



Title: Enhancing Capacities for NDC Preparation and Implementation: Knowledge Sharing Workshop

Date: 8 June 2024

Venue: AH – Lower Conference Room

Time: 15:00 – 17:00 (120 mins)

Background:

The first Global Stocktake, concluded at COP 28 last year in Dubai, it was unequivocally recognized that the Paris Agreement has driven and continues to drive near-universal climate action by setting goals and sending signals to the world regarding the urgency of responding to the climate crisis.

However, despite overall progress on mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation and support, Parties are not yet on track towards the collective achievement of the Paris Agreement objectives, including its long-term temperature goal, reaching the necessary levels of resilience, and mobilizing and aligning the necessary financial flows.

The preparation and implementation of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) are a cornerstone of the Paris Agreement. The Paris Agreement requires all countries to prepare and submit to the UNFCCC new NDCs every five years (2020, 2025, 2030, etc.), that are informed by the GST and demonstrate progression beyond their current NDC. The new round of NDCs, to be submitted by early 2025, provides an opportunity for the development of national climate plans that are aligned with countries' development priorities, circumstances and sustainable development pathways, while driving transformational implementation both of mitigation and adaptation action, through unlocking finance and ensuring that no one is left behind.

Capacity-building will play an important role in the process of preparing new NDCs that are implementable and can drive transformative action.

At COP28, the [PCCB](#) was mandated **to identify, in coordination with Parties, other constituted bodies and programmes and relevant stakeholders, current activities for enhancing the capacity of developing countries to prepare and implement nationally determined contributions. The CMA also requested the secretariat to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and good practices for the preparation and implementation of nationally determined contributions, including through workshops¹.**

Objectives:

- **Identify current activities** for enhancing the capacity of developing countries to prepare and implement nationally determined contributions

¹ Decision 1/CMA.5 paragraph 117, Available at https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2023_L17_adv.pdf



- **Facilitate the sharing of knowledge and good practice for the preparation and implementation of NDCs**

In line with the GST outcomes, the primary objective of the NDC workshop is to create a dynamic platform for the exchange of knowledge, experiences, and best practices related to capacity-building for the preparation and implementation of NDCs. The workshop aims to foster collaboration, identify effective strategies, and empower stakeholders with the necessary tools to enhance their capacities to prepare and implement NDCs.

Methodology:

The workshop will employ a mix of presentations, interactive sessions, case studies, and open mic sharing to ensure active participation and knowledge exchange.

Target Audience:

The workshop is designed for government officials, policymakers, climate change practitioners, representatives from non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academia, and the private sector involved in climate-related activities and NDC implementation.

Expected Outcomes:

- Identification of current activities of developing countries to prepare and implement NDC
- Promote the sharing of knowledge and good practice for the preparation and implementation of NDCs
- Development of actionable strategies and plans for identifying and addressing capacity-gaps and needs for the preparation and implementation of NDCs in developing countries

Proposed Agenda (120 mins)

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Time 120 mins	Session description	Speaker (tbc)
15 mins	Welcome and Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome and brief introduction to the workshop objectives- Opening Remarks on NDCs 3.0- PCCB and its key role in delivering on the GST mandate - including the importance of the portal, the hub and developed tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC secretariat• Roberta Ianna, Co-Chair, Paris Committee on Capacity-building



10 mins	Session 1 – Keynote presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of institutional and individual gaps and needs for preparing NDCs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Baumwoll, Global Coordinator, Climate Promise, UNDP
60 mins (15 mins in each station)	Session 2 – Knowledge and good practice sharing: Capacity-building for NDCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In this session, participants will share from their experience good practice on developing and retaining the capacities needed in the development and implementation of NDCs. - This session will have 4 rapid-fire stations organized around guiding questions. Each station will start with an ice-breaker experience shared by a Party and will be moderated/facilitated by relevant development organizations. - The 4 thematic rapid-fire stations will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approaches to identify and address capacity gaps and needs ○ Approaches to integrate capacity- building needs in NDCs 3.0 ○ Approaches for retaining capacity - Approaches for increasing effectiveness of capacity building activities particularly as regard to accessing and mobilizing finance 	<p><i>Station 1:</i> Ice-breaker – Erika Yamada, Ministry of Environment, Japan Facilitator – Yunus Arian, ICLEI World secretariat</p> <p><i>Station 2:</i> Ice-breaker – Daniel Benefoh, Deputy Director, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana Facilitator - Michelle Pena Nelz, GIZ</p> <p><i>Station 3:</i> Ice-breaker - Carol Simon, Panama Facilitator – Fernanda Carvahlo, Head of Policy – Climate and Energy Practice, WWF International</p> <p><i>Station 4:</i> Ice-breaker - Ranjila Singh, Mitigation Specialist, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Fiji Facilitator – Fatema Rajabali, CDKN</p>
20 mins	Session 3 – Support needed and provided in the context of building and retaining capacity <p>In this dialogue, support organizations will share the support available for the development and retention of capacities with a view towards the preparation of new NDCs. The organizations will in their inputs reflect on the discussions from Session 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What support is available for capacity-building and how can countries approach support providers? - What support from your perspective, and conversations today, is needed to fill emerging capacity gaps? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated by: Alejandro Kilpatrick, Manager, Capacity-building, UNFCCC secretariat • Andrea Camponogara, RCC Global Coordinator, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC, secretariat • Holger Treidel, Head of Section Climate and Climate Policy, Department Sector and Global Programmes (GloBe), GIZ



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can capacity be retained and what support from your perspective, and conversations today, is needed to retain capacity both at the institutional and individual levels? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romeo Bertolini, Global Director of Operations, NDC Partnership • Miriam Hinostroza, Head, Global Climate Action Unit, Mitigation Branch, Climate Change Division, UNEP • Simon Benmarraze, Team lead, Technology and Infrastructure, IRENA
10 mins	<p>Session 4 – Recap and next steps</p> <p>The moderator will recap the discussions and outcomes and will solicit participants feedback through a brief mentimeter exercise on next steps and what areas the next workshop in this capacity-building series should explore.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alejandro Kilpatrick, Manager, Capacity-building, UNFCCC secretariat
5 mins	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Expressing gratitude to participants and speakers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniele Violetti, Senior Director, Programmes Coordination, UNFCCC secretariat