Brainstorming Session between STI Agencies of India and APCTT for Promoting Regional Technology Cooperation
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• Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India
• Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

BACKGROUND
The Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) works towards strengthening the capacity of member States in the Asia-Pacific to promote national innovation systems and create enabling environment for technology cooperation and transfer. Through demand-driven programmes and activities, the Centre supports countries through policy advice, analytical support, capacity building, regional technology cooperation and transfer, and information and knowledge sharing among stakeholders. The current focus of APCTT are cross-border technology cooperation and transfer, adoption of fourth industrial revolution technologies for sustainable development, climate change adaptation and mitigation, air pollution control, sustainable and resilient recovery from COVID-19 pandemic, and inclusive innovations for sustainable development.

The Government of India provides host facilities to APCTT and is a permanent member of its Governing Council. APCTT offers a regional platform for the science technology and innovation (STI) stakeholders from India and other member States to collaborate among themselves. The areas of cooperation facilitated by APCTT are technology cooperation and transfer, capacity building, networking, sharing of knowledge, experience and good practices among others. This brainstorming session between APCTT and key STI-related ministries, departments and agencies of Government of India aims at understanding the priorities, identify potential areas of collaboration, and explore strategies and modalities for regional cooperation.

OBJECTIVES
• Share the priority areas of STI agencies of India for regional technology cooperation
• Identify potential areas of synergy and collaboration among different agencies and APCTT
• Explore strategies and modalities of working together to facilitate regional cooperation and sharing of technologies and innovations

PARTICIPANTS
Experts from key STI-related Ministries, Departments and agencies of Government of India, such as Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEFCC), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), and APCTT.