

## Section H. [Capacity Building]<sup>1</sup>

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### *Conceptual discussion:*

- Parties engaged in an exchange of views on whether and how existing institutional arrangements can be used to meet identified capacity-building needs and requirements of developing countries.

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

- Key functions of the proposed international capacity-building mechanism as contained in paragraph 140.1 of the Geneva Negotiating text, are already being implemented by existing institutions. Specifically the TEC supports planning processes through TNAs and TAPs, while the CTCN provides implementation support;
- Capacity-building needs are not limited to that for technology development and transfer and TNAs do not cover all the range of capacity needs of developing countries, such as the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention;
- The CTCN does not have a mandate to support developing countries in areas other than technology development and transfer and cannot provide its advice to other bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol on capacity-building issues;
- Human skills development is a crucial component of capacity-building that cannot be addressed through the technology mechanism;
- The possibility could be explored to nominate the CTCN as an international capacity-building mechanism;
- A new mechanism on capacity-building is required to govern, advise, coordinate, monitor and evaluate the delivery of capacity-building in a holistic manner. Key functions of the proposed international capacity-building mechanism according to paragraph 140.1 of the Geneva Negotiating text are coordination, guidance and coherence;
- The mandates of the technology mechanism do not match the proposed mandate of an international capacity-building mechanism;
- The third comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the COP and the CMP should be used, inter alia, to assess the work of existing bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol and to analyse how it can be strengthened to meet the needs of developing countries;
- The role of the private sector in capacity-building as mentioned in Option 4 of paragraph 140 of the Geneva Negotiating text should be further explored and possibly included in an accompanying decision;
- The Durban Forum for in-depth discussion on capacity-building should play a key role in promoting a coordinated and holistic approach to capacity-building;
- There is a need for a paradigm shift in relation to the approach to capacity-building to make it holistic and scaled up.

### *Observations:*

- In preparation for the August session, the following could be undertaken:
  - The proponents of enhancing existing institutional arrangements to explain what such enhancements would entail and how they would meet the needs of developing countries;
  - The secretariat to prepare a concise version of section H, keeping all proposals on the table;
  - The secretariat to identify models within the UN System that provide effective capacity-building;
  - A workshop immediately before the August session to be organized to brainstorm on how best to address identified gaps in the delivery of capacity-building;

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

- The secretariat to prepare a cost estimate for the proposed new institutional arrangements;
  - The secretariat to prepare an overview of the work related to capacity-building undertaken by bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;
  - Parties to further reflect on what needs to be done before 2020 for developing countries to prepare for the implementation of the Agreement, taking into account paragraph 140.3 of the Geneva Negotiating text.
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