

## Concept Note

### 1. Title

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

### 2. Date

- 26 June 2026, 12:00 pm – 13:30 pm 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**

- Introduce the proposed Investors Network for New and Emerging Technologies (INNET) — a regional network of investor associations — and its envisaged purpose and activities;
- Gather participants' views on how INNET can deliver genuine value to the investor community and on the unique role APCTT can play; and
- Agree on the next steps for establishing INNET, including a realistic first activity and timeline.

## **6. Programme**

The EGM will run for 90 minutes and will be organized in three parts, with the discussion forming the core of the meeting.

### **Part 1 — Opening and Scene-Setting (25 minutes)**

- Welcome and opening remarks (APCTT)
- Keynote address on SDG-aligned investment and cross-border technology collaboration in Asia and the Pacific, by the Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN)
- Presentation of the proposed INNET and the purpose of the meeting (APCTT)

### **Part 2 — Guided Discussion (50 minutes)**

Participants will be invited to share their views in a facilitated, round-robin discussion structured around three guiding questions shared in advance:

- What would make a regional investor network genuinely worth participants' time;
- Where APCTT can add value that private networks typically cannot; and
- How INNET should begin, in terms of activities, frequency and level of involvement.

Each participating association will be invited to respond to each question in turn, followed by open exchange.

### **Part 3 — Wrap-Up and Next Steps (15 minutes)**

- Summary of key points raised during the discussion
- Proposed first activity and indication of participants' interest in taking part
- Agreement on next steps, including circulation of a draft terms of reference and the timing of INNET's first thematic exchange

## **7. List of Participants**

- Mr. Weiquan Wang, Deputy Secretary General, Chinese Renewable Energy Industries Association (CREIA), China
- Mr. Sumeet Shetty, Vice President, Indian Venture and Alternate Capital Association (IVCA), India
- Mr. Johnathan Lee, Cradle Fund, Malaysia
- Mr. Sai Kit, President, Malaysia Private Capital Association (MPCA), Malaysia
- Ms. Alwyn Joy Rosel, Executive Director, QBO Innovation, the Philippines
- Ms. Olga Musikhina, Coordinator of the International Center for Investment Activities, Russian House of International Scientific and Technical Cooperation (RH ISTC)
- Dr. Kid Parchariyanon, Thai Venture Capital Association (TVCA)
- Mr. Charlie Hartono, Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN)
- Dr. Preeti Soni, Head, APCTT
- Mr. Pankaj Kumar Shrivastav, Programme Management Officer, APCTT
- Mr. Soohyung Kim, Economic Affairs Officer, APCTT

