

# Capacity building and education: supporting adaptation and mitigation action

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# Durban Forum on Capacity-building: Facts and Objectives

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## Facts

- ▶ Established in 2011 by decision 2/CP.17
- ▶ Mandate expanded to cover issues relating to capacity-building under the Kyoto Protocol with decision 10/CMP.8
- ▶ Organized by the SBI
- ▶ 3 annual in-session meetings so far (2012, 2013, 2014)
- ▶ Next scheduled meeting: SBI 42, June 2015

## Objectives

- ▶ Enhance the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building
- ▶ Exchange experiences, good practices and lessons learned
- ▶ Provide an overview of capacity-building elements in the work of bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol
- ▶ Provide inputs to the review of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries



# Durban Forum on Capacity-building: Participants

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## Participants

- ▶ Parties
- ▶ Bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, including SCF, TEC, Advisory Board of the CTCN, Adaptation Committee, CGE, LEG, Executive Board of the CDM,
- ▶ Board of the GCF, GEF Secretariat, Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat
- ▶ United Nations Organizations and Intergovernmental Organizations
- ▶ Non-governmental Organizations
- ▶ Academia
- ▶ Private sector



# Durban Forum on Capacity-building: Agenda and Outcomes

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## The agenda of the Durban Forum

- ▶ Topics for the agenda of the Durban Forum meetings are proposed by Parties through submissions sent to the secretariat.
- ▶ In previous meetings participants of the Durban Forum discussed ways to further enhance the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building and the creation of an enabling environment, and considered capacity-building for adaptation and mitigation and gender mainstreaming

## Outcomes of the Durban Forum

Discussions held at each meeting of the Durban Forum are summarized in a report, which is forwarded for consideration to the SBI.



# Durban Forum on Capacity-building

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## The meetings of the Durban Forum are confirming that:

- ▶ There is a variety of activities to build capacity to mitigate and adapt to climate change which are embedded in mitigation/adaptation projects
- ▶ Bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol are engaged in capacity-building activities, mostly at the regional level



# Durban Forum on Capacity-building – Lessons learned

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## Some of the lessons learned from the last meeting of the Durban Forum:

- ▶ There is a need to build capacity to generate a higher level of social awareness of climate change and its impacts
- ▶ An active coordination of stakeholders involved as well as the identification of the 'right' stakeholders/institutions to be trained are necessary to ensure that capacity-building efforts are effective
- ▶ South-South and peer-to-peer cooperation need to be enhanced to also enable strong cross-fertilization of ideas



# Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention

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## Facts

- ▶ Established in 2012 by decision 15/CP.18
- ▶ Organized by the SBI
- ▶ 2 annual in-session meetings so far (2013, 2014)
- ▶ Next scheduled meeting: SBI 42, June 2015

## Objective

- ▶ Provide a regular forum to Parties and other stakeholders to share their experiences, exchange ideas, good practices and lessons learned regarding the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention



# Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention

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## Participants

- ▶ Parties
- ▶ Bodies established under the Convention
- ▶ United Nations Organizations and Intergovernmental Organizations
- ▶ Non-governmental Organizations
- ▶ Academia
- ▶ Private sector
- ▶ Practitioners





# Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention

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## The agenda of the Dialogue

- ▶ The dialogue clusters the six elements of Article 6 of the Convention (education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information and international cooperation) into two focal areas which will alternate on an annual basis as below:
- ▶ **First area:** Education and training and international cooperation on these matters
- ▶ **Second area:** Public access to information, public participation and public awareness and international cooperation on these matters

## Outcomes

Discussions held at each meeting of the Dialogue are summarized in a report, which is forwarded for consideration to the SBI.



# Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention

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## Some reflection from the Dialogues

- ▶ Education and public awareness are fundamental for encouraging people to tackle climate change by changing their attitudes and behaviors towards climate-friendly lifestyles.
- ▶ Climate change issues should be communicated in a manner, which is understandable for all groups of society, attributable to daily life, and does not create panic, but emphasizes opportunities.
- ▶ The implementation of all elements of Article 6 of the Convention –education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information and international cooperation will contribute significantly to achieving the ultimate objective of the Convention and to the effective implementation of adaptation and mitigation actions.



# FINAL REMARKS

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## **Capacity needs to be built and education fostered in order to:**

- ▶ Assess the adequacy of the 2 degrees Celsius limit to global warming
- ▶ Assess the overall progress towards the 2 degree goal

## **The Durban Forum and the Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention can contribute to:**

- ▶ Promoting discussions among experts and practitioners, identifying lessons learned, replicating good practices and fostering action for emission pathways consistent with a 2 degree limit
- ▶ Gathering information to support the review of the adequacy of the long-term global goal

**Adaptation was successful when empowering the people – education!**

## **On the UNFCCC website:**

Durban Forum on Capacity-building: <http://unfccc.int//7486.php>

Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention: <http://unfccc.int//8210.php>

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