The Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Korea and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Asia-Pacific Regional Centre (APRC) are jointly organising a two-day global forum in Korea which will bring together approximately 150 participants including government officials from Ministries of Finance, Planning, Environment and Local government as well as technical practitioners, Civil Society Organisations and development partners. The discussion will focus on managing climate change finance from both domestic and international sources, and will address the following questions:

1) How is climate change finance interacting with national development plans and making use of country systems, and why?
2) How have countries and their development partners strengthened the capacity of country systems to access and manage climate change finance?
3) How are we reviewing progress to support national climate change policy and planning as an integral part of national development plans and on the use and quality of country systems to manage climate finance?
4) What can development partners do to ensure coherence, transparency and predictability for support to partner countries?

- This forum will be held back-to-back with the official launch of the Green Climate Fund Secretariat in Korea.
- Ahead of the forum in early November, a side event will be held at UNFCCC COP19 in Poland on Climate Change Finance and Development Co-operation Effectiveness focusing on country experience.
- www.climatefinance-developmenteffectiveness.org portal is developed to serve now as a global hub for information and resources on Climate Change Finance and Development Effectiveness.

Country systems include those designed and used for planning, for policy coordination and implementation, for budgeting and financial management, for procurement, and for monitoring and evaluation (of both the finance but also the results of the programmes being financed). The systems may operate at national, sub-national or local level.

Currently, 27 countries and institutions around the world support the Busan Partnership for Action on Climate Change Finance and Development Effectiveness (see Box). The aim of the global dialogue is to contribute to the objectives of the Busan Partnership for Action, which includes sharing experience and lessons learnt on action at different levels:

- At country level, to strengthen country systems in developing countries to effectively manage climate finance in a strategic manner;
- At the regional level, share knowledge on managing climate finance through regional platforms in and outside the regions;
- At the global level, to promote a coherent approach to the effective delivery of climate finance through knowledge sharing between climate and development effectiveness policy communities.
Global climate change finance is expected to increase substantially in the medium term. Recognising that this resource flow brings with it new opportunities and challenges, we will endeavour to promote coherence, transparency and predictability across our approaches for effective climate finance and broader development co-operation, including to:

a) Continue to support national climate change policy and planning as an integral part of developing countries’ overall national development plans, and ensure that – where appropriate – these measures are financed, delivered and monitored through developing countries’ systems in a transparent manner.

b) Continue to share lessons learned in development effectiveness with those entities engaged in climate activities and ensure that broader development co-operation is also informed by innovations in climate finance.”

Paragraph 34, Busan Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation, 2011

The main sessions of the workshop will include:

- Introduction and context setting
- Exchange of experience from countries and regions in managing climate finance for effective results through use of country systems
- Exchange of experience from providers to support countries to develop and use country systems to deliver results and to ensure climate finance is effective
- Discussion on the opportunities and challenges in using country systems
- Discussion on innovations in the use and strengthening of country systems – parallel sessions e.g. on budget and financial management; on national development planning and strategy; on mechanisms to coordinate across providers of climate finance at country or regional level
- Discussions on how we are reviewing progress to implement the Busan agreement on climate finance
- Recommendations to the Green Climate Fund on use and quality of country systems to deliver climate finance to achieve country ownership and development effectiveness

Expected outputs from the workshop include:

- South-South-North sharing of experiences and knowledge
- Evidence and perspectives to inform practice and help strengthen systems at country level
- Recommendations for reviewing progress on development co-operation to support national climate change policy and planning as an integral part of national development plans and on use and quality of country systems to manage climate finance
- Evidence and perspectives to inform the international policy and programmes, for example, UNFCCC, Busan Partnership for Action, the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

For more information on the forum, please visit www.climatefinance-developmenteffectiveness.org/globalforum2013

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