

# **AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE ACTION UNDER THE CONVENTION**

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## ***Oral report to the Contact Group***

### **Enhanced action on capacity-building (agenda item 3 (f))**

*Contact Group meeting, 24 May 2012*

#### *Issues discussed*

- Some Parties expressed the view that the Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention does not need to re-consider capacity-building, as the agreement reached in Durban on the establishment of the Durban Forum on Capacity-building, contained in decision 2/CP.17, addresses substantive issues previously raised by Parties. In particular, the Durban Forum, whose first meeting has taken place this week, proves to be a valid platform for informative presentations and structured discussions which highlighted the cross-cutting nature of capacity-building under various thematic areas, opening the way to intensify efforts on the implementation of capacity-building. A specific section of the Durban Forum, dedicated to monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building, highlighted the complexity of developing meaningful indicators for capacity-building. If this or other issues require further consideration, they can be addressed under the standing agenda item on capacity-building under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI).
- Some Parties, although confirming the richness of information that emerged during the first meeting of the Durban Forum, expressed the view that it does not enable a valid assessment of the delivery of capacity-building; therefore, the identification of performance indicators to monitor and assess capacity-building is an issue that still needs to be addressed.
- Some Parties also proposed to reconsider the issue of the establishment of an institutional and a financial mechanism tasked with ensuring the implementation in developing countries of the 15 priority areas for capacity-building identified in decision 2/CP.7.