

Second meeting of the Durban Forum

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Closing remarks by Tomasz Chruszczow, SBI Chair

- Distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen. Good evening.
- Very unfortunately, I was not able to be here with you for most of the meeting. However, I have heard many positive comments about this second meeting of the Durban Forum on Capacity-building.
- My colleagues have told me that the presentations were extremely interesting and that they helped shed light on the many issues regarding the implementation of capacity-building activities in developing countries.
- I have heard that you had many thoughtful, pertinent questions, which resulted in productive discussions between the panel and the participants.
- I have heard positive comments from the floor about the organization of the agenda.
- I was also pleased to see the extensive coverage of the Forum by ENB, with great photos, a video and an article on the IISD website.
- During the first day of the Forum, representatives from Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the private sector alternated in presenting programmes and initiatives aimed at scaling up the delivery of capacity-building for adaptation and mitigation, and integrating gender perspectives in climate change policies at the national level.
- Presentations highlighted aspects of capacity-building for the long-term planning of adaptation or mitigation actions, barriers encountered and overcome in the delivery of capacity-building, and the role and engagement of stakeholders.
- During the second day of the Forum, you were briefed on capacity-building elements in the work and mandates of bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol.

- Presentations highlighted capacity-building for the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol and a panel discussion on how to catalyse actions to build capacity for mitigation and adaptation at the national level, and on possible ways of enhancing the means to build and deliver such capacity.
- In terms of next steps, the outcomes of the discussions will support the SBI in enhancing monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building.
- A summary report prepared by the secretariat will be the basis for fruitful negotiations at the next session of the SBI during COP 19 in Warsaw.
- On a related matter, I would also like to inform you that the first Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention will take place next week, on Monday 10 June and Tuesday 11 June in the afternoon, again in this room from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The first Dialogue will allow Parties and observers to share their experiences, exchange ideas, good practices and lessons learned on climate change education, training and international cooperation on these matters.
- Your work to enhance capacity-building is critically important. It is my hope that you will leave the Durban Forum equipped with new ideas to help you work together, in a more coordinated way.
- Thank you.