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BACKGROUND

1.1 What is the PCCB Network?

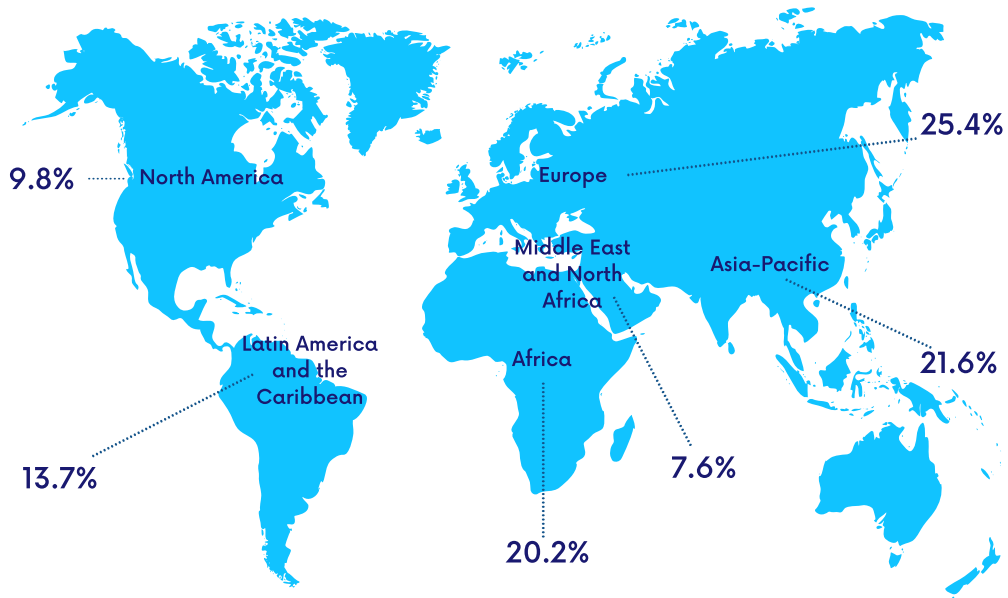
The PCCB Network was established by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) as a platform to enhance coherence and coordination of climate-related capacity-building initiatives and activities. Created as a leveraging platform for capacity-building stakeholders, the PCCB Network aims to foster the engagement of relevant stakeholders in such efforts, draw expertise from a broad range of members in identifying capacity-building gaps and needs of developing countries, and facilitate access to information and knowledge on capacity-building to support climate action.

Following a stepwise approach, the PCCB Network was launched in April 2020 in its pilot phase which will be reviewed at the 6th Meeting of the PCCB in June 2022, in order to adjust its approach and activities as needed. The work of the network is guided by a task force consisting of the leads of the PCCB's four working groups, supported by the UNFCCC Capacity-building team. The PCCB has mobilised the task force to guide and oversee the implementation of the PCCB Network's pilot phase.

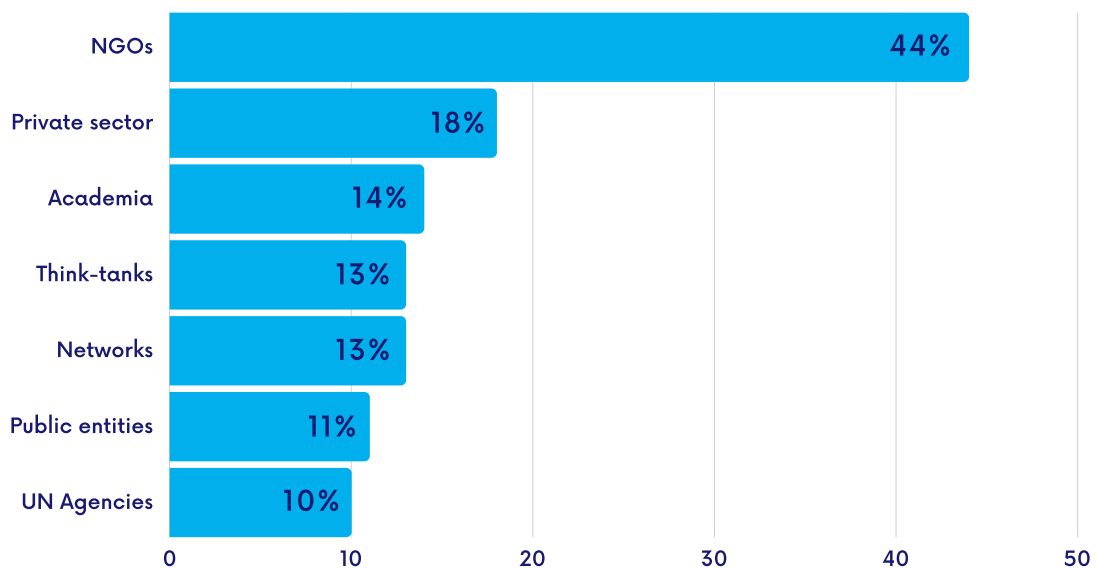
As of 1st May 2022, the PCCB Network has registered **287 members** located across 80 different countries representing a wide variety of sectors and regions. Since the launch of the PCCB Network in April 2020 and a first surge in registrations, membership has continued to grow steadily throughout the second year. The figures below illustrate the global footprint of the Network and the distribution of members clustered by the type of institutions.

