

Submission by India to the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB)

The Government of India is pleased to submit its views on:

(a) Information on capacity-building activities for the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) in the context of the Paris Agreement

India welcomes the constitution of the dedicated body of Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB) under the Paris Agreement with an aim to address the gaps and needs, both current and emerging, in implementing capacity building in developing countries and further enhancing the efforts, including with regard to coherence and coordination in capacity building activities under the Convention. The outcome made in Marrakech is a remarkable step in this direction which will help enhancing and achieving a long term vision with respect to capacity building of developing countries under the Convention as well as Paris Agreement.

Paris Agreement contemplates all countries, both developed and developing, to take steps towards its implementation. Therefore, capacity building is a cross-cutting issue and it would be significant that the Committee identifies the needs of the developing countries based on their requests and works to fulfil them in a time bound manner, so that the countries are well equipped for implementation of their NDC under the Paris Agreement.

India attributes great significance to knowledge creation and capacity building for climate change. It has taken up a dedicated goal on capacity building in its NDC to create domestic framework and international architecture for quick diffusion of cutting edge climate technology and joint collaborative Research and Development (R&D) for future technologies. Various initiatives have been taken at national level in the country, including creation of a network of 127 institutions called INCCA (Indian Network on Climate Change Assessment) to facilitate knowledge sharing and collaborative work on climate change issues. A number of climate change centres have been set up and state governments have

established close links with research institutions in the country. Government of India has also implemented National Training Policy with an earmarked budget for training on various issues including climate change and sustainable development, and has recently launched 'Skill India' for skill training in various sectors, including sustainable development, to about 400 million people by the year 2022.

India's endeavour to achieving its NDC goals will entail additional means of implementation, including for capacity building, to be provided by developed countries as per the provisions under the Convention and Paris Agreement. This will call for thorough training and upgrading skills across all sectors within the country. While assessment of India's capacity building needs is being carried out as part of preparation of a roadmap for implementation of the NDC, it is apparent that substantial resources will be needed to implement capacity building programmes, both at national as well as state level, to address climate change challenges.

The PCCB is expected to support such initiatives, including establishment of Thematic Knowledge Networks, expand activities under Global Technology Watch Group, establish intensive state centric knowledge and awareness activities, and training of professional in different aspects of renewable energy, as well as supporting research and development institutions for pre-competitive research. Clarity in provision of support by developed countries will be an important input in this regard.

(b) Information and suggestions regarding the web-based capacity-building portal

The web based capacity building portal developed under UNFCCC, considering the need for an overview of activities and intention to collect information on capacity building support provided to developing countries, is a positive step towards implementing capacity building in developing countries.

India appreciates the development of this interactive tool which facilitates portraying a holistic picture of the needs of the developing countries after compilation and dissemination of country-specific information and displaying

information from submissions of non-party stakeholders as well as those who support the capacity of developing countries at national and regional levels.

India reserves the right to make additional submissions and present further views on the relevant issues connected with capacity-building activities in the context of the Paris Agreement under United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
