

Concept note on the 6th meeting of the Durban Forum on Capacity-building

“Enhancing Capacities for Adaptation in the context of NAPs and NDCs”

World Conference Center Bonn, Room Nairobi

Wednesday, 10 May 2017 (15:00-18:00)

Background

The Durban Forum on capacity-building was established in 2011 under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to further enhance the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building under the Convention.¹ It has served as an annual, in-session discussion platform for Parties, representatives of the constituted bodies under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, and relevant experts and practitioners to share their experiences and exchange ideas, best practices and lessons learned on the implementation of capacity-building activities in the context of specific thematic areas.

The 4th meeting of the Durban Forum in 2015 focused on the issue of technical and financial support needed by developing countries to prepare their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs).² The 5th meeting of the Durban Forum in 2016 focused on: (1) enhancing the capacity of developing countries to effectively implement the Paris Agreement; and (2) assessing the state of the art of capacity-building and the way forward in building capacity to support mitigation, adaptation and technology.³

COP 22 invited Parties to submit by 9 March 2017 their views on possible topics for the 6th meeting of the Durban Forum.⁴ The topic of the 6th Durban Forum is “**Enhancing capacities for adaptation in the context of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)**”. Based on the submissions received, the topic has been developed with a view to enhancing the complementarity between the Durban Forum and the work of the PCCB, which will have its first meeting from 11 to 13 May 2017. Further, the programme is designed to create synergies with the 2017–2018 in-session workshops on long-term finance, which will, inter alia, focus on enhanced access to climate finance, climate finance needs and enabling environments.

¹ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 144

² More information available at: <<http://unfccc.int/8845.php>>

³ More information available at: <<http://unfccc.int/9439.php>>

⁴ Decision 16/CP.22, paragraph 10.

Scope and sub-topics

- (a) Overarching topic: **“Enhancing capacities for adaptation in the context of NAPs and NDCs”**
- (b) Sub-topics:
1. Enhancing human, institutional and systemic capacities to design adaptation interventions in the context of NAPs and NDCs
 2. Enhancing capacity to access finance for adaptation
 3. Strengthening the engagement of non-Party stakeholders to support capacity-building needed in the context of NAPs and NDCs.

Objective

The 6th meeting of the Durban Forum will be guided by the following objectives:

- To provide important takeaways for developing countries on how to better design and develop adaptation interventions and to increase access to finance;
- To share with support providers, the capacity-building needs and gaps identified by developing countries in designing and implementing adaptation projects and programmes in the context of NAPs and NDCs;
- To facilitate in-depth dialogue on what different Parties and non-Party stakeholders can do to enhance the capacities of developing countries to implement adaptation measures, and;
- To inform other relevant processes and meetings of the constituted bodies of the Convention, such as the 2017-2018 long-term climate finance (LTF) in-session workshops and the PCCB meetings, of the outcomes and lessons learned of the Forum.

Draft programme outline

Opening 15:00 – 15:15		
Welcoming and opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow 	Chair of the SBI
Organization of work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Rita Mishaan, Ambassador of Environment and Climate Change of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala and member of PCCB Mr. Kunihiro Shimada, President and CEO of K S International Strategies, Inc., Special Advisor to the Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan 	Co-facilitators of the 6 th meeting of the Durban Forum on Capacity-building
Keynote Presentation and Q&A 15:15 – 15:45		
Presentation on Enhancing Capacities for Adaptation in the context of NAPs and NDCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Zitouni Ould-Dada, head of Technology Unit, UNEP/Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, Keynote presenter 	
Plenary discussion and Q&A 15:45 – 16:30		
Expert Panel on building capacities to prepare and implement NAPs and NDCs, with a focus on designing of adaptation interventions, adaptation finance access, and engagement of non-Party stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Gelila Terrefe, Senior NAPs country support specialist, NAP-Global Support Programme (GSP), UNDP, Panelist - (sub-topic #1) Ms. Mandy Barnett, Chief Director/Leader of Climate Funds, South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), Panelist - (sub-topic #2) Mr. Webster Whande, Focal point for the CDKN negotiations support in Africa Panelist - (sub-topic #3) 	
Breakout Group Discussions 16:30 – 17:15		
<p>Breakout group 1: Enhancing human, institutional and systemic capacities to design adaptation interventions in the context of NAPs and NDCs</p> <p>Discussion leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Julia Wolf, Programme Coordinator of "Integrating Agriculture in National Adaptation Plans (NAP-Ag) Programme", FAO 	<p>Breakout group 2: Enhancing capacity to access finance for adaptation</p> <p>Discussion leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Espen Ronneberg, Climate Change Advisor, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) 	<p>Breakout group 3: Strengthening the engagement of non-Party stakeholders to support capacity-building needed in the context of NAPs and NDCs</p> <p>Discussion leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Yamide Dagnet, Project Director – UNFCCC, climate program, World Resources Institute (WRI)
Reporting of the breakout group discussions 17:15 – 17:45		
Reports by rapporteurs of breakout groups 1-3		
Wrap-up and closing by co-facilitators 17:45 – 18:00		