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Regional Distribution



Types of Institutions

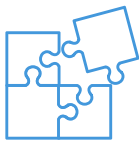


*Please note that members can belong to multiple institution types.

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1.2 What does the PCCB Network do?

The PCCB Network is designed as a voluntary association of interested stakeholders engaged in climate-related capacity-building. Through the Network, members can share information on good practices of their work, contribute to the work of PCCB in fulfilling its mandate, and connect with their peers across sectors and regions. Activities of the PCCB Network align with the PCCB's work areas:



Enhancing coherence and coordination on capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement



Mainstreaming cross-cutting issues in climate change-related capacity-building



Promoting awareness-raising, knowledge- and information-sharing and stakeholder engagement



Identifying current and emerging capacity gaps and needs and recommending ways to address them

Under the umbrella of the work areas, the PCCB Network activities can be clustered as follows:



Technical exchanges & peer learning: webinars, workshops, peer-to-peer learning, open call for technical inputs, and compendiums.



Communications & Outreach: newsletters, stories, podcasts, postcards, interviews, and blog posts.



Networking & Engagement: all-member meetings, regional meetups, surveys, and open call for proposals.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

2.1 Overview of the second year

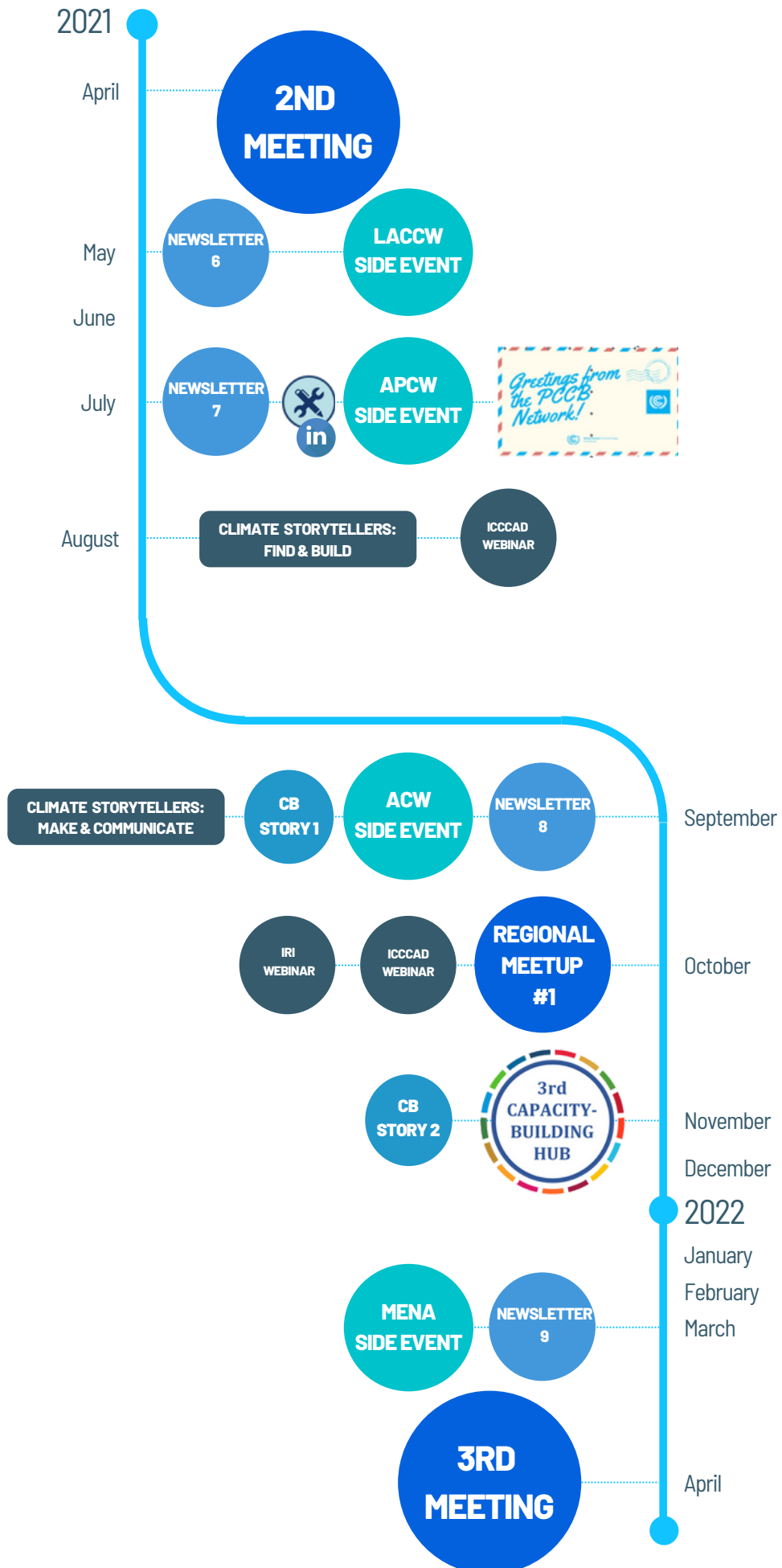
The PCCB Network in the reporting period 27th April 2021 to 30th April 2022, continued to support the PCCB's mission of fostering synergies and enhancing coherence and coordination in capacity-building efforts for climate action. Under the umbrella of the PCCB's work areas, the PCCB Network organised a wide range of events and activities at the network, regional, and international levels. The borders of the reporting period are defined by the 2nd and the 3rd annual meetings of the network in 2021 and 2022 respectively. In this period, 41 new members joined the network.

