

Proposal by the European Union, Australia, Canada, Australia on SBI Capacity building Item 13a

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 4/CP.12 and 1/CP.16,

Also recalling its decision 2/CP.7 to conduct a comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries every five years, and decision 13/CP.17, to initiate the third comprehensive review of the framework at the forty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation with a view to completing the review at the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties,

Reaffirming (2/CP.7) 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,

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 that the preparation of national communications and of national adaptation programmes of action, NAPs and NAMAs in developing countries, and of a range of other activities, has contributed to the development of individual level capacity within and across national institutions,

Recognizing the important role that the Durban Forum plays in enhancing the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building,

Also recognizing the role of the Capacity Building Portal in providing information on the capacity-building activities and support provided at the global, regional and country level, including identifying best practice approaches and potential gaps in the delivery of capacity-building,

Also acknowledging that, in addition, there may be specific capacity-building activities that require support to enable developing countries to undertake the enhanced implementation of the Convention,

1. *Encourages* Parties to continue to provide information through the appropriate channels, including national communications and submissions, on the progress made in enhancing the capacity to address climate change;
2. *Implementing agencies*
3. *Decides* that the fourth meeting of the Durban Forum, to be held during the 42nd session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, shall explore potential ways for the relevant Convention bodies, UN agencies, multilateral and bilateral entities to further enhance the implementation of capacity-building at the national level;
4. *Also decides* that financial resources for enhanced action on capacity-building in developing country Parties should continue to be provided by Parties in a position to do so through the operating entities of the financial mechanism, as well as through various bilateral, regional and other multilateral channels, as appropriate,

5. *Invites* UN agencies and multilateral organisations to provide information to the UNFCCC for the capacity-building portal,
6. *Request* the secretariat to enhance the coverage of information included in the portal,
7. *Decides* that the guiding principles, approaches and initial scope for the third comprehensive review, as contained in the annex to decision 2/CP.7, are still valid and important in advancing the purpose of the capacity-building framework for developing countries and in contributing to the objective of the Convention,
8. *Decides* that in considering the Terms of reference for the third comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building, Parties will consider, *inter alia*, the following objectives:
 - a. To take stock of progress in, and assess the effectiveness of, the implementation of capacity-building activities directly relating to the capacity-building framework;
 - b. To examine possible gaps between the provisions of decisions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the implementation of capacity-building activities;
 - c. To identify lessons learned and best practices with a view to developing options for enhanced implementation of the capacity-building framework, taking into account additional needs and priorities for capacity-building.
 - d. To explore potential ways to further enhance the implementation of capacity-building at the national level, including potential gaps.
9. *Further decides* that the information on capacity-building activities for the comprehensive review should be drawn from, *inter alia*:
 - a. Submissions from Parties;
 - b. Annual synthesis reports on capacity-building that are prepared by the secretariat in accordance with the steps for the regular monitoring and evaluation of capacity-building contained in decisions 4/CP.12 and 6/CMP.2;
 - c. Relevant national reports (such as national communications and national adaptation programmes of action, poverty reduction strategy papers and national capacity self-assessments), including information as contained in the Capacity-Building Portal;
 - d. Reports and submissions from the Global Environment Facility and its agencies, United Nations organizations and other relevant organizations;
 - e. Reports, submissions and synthesis reports from the annual sessions of the Durban Forum
 - f. Reports from the relevant bodies of the Convention, including the Adaptation Committee, the least developed countries expert group, the consultative group of experts,
 - g. Other relevant existing documents prepared by the secretariat.