

SUBMISSION BY ECUADOR ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA ON THE POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR THE 6TH MEETING OF THE DURBAN FORUM

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Ecuador on behalf of the Group of 77 and China (G77 and China), welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on the potential topics to the 6th meeting of the Durban Forum, in accordance with paragraph 10 of the decision 16 of COP22 (FCCC/CP/2016/10/Add.2). The Durban forum's focus on sharing ideas, experiences, lessons learned and good practices for implementing capacity-building activities in developing countries has proved to be very useful under the Convention, and there is no doubt it is relevant for the Paris Agreement. The Paris Agreement as a new regime expects Developing Countries to take on new roles - focusing on implementation. Therefore, capacity-building is a central enabler in achieving a low-carbon climate-resilient world for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and for adapting to climate impacts.

It is for this reason, we welcome the beginning of the operationalization of the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB), and a Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT). We look forward to the first meeting of the PCCB, and in this, to begin the discussion on the connection between the PCCB, CBIT and the Durban Forum.

In response to the request to for views for potential topics for the 6th Durban Forum, the Group would like to submit the following topics to be considered:

- Capacity to prepare, update and implement Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);
- Institutional capacity building, including the strengthening or establishment, as appropriate, of national climate change secretariats or national focal points;
- Capacity to assesses global efforts for adaptation, planning and implementation;
- Capacity to foster networks and enhance collaboration with academia and research centres, with a view to promoting individual, institutional and systemic capacity-building through education, training and public awareness
- Capacity for addressing loss and damage with regard to identifying, planning, management and implementation;
- Potential ways to further enhance the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity building.

With regards to the format of the meeting the group would like to commend the format that was used in the 5th Durban Forum meeting and calls for that to be replicated for upcoming meeting. This we believe will allow for increased exchange of views among participants.