

## Briefing points by the SBI Chair at ADP 2.6

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### *Introduction*

- Under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, capacity-building for developing countries is about enhancing the ability of individuals, organizations and institutions to identify, plan and implement ways to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- The work on capacity-building in developing countries is guided by the framework on capacity-building adopted by the COP in 2001 and the Durban Forum on Capacity-building established in 2011.

### *Framework for capacity-building in developing countries*

- The framework for capacity-building in developing countries (2/CP.7) defines a set of principles for and approaches to capacity-building as well as a list of priority areas for action.
- Furthermore, it provides guidance on support to the GEF, bilateral and multilateral agencies and other intergovernmental organizations and institutions.
- In 2005, the CMP decided that the framework should also guide activities relating to the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol in developing countries (29/CMP.1).
- Developing countries are invited to submit information on specific needs and priorities related to capacity-building through their national communications and annual submissions.
- The COP conducts comprehensive reviews of the implementation of the framework every five years building on:
  - annual synthesis reports on the implementation of the framework based on information contained in national communications and submissions from Parties as well as information provided by the GEF and United Nations organizations;
  - annual synthesis reports on capacity-building work undertaken by bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;
  - summary reports on the meetings of the Durban Forum;
  - and submissions from Parties.

- The second comprehensive review of the framework in 2011 found that the framework remains relevant, but that its implementation needs to be strengthened in many areas.
- The third comprehensive review will be initiated at SBI 42 in June 2015 with a view to completing it at COP 22/CMP 12 in December 2016.

### ***Durban Forum on Capacity-building***

- The Durban Forum on Capacity-building is an annual platform under the SBI with the participation of Parties, bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, United Nations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, academia, the private sector and the media to:
  - enhance the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building;
  - exchange experiences, good practices and lessons learned;
  - provide an overview of capacity-building elements in the work of bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;
  - provide inputs to the review of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries.
- In 2012, the CMP decided that the Durban Forum is also an appropriate arrangement for sharing experiences and exchanging ideas on the implementation of capacity-building activities related to the Kyoto Protocol (10/CMP.8).
- The Durban Forum is guided by the COP and the CMP and chaired by the Chair of the SBI.
- Following an invitation by the COP (2/CP.17), presiding officers and members of bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, including from the SCF, TEC, Advisory Board of the CTCN, Adaptation Committee, CGE, the LEG, Board of the GCF, and the Executive Board of the CDM have participated in the meetings of the Durban Forum to foster work on capacity-building in an integrated manner.
- A summary of discussions at the Durban Forum are forwarded to the SBI for consideration.
- The summary report on the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Durban Forum, which took place in June, is available on the UNFCCC website. I encourage you to upgrade your knowledge on capacity-building by reading the report.
- I would also like to remind you that during SBI 40 the secretariat launched the Capacity-building Portal, which provides a comprehensive set of data on capacity-building activities been carried out by intergovernmental organizations in developing countries.

## *Negotiations under the SBI*

- Capacity-building for developing countries is a standing annual agenda item under COP and CMP, which is subsequently forwarded for consideration by the SBI.
- At SBI 41 Parties will continue considering proposals submitted by several groups of Parties at previous SBI sessions, which include:
  - developing of a 2 year work programme on capacity-building or a schedule of work of the Durban Forum
  - establishing of a committee on capacity-building
  - and highlighting the significant progress in building capacity and the appropriateness and adequacy of existing arrangements
- I am aware that some of these proposals have also been tabled under the ADP and would like to encourage Parties to use the very limited time available both under the ADP and SBI effectively in order to reach a meaningful outcome on capacity-building under both negotiating bodies.

## *Closing*

- With this, I wish you fruitful deliberations and a successful outcome of the session.

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