

**Submission by Australia, Canada, Japan and New Zealand on potential topics for the
6th meeting of the Durban Forum**

6 March, 2017

Australia, Canada, Japan and New Zealand welcome the opportunity to submit their view on potential topics for the 6th meeting of the Durban Forum for Capacity-building.

We value the success of the Durban Forum in promoting practical exchange of views and information, and in helping Parties understand opportunities and challenges, and lessons learned of capacity-building in developing countries. With the establishment of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) in Decision 1/CP.21, our work on capacity-building will be further strengthened. We expect the Durban Forum along with the PCCB to continue to play an important role in providing updated useful insights on capacity-building in developing countries. This is also in line with COP Decision inviting the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to facilitate complementarity between the Durban Forum and the PCCB (FCCC/SB/2016/L.38).

We understand that the planning and preparation for implementing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are underway in many countries. Among several key efforts related to advancing NDCs, we note that there is a growing attention given to the involvement of the non-Party stakeholders, especially on how effectively Parties recognize their efforts and collaborate with them in climate actions. Also, Decision 1/CP.21 recognizes the role of non-Party stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, financial institutions, cities and other subnational authorities, local communities and indigenous peoples in responding to climate change. In this regard, we would like to suggest as a potential topic for the 6th meeting of the Durban Forum "enhancing the involvement of the non-Party stakeholders in NDCs implementation". The discussions could explore action areas such as, *inter alia*:

- (1) networking and information sharing with non-Party stakeholders on the NDC and their implications, and promoting their contribution in mobilizing stronger and more ambitious climate action over time;
- (2) promoting dialogues on domestic standards/regulations, and other policy instruments that are influential to non-Party stakeholders and subnational decision-makers;

- (3) implementing projects, including development of bankable projects or actions;
- (4) identifying and accessing other sources of capacity-building support related to implementation.

We consider this topic would be relevant to all Parties. It also builds on the discussions held at the 4th and 5th session of the Durban Forum meeting on the lessons learned from the preparation of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) and on enhancing the capacity of developing country Parties in effectively implementing the Paris Agreement.

We are looking forward to successful discussion in the 6th meeting of the Durban Forum.