

## Section H<sup>1</sup>

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### *Conceptual discussion:*

- Based on a proposal from a Party, Parties engaged in a very rich discussion on capacity-building needs from developing countries, how the needs have been addressed in the past and what will be arising from a new agreement, what gaps have been identified in the delivery of capacity-building, how these gaps are being addressed and what more needs to be put in place to fully meet the needs of developing countries.

### *Individual Parties expressed the following points of views:*

- Capacity-building is not a liability of developed countries, but needs to be a collaborative undertaking;
- Capacity needs are very different in each country;
- There is no process or mechanism to identify or assess these needs in a systematic and comprehensive manner;
- The nature and scope of the delivery of capacity-building support does not meet the needs of developing countries;
- In the past capacity-building support mostly focussed on helping developing countries to meet their reporting requirements under the Convention;
- There are a number of institutions established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol that have mandates to facilitate capacity-building in their specific thematic areas. However, there is a lack of coordination between these bodies and their work is not country-driven;
- In many cases technical assistance to developing countries is still provided by international consultants, which does not lead to building or enhancing local expertise;
- Capacity-building should be treated as a stand-alone and not a cross-cutting issue in the UNFCCC process similar to finance and technology development and transfer;
- Capacity-building should be long-term and integrated in national development plans rather than incorporated in ad-hoc projects;
- New capacity-building needs are emerging in relation to the new agreement;
- It is necessary to assess whether existing institutional arrangements can respond to existing and emerging needs and how such institutions may need to be enhanced;
- A new mechanism on capacity-building is required to govern, advise, coordinate, monitor and evaluate the delivery of capacity-building.

### *Observation:*

- All Parties appreciated the mode of discussion and indicated interest to continue;
- One Party invited other Parties to discuss these matters further bilaterally;
- The facilitator encouraged Parties to also consider aspects of timing of actions required to prepare developing countries for the implementation of the new agreement.

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<sup>1</sup> Sections and paragraphs refer to those in document FCCC/ADP/2015/1.