

African Group intervention on Capacity Building to the ADP contact group - 10 June 2014

1. Our work on capacity building has progressed, particularly in decision 1/CP.17 which identified capacity building as important element of the 2015 agreement, and 2/CP.17 which created the Durban Forum which is a platform for exchange of views and lessons learned on capacity building. Our work is also guided by decision 2CP/7 on how to address capacity needs of developing countries.
2. Africa views capacity building as cross-cutting in nature, as such requires a more coordinated approach with a view of strengthening both the ability and effectiveness of specific adaptation and mitigation actions aimed at implementing objectives of the Convention, this is rationale for capacity building being treated as a stand-alone chapter.
3. The Africa Group is of the view that a clear linkage between capacity building and other mechanisms of the Convention such as Adaptation, Mitigation, Finance and Technology should be clearly defined in the 2015 Agreement.
4. The current exchange of experiences taking place through the Durban forum require further strengthening and the Africa Group proposes a permanent Capacity Building Committee, addressing,
 - a) Measurement, reporting and verification of support received for capacity building against needs identified by Parties, such that capacity is not a barrier to implementation beyond 2020
 - b) Provision for the critical assessment of implementation of the effectiveness of capacity building interventions
5. The institutional arrangements should be established at the earliest, and their operation should begin well ahead of 2020 to make sure that capacity gaps at all implementation levels: i.e. individual, institutional and enabling environment does not become a barrier during the implementation phase of the 2015 agreement.

6. We therefore support the establishment of a Capacity Building Committee under the Convention to facilitate effective implementation at national and regional levels; in line with the existing framework on capacity building for developing countries.