

Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention

VI. Capacity-building

Recalling decisions 2/CP.7, 2/CP.10, 4/CP.12 and 1/CP.16,

Also recalling decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 136 and 137, which request the consideration of ways to further enhance the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building, and to further elaborate the modalities regarding institutional arrangements for capacity-building, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session,

Reaffirming that capacity-building is essential in enabling developing country Parties to participate fully in addressing the challenges of climate change, and to implement effectively their commitments under the Convention,

Also reaffirming that capacity-building should be a continuous, progressive and iterative process that is participatory, country-driven and consistent with national priorities and circumstances,

Further reaffirming the importance of taking into account gender aspects and acknowledging the role and needs of youth and persons with disabilities in capacity-building activities,

Acknowledging that capacity-building is cross-cutting in nature and an integral part of enhanced action on mitigation, adaptation, technology development and transfer, and access to financial resources,

Noting with appreciation the progress made across the bodies established under the Convention and the operating entities of the financial mechanism, including those agreed to in decision 1/CP.16, in integrating capacity-building into enhanced action on mitigation, adaptation, technology development and transfer, and access to financial resources,

Also noting decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 65, which encourages Parties to develop low-carbon development strategies or plans in the context of sustainable development, welcoming those Parties who have already begun the process of developing these strategies, and noting the important capacity-building outcomes that this process and related partnerships can provide,

Further noting that, while progress has been made, gaps still remain in addressing the priority issues identified in the framework for capacity-building in developing countries as contained in decision 2/CP.7,

144. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to further enhance the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building by organizing an annual in-session Durban Forum for in-depth discussion on capacity-building with the participation of Parties, representatives of the relevant bodies established under the Convention, and relevant experts and practitioners, with a view to sharing their experiences, exchanging ideas, best practices and lessons learned regarding the implementation of capacity-building activities;

145. *Decides* that the Durban Forum should include as inputs, inter alia, any capacity-building elements contained in the reports prepared since the

most recent session of the Durban Forum by the relevant bodies established under the Convention;

146. *Requests* the secretariat to compile and synthesize the reports prepared since the most recent session of the Durban Forum by the relevant bodies established under the Convention;

147. *Also requests* the secretariat to prepare a summary report on the Durban Forum for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

148. *Encourages* Parties to continue to provide information through the appropriate channels, including national communications, on the progress made in enhancing the capacity to address climate change;

149. *Invites* developing country Parties to report on progress made and measures taken in implementing and improving their enabling environments to build national capacity for mitigation and adaptation, and to include the needs relevant to enhancing the progress made on such measures in their communications of capacity-building priorities;

150. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to compile and synthesize the information provided by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention and to summarize the information provided by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention in their national communications and submissions, and to compile and synthesize information on capacity-building activities, including lessons learned, provided by the relevant bodies established under the Convention and by international and regional organizations;

151. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, in its consideration of the third and subsequent comprehensive reviews of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries, to include the reports of relevant bodies established under the Convention, as well as the summary reports on the Durban Forum referred to in paragraph 147 above, as additional inputs to these reviews;

152. *Encourages* the relevant bodies established under the Convention, including, inter alia, the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications for Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, and the Global Environment Facility as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, to continue to elaborate and to carry out work on capacity-building in an integrated manner, as appropriate, within their respective mandates;

153. *Recognizes* that there may be ways to further enhance the monitoring and the review of the effectiveness of capacity-building;

154. *Decides* that, in addition to the topics outlined in paragraph 144 above, the first meeting of the Durban Forum, organized during the thirty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (14–25 May 2012), explore potential ways to further enhance monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building;

155. *Also decides* that the financial resources for enhanced action on capacity-building in developing country Parties should be provided by Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other Parties in a position to do so through the current and any future operating entities of the financial mechanism, as well as through various bilateral, regional and other multilateral channels, as appropriate;

156. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.