special focus on technology transfers and deployment of technology innovations” (*ongoing*)

2. The project is funded by the annual contributions received from the APCTT Governing Council member states for the biennium 2018-2019.

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

4. The project also supports production of the Centre’s regular web-based publication, namely the Asia-Pacific Tech Monitor.

B. Project on “South-South Cooperation for Science, Technology and Innovation Policies in the Asia-Pacific Region” (*ongoing*)

* ESCAP/APCTT/GC/2018/3

5. The project is funded by the United Nations Development Account (10th Tranche) being jointly implemented by Trade Investment and Innovation Division and the Centre during the period 2016-2019.

6. The project aims to develop the capacity and capability of policymakers to effectively develop and implement policies and strategies to create an enabling environment for investment, social enterprise and responsible business and provide a framework for monitoring and measuring the effectiveness of policy interventions to catalyze innovation for sustainable development.

7. Under this project, the Centre plans to organize a high-level Innovation Forum in the Islamic Republic of Iran on themes related to technology-based start-ups. The Centre also plan to facilitate establishment of a regional start-up network to promote technology-based start-ups in the member States. The network aims at providing critical support to the technology-based start-ups in technology transfer and commercialization, capacity-building, cross-border technology collaboration and sharing of experience and best practices.

C. Project on “Evidence-based innovation policy for effective implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific region” (ongoing)

8. The project is funded by the United Nations Development Account (11th Tranche). This project is jointly implemented by Trade Investment and Innovation Division and the Centre during the period 2018 to 2021.

9. 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.

D. Project on “Promotion of Regional Cooperation between India and ESCAP member States to Strengthen National Innovation Systems” (ongoing)

10. The project is financed by the residual fund of the completed Government of India funded project: “Promotion of National Innovation Systems in countries of the Asia Pacific region” - Phase II.

11. The project will assist participation of the stakeholders from target countries to the Centre’s events on science, technology and innovation policy, technology transfer, technology-based entrepreneurship and new and emerging technologies for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 9 (Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation) and Infrastructure) and 17 (Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development).

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