

Concept Note

1. Title

- Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on the Investors Network for New & Emerging Technologies (INNET)

2. Date

- 26 June 2026, 12:00 – 14:00 India Standard Time (IST)

3. Venue

- Online

4. Background

Effective technology transfer depends on the coordinated interaction of technology, policy and capital. Across the Asia-Pacific region, these three dimensions remain weakly connected, and the investor associations that channel capital into new and emerging technologies have few opportunities to connect with one another across borders.

The Asia-Pacific venture capital market is estimated at nearly USD 297 billion in 2026, but this capital flows unevenly. China alone accounted for 28.9 per cent of the regional market in 2025, and Singapore captured 92 per cent of South-East Asian start-up funding in the first half of the same year. Because venture capital in emerging technologies is itself a vehicle for cross-border technology transfer, carrying finance, intellectual property, know-how and talent, this concentration translates directly into uneven access to new technologies across the region.

The case for stronger connections is reinforced by the region's wider financing challenge. Developing countries globally face an estimated annual gap of USD 4 trillion in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, of which Asia and the Pacific accounts for USD 1.5 trillion. Channeling venture capital towards sustainability-oriented technology ventures can help close this gap, but only if the region's investor associations are better linked to one another and to emerging technology transfer opportunities.

To this end, the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) plans to establish the Investors Network for New and Emerging Technologies (INNET): a regional network of venture capital and investor associations. Each member association represents its own community of investors, making INNET a network of networks. It would be developed as a dedicated investor group within APCTT's Community of Practice and will build on APCTT's Technology and Innovation Conclave.

Through INNET, member associations exchange market intelligence, cross-border investment experience and collaboration opportunities, while APCTT shares investment-relevant technology pipelines from its ongoing work, including the Asia-Pacific Tech Monitor, the Community of Practice on Climate Technologies and the Technology and Innovation Conclave. This meeting is the first step in forming the network; a larger event engaging member States and the wider policy community will follow at a later stage.

5. Objectives

The event aims to:

- Facilitate direct exchange among investor associations across Asia and the Pacific on the cross-border technology investment landscape and collaboration opportunities;
- Introduce the proposed Investors Network for New and Emerging Technologies (INNET) - a regional network of investor associations, and gather participants' views on its purpose and activities; and
- Agree on the next steps for establishing the INNET.

6. Potential Participants

The EGM will bring together representatives from venture capital associations from APCTT Governing Council member countries.

| Country | Investors Association or VCs |
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| Bangladesh | Venture Capital & Private Equity Association of Bangladesh (VCPEAB) |
| China | China Venture Capital and Private Equity Association (CVCA) |
| India | Indian Venture and Alternate Capital Association (IVCA) |
| Kazakhstan | Astana Hub Ventures |
| Malaysia | Malaysia Private Capital Association (MPCA) |
| Philippines | Venture Capital and Private Equity Association of the Philippines (VCAP) |
| Republic of Korea | Korea Venture Capital Association (KVCA) |
| Russian Federation | Russia Venture Capital Association (RVCA) |
| Thailand | Thai Venture Capital Association (TVCA) |
| Regional | Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN) |

7. Programme

The event will be organized in two parts over a duration of two hours and thirty minutes.

Opening (20 minutes)

- Welcome and opening remarks (APCTT)
- Keynote address on SDG-aligned investment and technology transfer in Asia and the Pacific by Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN)

Investor associations' presentation (60 minutes). Venture capital association representatives will be invited to present on the following:

- (a) An overview of the national venture capital market, including market size, recent trends, and key sectors of investment activity;
- (b) Notable examples of investment in emerging technologies, technology transfer-related ventures, or SDG-aligned sectors;
- (c) Cross-border investment experience, including examples of inbound or outbound technology investment and key barriers encountered;
- (d) Collaboration interests: what the investor community can offer to and what it seeks from other INNET members.

Common presentation templates will be circulated to confirmed participants in advance.

INNET Proposal and Discussion (40 minutes)

- Presentation of the proposed Investors Network for New and Emerging Technologies (INNET), including its objectives, proposed structure, and future activities
- Open discussion on priorities, potential areas of collaboration, and recommendations for the development of INNET as a regional multi-stakeholder platform
- Summary of key outcomes and closing remarks

8. Expected Outcomes

- A shared understanding among participating associations of the cross-border technology investment landscape and collaboration opportunities across Asia and the Pacific;
- Participants' input on the purpose, priorities and activities of INNET; and
- Agreement on next steps for establishing the INNET, including the timing of its first thematic exchange.