

SUBMISSION BY ETHIOPIA ON BEHALF OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON THE POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR THE 6TH DURBAN FORUM ON CAPACITY BUILDING

The Least Developed Countries Group (LDC Group) welcomes the opportunity to submit its view on potential topics for the 6th Durban Forum on capacity building in accordance with Decision 16/CP.22, paragraph 10.

The LDC Group believes that capacity building is critical for enabling actions for emissions reduction and building resilience in developing countries, and in particular in LDCs, and is fundamental for achieving the overarching objectives of Paris Agreement and the global temperature goal of 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The LDC Group believes that the Durban Forum on Capacity Building (the Forum) provides a good platform for all stakeholders involved in capacity building to have a dialogue on the type of capacity building support being provided and the corresponding implementation efforts by Parties. The Group is appreciative of the opportunity provided by the Forum to Parties and other stakeholders to share ideas, lessons learnt and good practices, including identification of key activities that could assist in the implementation of the framework for capacity building in developing countries, especially in LDCs in a coherent and coordinated manner.

Hence, the LDC Group strongly feels that the time allocated for the Forum during SBI 46 should be substantially increased from the currently allocated time so as to have an opportunity to adequately address all crucial capacity building issues more fully, for both LDCs and others. There should be sufficient time allocated for presentations as well as in-depth discussions during the Forum, both of which will add substantial value to the Forum as a platform and capacity-building institution and contribute to the effectiveness of future capacity-building actions and support.

We also strongly believe that presenters should prepare detailed notes containing all pertinent details of their presentations, which should be collated into a document to be shared with Parties. This document should be made available before the Forum so that Parties can sufficiently prepare for constructive dialogue during the Forum and the most effective use of available time. This document could also be used to inform future sessions of the Forum. The LDC Group also believes that the suggestions and recommendations in the outcome of the session of the Forum should be an integral part of the work programme of the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB) and its discussions.

The following are therefore, areas which the LDC Group would like discuss during the upcoming session of the Durban Forum on Capacity Building.

1. Progress on capacity building in priority areas

The LDC Group requests for discussions on the progress on capacity building with regards to the priority areas (identified in the framework for capacity building in developing countries in Decision 2/CP.7). The discussions should guide future efforts of

capacity building on the priority areas, including assessing the effectiveness of actions taken on capacity building.

2. *Capacity building to implementing NDCs*

The session should showcase the current status of capacity building initiatives for countries to implement NDCs in line with the annual theme of the PCCB. Discussions should cover future planned programmes for NDC implementation and highlight best-case examples. This session should also include detailed discussions on issues related to adaptation, mitigation and technology transfer. Specific topics that need to be addressed during this session are capacity building experiences in NAMA and NAP preparation and implementation in LDCs.

3. *Capacity building in Planning Processes*

As countries are implementing the Paris Agreement, it is imperative to learn from successful planning processes and how climate change issues are mainstreamed into existing planning processes within their respective country policies and programmes. The existing capacity building programmes for these planning processes and the lessons learnt in this process should be discussed and experiences shared.

4. *National institutional arrangements for capacity building*

It is very evident that institutional arrangements for capacity building are important to effectively address the causes and impacts of climate change and thereby to successfully implement the Paris Agreement. Existing best-case examples of national institutional arrangements have shown that greater coordination, coherence, monitoring, review and reporting are important for sharing experiences.

5. *Capacity building for education*

The LDC Group would like to have intensive discussions on the national learning and capacity development strategies that have been successfully implemented. The discussions should also focus on the various capacity building initiatives related to education, including mainstreaming and embedding activities by all relevant stakeholders. Both short-term and long-term strategies for educational capacity building need to be discussed.

6. *Capacity building to mobilize financial resources for NDC implementation*

The session should focus on the capacity needs for accessing financial resources and for meeting reporting requirements under the Paris Agreement. The discussions should be informed by the details of the financial flows for NDC implementation to LDCs from various sources. The capacity needs to successfully utilize the financial resources at the local level should also be deliberated.

7. *Coordination and consolidation of the capacity building initiatives*

Deliberations should be based on the current level of coordination and coherence amongst the various capacity-building initiatives, especially those from the bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol as well as all other stakeholders. This session should also include discussion on the ways and means to improve the Forum so as to make it more beneficial and responsive in nature.

8. *Capacity for addressing loss and damage associated with adverse impacts of climate change*

The LDC Group believes that this should be a key topical issue for the 6th Durban Forum on Capacity Building. The focus of the discussion should be on how to address and build long-term resilience of countries, vulnerable populations and communities, including in relation to extreme and slow onset events.