

Webinar on Enhancing Capacity Building

28 August 2015

10:00 – 11:00 (1st run) – CET / Bonn time

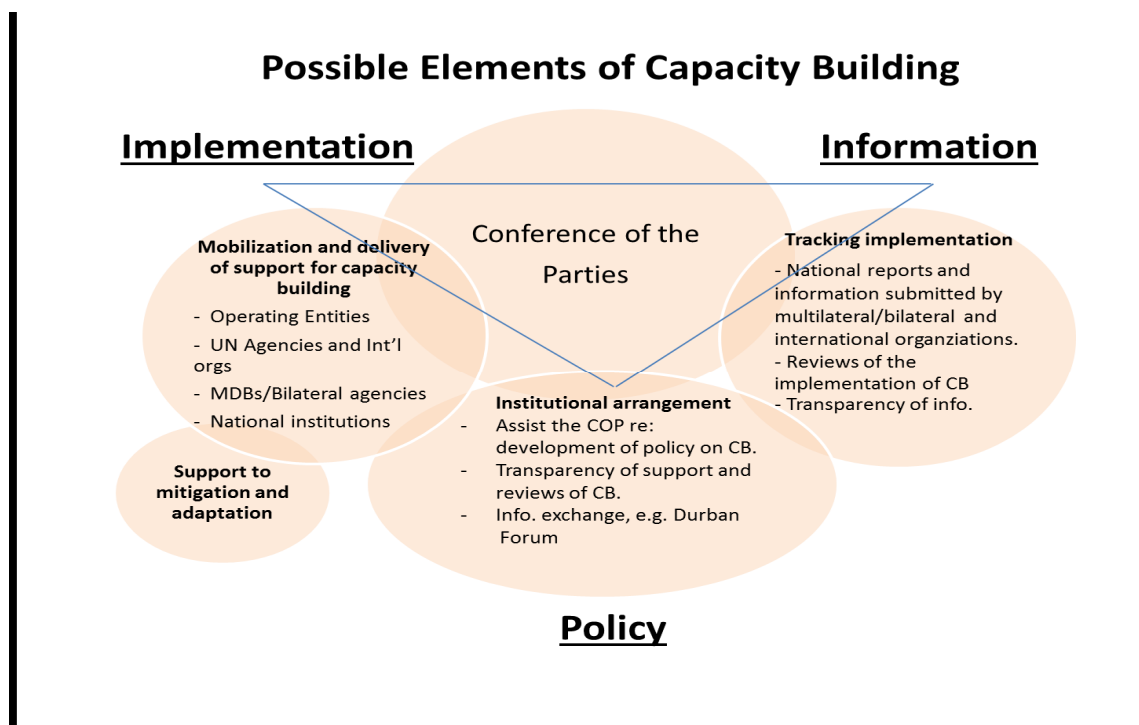
15:00 – 16:00 (2nd run) – CET / Bonn time

I. Background and objective

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation requested the secretariat to organize a workshop back-to-back with the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for enhanced Action to further discuss potential ways to enhance capacity-building.

The **webinar is aimed at generating ideas** among relevant stakeholders on the content and process for the planned Workshop on Potential Ways to Enhance Capacity Building Activities by exchanging views on the elements of capacity-building.

II. Elements of capacity-building



Conference of Parties: The Conference of Parties directs and guides the implementation of capacity-building activities under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol taking into account decisions including the following ones:

1. Funding capacity-building by an operating entity of the Convention (decision 11/CP.1, 11/CP.2);
2. Assessment of needs for capacity-building (decision 10/CP.5);

3. Guiding principles and approaches, objective and scope of capacity-building (decision 2/CP.7);
4. Additional steps to be taken annually to monitor the implementation of capacity-building framework (decision 4/CP.12).

Guiding question:

What is the role of the COP in enhancing the implementation of capacity-building activities under the Convention and in directly influencing its implementation?

Implementation: The mobilization and delivery of support to capacity building activities are aimed at assisting developing countries build, develop, strengthen, enhance and improve their capacities to achieve the objectives of the Convention. The operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention, as well as the multilateral and bilateral organizations, play an important role in the mobilization and delivery of support.

Guiding questions:

- 1. What is the current state of mobilization and delivery of support to capacity-building activities and how can this be maintained and/or enhanced?*
- 2. What are the main gaps in the delivery of capacity-building, and how are they being addressed?*
- 3. Which sectors currently have greatest need for support?*
- 4. How cooperative action on and collaborative approach to capacity-building can be enhanced?*

Information and governance: The capacity-building information generated under the Convention through national communications, biennial reports, biennial update reports, annual submissions by Parties, United Nations organizations and other institutions, reports by operating entities and bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, and the exchange of views, lessons learned and good practices during the meetings of the Durban Forum enable the monitoring of the implementation of the capacity-building activities as well as facilitate the assessment of progress made and the identification of gaps.

Guiding question:

How can the information generated by the Convention be useful in tracking progress of implementation and in the development of policies on capacity-building?

Policy and institutional arrangement: The institutional arrangement within the Convention is primarily aimed at supporting the Conference of Parties in its role of guiding and directing the implementation of capacity-building activities. The function of the institutional arrangement includes processing the information generated by the Convention, providing expert advice on the reviews of the implementation of capacity-building activities and guiding the organization of the Durban Forum.

Guiding question:

How can the COP be supported in its role of providing policy guidance to Parties, operating entities, multilateral, bilateral and national institutions in the implementation of capacity-building activities?

III. Logistical and organizational information on the webinar

The webinar will take place on the following schedules:

Friday, 28 August

1st run: from 10:00 to 11:00 (Bonn time)

2nd run: from 15:00 to 16:00 (Bonn time)

The webinar will be facilitated by Mr. Matti Nummelin from Finland, and Mr. Bubu Jallow from the Gambia, and it will consist of two sessions to accommodate different time zones.

The webinar is open to Parties and observers, and those interested in participating may register by filling out the form here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CapacityBuildingWebinar2015>

Participants will be able to engage in the discussion when the facilitators, with the support of the secretariat, open the virtual floor for interventions. Further logistical instructions will be available soon on the [UNFCCC Capacity-building web pages](#).

IV. Modalities for the Workshop on Potential Ways to Enhance Capacity Building Activities

The workshop will take place on **16 October 2015 from 10.00 until 18.00**.

Format: The workshop may combine a few focused expert presentations structured around the key elements of capacity-building with sufficient time for substantive and interactive discussions both at the plenary and at break-out group level.

Topics: The morning session (10.00 – 13.00) will focus on expert presentations and plenary discussions. The afternoon session (14.30 – 18.00) will provide opportunity for small group discussions on the following topics:

- Status of implementation of capacity-building under the Convention.
- Good practices and gaps in implementing capacity-building.
- Means of maintaining and enhancing support to capacity-building.

More information will be available soon on the [UNFCCC Capacity-building web pages](#).