

Decision 13/CP.17

Capacity-building under the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 2/CP.7, 2/CP.10, 4/CP.12, 1/CP.16 and 10/CP.16,

Acknowledging that capacity-building for developing countries is essential to enable them to participate fully in, and implement effectively their commitments under, the Convention,

Having considered the information in documents prepared by the secretariat in support of the second comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries,¹

Noting that while progress has been made, gaps still remain in addressing the priority issues identified in the framework for capacity-building in developing countries as contained in decision 2/CP.7,

Reaffirming that capacity-building should be a continuous, progressive and iterative process that is participatory, country-driven and consistent with national priorities and circumstances,

Also reaffirming the importance of taking into account gender aspects and acknowledging the role and needs of youth and persons with disabilities in capacity-building activities,

1. *Decides* that the scope of needs and priority areas identified in the framework for capacity-building in developing countries as contained in decision 2/CP.7 and the key factors identified in decision 2/CP.10 remain relevant and continue to be the basis for and guide the implementation of capacity-building activities in developing countries;

2. *Also decides* that capacity-building priorities and needs in developing countries, including those emerging from decision 1/CP.16, should be taken into account in the further implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries;

3. *Invites* relevant United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations to continue providing support for capacity-building efforts in developing countries, emphasizing and stressing the need for the full involvement of developing countries in the conception and development of such activities;

4. *Also invites* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other Parties that are in a position to do so, multilateral, bilateral and international agencies and the private sector to continue providing financial resources to support capacity-building action in developing countries;

5. *Further invites* Parties to enhance reporting on best practices related to capacity-building in their national communications, submissions and other relevant documents, with a view to furthering learning and broadening the impact of capacity-building activities;

¹ FCCC/SBI/2009/MISC.1, FCCC/SBI/2009/MISC.2, FCCC/SBI/2009/MISC.8, FCCC/SBI/2009/MISC.12/Rev.1, FCCC/SBI/2009/4, FCCC/SBI/2009/5, FCCC/CP/2011/7 and FCCC/SBI/2011/15.

6. *Decides* that further implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries should be improved at the systemic, institutional and individual levels as appropriate, by the following:

(a) Ensuring consultations with stakeholders throughout the entire process of activities, from the design of activities to their implementation and monitoring and evaluation;

(b) Enhancing integration of climate change issues and capacity-building needs into national development strategies, plans and budgets;

(c) Increased country-driven coordination of capacity-building activities;

(d) Strengthened networking and information sharing among developing countries, especially through South–South and triangular cooperation;

7. *Also decides* to conclude the second comprehensive review and to initiate the third comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries, taking into account decisions 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17 as they relate to capacity-building, at the forty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (June 2015) with a view to completing the review at the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (November–December 2016).

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