

## **Statement of India at 80<sup>th</sup> Commission Session of ESCAP**

### **Agenda item 5(d) - Evaluation of APCTT**

26 April 2024, 09.00-12.00 hrs.

#### **Madam/Mr. Chair**

Thanks very much for presentation of report on evaluation of APCTT.

India appreciates the efforts of ESCAP for undertaking evaluation of APCTT for the five-year period from 2019 to 2023. The evaluation report presented by the UNESCAP Secretariat underscores the contribution of the Centre is making in science and technology, innovation as well as technology cooperation and transfer ecosystem in some Member States in Asia-Pacific.

India has been the host country for the APCTT since 1977. As a permanent member of its Governing Council, India has been fully supportive of APCCT's endeavours in driving forward the science, technology, and innovation agenda across the Asia-Pacific Region for sustainable development.

APCTT is playing a pivotal role in fostering dialogue among Member States and other stakeholders, in addressing complex and multidimensional challenges, and formulate strategies for their resolution.

The Air Pollution Control Project, implemented by APCTT, stands as a testament to its commitment in helping member states to tackle such complex and multifaceted challenges.

As the host country, India remains committed to support APCTT in implementing the recommendations given as part of the evaluation study, including prioritizing the implementation of the initiatives identified in the strategic plan of the APCTT for 2023–2027 including capacity building and knowledge sharing activities and, in their efforts, to build enduring partnerships with Member States and international organizations.

.  
**Thank you, Chair.**