

In-depth discussion on  
**Delivery of capacity-building support through institutions and initiatives  
under the Convention**

**Capacity-building as part of enhanced action on adaptation**

- This intervention is made on behalf of Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh, facilitator of the adaptation group, who is unfortunately not able to join us at this meeting.
- This short report is intended to provide you with an overview of how capacity-building is being addressed in the various workstreams on adaptation. It will focus on the Cancun outcome on adaptation implemented under the LCA and the SBI and touch upon the Nairobi work programme, which is implemented under the SBSTA. Capacity-building support for adaptation in LDCs will be later addressed by the LEG Chair.
- As you may recall, Parties adopted the comprehensive Cancun Adaptation Framework last December, “with the objective of enhancing action on adaptation, including through international cooperation and coherent consideration of matters relating to adaptation under the Convention”
- Provisions related to capacity-building are included in the following three key areas of the Framework as contained in decision 1/CP.16:
  1. Implementation of adaptation;
  2. Support for adaptation;
  3. Institutions for adaptation.
- Regarding **implementation**:
  - All Parties are invited to:
    - Strengthen institutional capacities and enabling environments;
    - Build capacity-building to promote access to technologies for adaptation, in particular in developing country Parties; and to
    - Strengthen data, information and knowledge systems, education and public awareness.
  - A process was established to enable LDC Parties - building upon their experience with the NAPAs - to formulate and implement national adaptation plans. An invitation was also extended to other developing country Parties to employ the modalities formulated to support those plans. Parties had a successful expert meeting in Lao in September and are expected to adopt modalities and guidelines for the NAPs in Durban.
  - In addition, a work programme to consider approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change was also established. Activities to be undertaken are expected to be agreed upon in Durban.

- Regarding **support**:
  - Developed country Parties are requested to provide developing country Parties, taking into account the needs of those that are particularly vulnerable, with capacity-building to:
    - implement adaptation actions, plans, programmes and projects,
    - undertake various activities under the Cancun Adaptation Framework.
  
- And finally regarding **institutions**:
  - At the **global level**, Parties established the Adaptation Committee to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention. Functions relevant to capacity-building include:
    - Providing technical support and guidance to the Parties with a view to facilitating the implementation of adaptation activities;
    - Strengthening, consolidating and enhancing the sharing of relevant information, knowledge, experience and good practices;
    - Providing information and recommendations for consideration by the COP when providing guidance on means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions, including capacity-building; and
    - Considering information communicated by Parties on their monitoring and review of adaptation actions and support provided and received with a view to recommending what further actions may be required.
  
  - Here in Panama, Parties are expected to advance on composition, guidelines and modalities for the Adaptation Committee. They have before them a note by the facilitator and a CRP. It is expected that Parties are able to operationize the Committee in Durban so that it can start its work in early 2012 and address capacity-building needs related to adaptation.
  
  - In addition, Parties noted in decision 1/CP.16 that an international centre to enhance adaptation research and coordination could also be established in a developing country.
  
  - At the **regional level**, Parties are invited to strengthen and, where necessary, establish regional centres and networks, in particular in developing countries, to facilitate and enhance national and regional adaptation actions, in a manner that is country-driven, encourages cooperation and coordination between regional stakeholders and improves the flow of information between the Convention process and national and regional activities.
  
  - And at the **national level**, Parties are invited to strengthen and, where necessary, establish and/or designate national-level institutional arrangements so as to enhancing work on the full range of adaptation actions, from planning to implementation.

- It is expected that the implementation of the Cancun Adaptation Framework will be supported by the SBSTA's Nairobi work programme. It seeks to assist all Parties, in particular developing countries to:
  - Improve their understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change; and to
  - Make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures to respond to climate change on a sound scientific, technical and socio-economic basis.
  
- The programme and its outcomes were reviewed in June and Parties are expected to agree on new activities in Durban.