

## **WORK OF THE AWG-LCA CONTACT GROUP**

### **Agenda item 3.6**

#### **Capacity-building**

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#### **Note by the facilitator**

*In the course of meetings of the informal group on capacity-building held during the second part of the fourteenth session of the AWG-LCA, Parties focused their discussion on two pending issues that need to be considered by the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties, namely: ways to further enhance the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building; and modalities regarding institutional arrangements for capacity-building. The points below are a summary of the discussions held as captured by the facilitator and do not represent consensus reached or formal positions of regional groups. The note intends to advance the consideration of issues contained in paragraphs 136 and 137 of decision 1/CP.16.*

- Parties noted difficulties in accessing and/or providing adequate information on capacity-building for purposes of its monitoring and review. Potential reasons for these difficulties include:
  - For Annex I Parties: Capacity-building is well integrated in projects on mitigation and adaptation and it is therefore a challenge to extract information on funding dedicated specifically to capacity-building.
  - For non-Annex I Parties: Lack of capacity and weak institutions at the national level impede the reporting on capacity-building activities undertaken and support received.
- Monitoring and review of capacity-building may benefit from new requirements for national communications as stipulated in decision 1/CP.16.
- It is necessary to ensure coherence between the ongoing discussion on monitoring and review of capacity-building with a broader discussion on MRV of support to avoid duplication of effort and promote consistency of approaches.
- Developing countries, in particular least developed countries, lack capacity to access and manage financial resources and to report on their use. Capacity-building need to be provided in this area on a priority basis.
- National focal points in developing country Parties are overloaded by multiple tasks, including reporting. Additional support to national focal points and institutional strengthening is required.
- As regards institutional arrangements for capacity-building, some Parties reiterated the need to strengthen the mandate of existing or newly-established bodies under the Convention, while others confirmed that a new mechanism is needed to ensure the enhancement of capacity-building to enable the full implementation of the Convention.

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- Current discussions on capacity-building are impaired by the lack of clarity on how and if existing and newly established bodies under the Convention are adequately integrating enhanced capacity-building in their mandates, modalities and procedures.
  - Parties agreed on the usefulness of a technical paper reporting how capacity-building is being addressed under existing and newly established bodies under the Convention. The secretariat was requested to prepare such a paper to be considered at the next AWG-LCA session. In particular, the technical paper should address how capacity-building is referred to in:
    - decision 1/CP 16,
    - within the AWG-LCA reports and relevant documents reflecting ongoing discussions in all thematic areas; and
    - within mandates of, and discussions in other bodies under the Convention.
  - Parties also agreed on the need to have a thorough discussion on developments relating to capacity-building under various thematic areas under the AWG-LCA and other bodies under the Convention on the basis of the technical paper to be prepared by the secretariat and other relevant reports. This discussion could take place in the course of an in-session technical workshop or a platform to take place before or in conjunction with COP 17.