

Submission by Japan on Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB)

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Japan welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) with regard to the following topics:

- (a) Information on capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of the Paris Agreement; and
- (b) Information and suggestions regarding the web-based capacity-building portal.

(a) Information on capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of the Paris Agreement

Japan welcomes the decision to continue the current theme of the PCCB for the next meeting in 2018, on the implementation of nationally determined contributions (NDC) in the context of the Paris Agreement. Recognizing the cross-cutting nature of capacity building, a number of capacity building activities are already conducted to support each country's NDC implementation in different areas such as mitigation, adaptation, and transparency. Japan hopes that the PCCB discussion should not be limited to identifying gaps and needs, but should also focus on compiling lessons learnt from good practices and finding ways to enhance each country's capacity. Countries are under different circumstances and a one-size-fits-all approach cannot be applied when looking at approaches to capacity building. Each country needs to learn more from past experiences and develop new ideas with strong ownership.

From the perspective of securing the implementation of NDCs, capacity-building activities should not be an end in itself, but they need to be taken into practical actions including, for example, projects to promote energy efficiency with use of existing technology and finance mechanisms under the UNFCCC.

Japan believes development and improvement of domestic legal and/or institutional infrastructures for short-term, mid-term and long-term climate actions in each developing country are important for NDC implementation. In this regard, Japan is willing to provide information on its effort to support capacity-building of developing country Parties. Comprehensive domestic policy framework as well as non-party stakeholder involvement

should be also taken into consideration with a view to allowing for substantial long-run implementation.

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

A number of web-based information portals have been developed by United Nations agencies and other organizations including the Global Support Programme, UNEP DTU Partnership, CTCN, the NDCP Partnership and the CBIT Global Coordination Platform websites. Duplication of these functions should be avoided and the cost of maintaining the portal should be duly taken into account.