The global transition to a green economy combined with rapid growth in emerging markets has created enormous market opportunities for clean technology in developing countries. The World Bank Group’s infoDev (www.infodev.org/climate) is creating a network of Climate Innovation Centers (CICs) to support these opportunities. The CIC Network will provide eligible local firms and international partnerships with early stage financing, business advisory, joint venture brokering, trade facilitation and technology transfer assistance.

infoDev’s 4th Global Forum on Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship May 30 to June 3, 2011
The Global Forum on Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship is infoDev’s biennial flagship event convening the global innovation and entrepreneurship community. The Global Forum gathers hundreds of attendees - business incubator managers, policy-makers, start-ups, financiers and development agencies from around the world to exchange know-how, establish partnerships and develop innovative approaches to doing business in emerging markets.

Climate Technology Workshop, Day 2 of infoDev’s Global Forum: Overview
• Explore the latest international programs supporting climate technology innovation and investment and understand how the private sector can partner with the CIC network to facilitate investment, joint ventures and market entry.
• Meet, network and participate in discussions with developing country start-ups, technology providers/manufacturers and experts about the growing cleantech opportunities in their markets.

Session 1: Emerging Market Start-ups: Expanding Regional and Global Export Opportunities
9:00-10:30
• How can developing country start-ups participate in global supply chains? Cleantech SMEs will discuss constraints and opportunities in increasing exports to grow revenues and add domestic jobs.

11:00-12:30
• What are the barriers to doing business in emerging markets? Finnish companies will share experiences in creating partnerships and joint ventures with developing countries firms.

Lunch: 12:30 Networking Lunch with Session Participants

Roundtable: Lessons learned from the Private Sector: Designing a Regional CIC Network in Africa
2:00-3:30
• African technology negotiators and ministry representatives will use session outcomes to inform the design of a CIC Network for Africa for discussion at the 2011 UNFCCC COP17 negotiations in Durban, South Africa.