

# Pat Finnegan

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**25** |  **YEARS**  
OF FIGHTING  
FOR THE CLIMATE



# Capacity as the front end of the mitigation pipeline

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SBI Chair's 'take home message' DFCB-1, June 2012:

**'Capacity comes first when it comes to addressing climate change.**

**It is not possible to get results without action.**

**And it is not possible to get action without capacity.'**

**CAPACITY → ACTION → RESULTS**

**[ CAPACITY BUILDING → ] CAPACITY → ACTION → RESULTS**

**CB is the front end of the implementation pipeline**

**Counterfactual: Stalling mitigation (or any) capacity is stalling mitigation  
(or any) results**

**IPCC: We need results v.v. badly (and soon!)**

**CBDR&RC => Shared objective : co-operation : co-ordination**

**( Integration ≈ Efficiency ≈ Least cost ≈ Effectiveness ≈ Results )**

Co-ordinated and co-operative capacity enhancement is urgently needed by the vast majority of developing countries right now in order for them to:

- Build inventories and develop MRV (e.g. CRF)
- Establish credible projections, scenarios, and baselines
- Assess technology needs, suitability and costs (particularly through time)
- Establish realistic mitigation potential, affordable costs, and deliverable results (particularly through time)
- Propose effective NAMA's and/or INDC's effectively (including 'with support' and 'without support' projections)
- Report and account for MOI support within emergent direct access frameworks ('readiness')
- Build national policy coherence (\*)

*(\*) Integration, synergy, efficiency, and cost effectiveness of mitigation strategies in relation to other basic aspects of effective low-carbon sustainable development - particularly adaptation strategies, poverty elimination, generation and transmission planning, forest, land-use and agriculture management, food security, social aspects etc. etc.)*



Thank you for your attention !

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