

PROPOSAL TO HOST

The Secretariat of the Climate Technology Centre

Submitted by

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PART A: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nalanda University, an international university of excellence established by an Act of the Indian Parliament and positioned at the confluence of Asia's knowledge heritage and contemporary global learning, submits this proposal to host the Secretariat of the Climate Technology Centre (CTC) of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism.

The CTC's extended mandate to 2041 calls for an institution that can bridge the widening gap between climate technology supply in developed economies and demand in the Global South. India, which is home to 1.4 billion people, with a rapidly growing clean energy sector, and one of the most ambitious climate action programmes in the developing world, offers the ideal geography, institutional architecture, and geopolitical positioning to anchor this mandate. As India prepares to host an upcoming Conference of the Parties, this moment is historic.

Nalanda University's unique character makes it well suited institution. Inspired by the ancient Nalanda Mahavihara - the world's first residential international university, which from the 5th to 12th centuries attracted scholars from across Asia - the revived Nalanda University is structured by its mandate for international knowledge exchange, multilateral engagement, and public-purpose scholarship. Its Schools of Ecology and Environment Studies (SEES) and Management Studies (SMS) deliver research and education in environmental economics, climate resilience, ecosystem management, and sustainability transitions. The University operates under a governance framework consistent with United Nations principles, with transparent financial systems and international auditing standards.

Key Proposal Highlights

- Mandate alignment: India's ITEC programme has delivered tech transfer training to 160+ countries, mirroring the CTC's core mission
- Governance integrity: Parliamentary establishment, independent audit, transparent procurement aligned with UN fiduciary standards
- Operational readiness: Existing SEES & SMS infrastructure at Nalanda; fully operational within 6 months of mandate award
- South-South leadership: India's positioning at the heart of G77, ISA, CDRI, and the African Union Technology Transfer Facility partnerships