At the network level, 3 virtual events or workshops and 1 virtual workshop series were organised by network members. 4 issues of the PCCB Network newsletter and 2 episodes of the Capacity-building Stories Podcast were also published in the second year of the network. The Postcard Project and the UN Climate Change Capacity-building LinkedIn Group were launched in July 2021. All together, these make up for PCCB Network's core events and activities.

At the regional level, the PCCB collaborated with the PCCB Network for 3 virtual and 1 hybrid session of the 'You(th) in Capacity-building' side event series at the UNFCCC Regional Climate Weeks. Additionally, at the 2nd annual meeting of the PCCB Network, members expressed the need for networking spaces at the regional level, to that effect, the first Regional Meetups were organised in October 2021.

At the international level, the PCCB Network played a pivotal role towards the success of the 3rd Capacity-building Hub at COP26 in Glasgow. The next page depicts the timeline of PCCB Network's second year, and sections 2.2 - 2.4 provide details on the events and activities.

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2.2 Technical exchanges and peer-learning activities

2.2.1 Climate Storytellers

When it comes to the dialogue on climate change, the voices of vulnerable and marginalised communities are underrepresented. Through community-led digital storytelling, there is an opportunity to amplify such voices to ensure that they have a seat at the table and that they are a part of the decision-making process related to one of the most pressing issues of our time. Digital Storytellers and CLEAR Environmental created a collaborative virtual program under the umbrella of the PCCB Network to help share the stories of those not in the room. Through the four-part Climate Storytellers workshop, the aim was to build the capacity of the capacity-builders!

The series sought to help activists and practitioners on the frontlines to build, find, make, and communicate their most powerful stories of how climate change impacts them and how they address it. The aim of the series was also to further emphasize the role that climate storytelling plays in making climate information more accessible - as storytelling is used to cut through the jargon, scientific arguments, and sometimes even over-reliance on quantitative data. Three stories developed by the participants of the series were chosen and screened at the 3rd Capacity-building Hub at COP26 in Glasgow.



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2.2.2 Traditional Knowledge and Climate Science products by the International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI)

Organised by the International Research Institute for Climate Change (IRI) at Columbia Climate School, this virtual event took the format of a panel discussion that focused on the access and use of climate information to support climate adaptation in farming and Indigenous communities. It also allowed panelists to raise the challenges and opportunities associated with the climate information they use. The concept of academies of climate services was introduced to promote interdisciplinary dialogue and capacity-building between scientists, practitioners, and policymakers in the Global South. The Meteorological Service Division of Jamaica, FSC Indigenous Foundation and IRI shared their expertise, recommendations, and best practices at the event.

MODERATOR



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Columbia Climate School

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2.2.3 Role of Universities in Building Long-term Climate Capacities by the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD)

The International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) facilitated a virtual workshop under the umbrella of the PCCB Network, to explore and explicate the role of universities and research institutes in contributing to sustainable capacity-building. Some Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) have also identified universities as the main institutional hub for that purpose. Therefore, the objectives of this session were to identify gaps and needs related to long term climate capacity-building in climate-vulnerable countries, to discuss the role of universities in filling up the existing capacity gaps and to introduce the Least Developed Countries Universities Consortium on Climate Change (LUCCC). Furthermore, the workshop also sought to provide a platform to share relevant country cases on the effective use of universities as knowledge brokers, to discuss barriers preventing universities from effective capacity-building and foster collaborations between universities, research institutions, and other stakeholders.

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2.2.4 COP26 – Climate Vulnerable Countries by the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD).

Organised by the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), under the umbrella of the PCCB Network, this event focused on climate-vulnerable countries' perspectives and priorities leading up to COP26. In particular, the event sought to identify current priority areas for vulnerable countries and evaluate how these priority areas translate into demands that can be addressed at COP26. Alongside this, current barriers that inhibit actors from realising their ambitions were also discussed. The three panellists from ICCCAD, University College London (UCL), Children and Youth constituency to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (YOUNGO), and Climate Action Network International discussed these topics with a particular focus on climate finance, loss and damage, as well as gender and youth.

MODERATOR



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2.3 Communications and Outreach

The communication and outreach activities of the PCCB Network during the reporting period were closely guided by the Network's communication strategy. As agreed by the PCCB, activities of the network related to communications and engagement were regularly monitored and reported to the PCCB Network taskforce. The PCCB Network mobilises its different communication channels and products such as its Newsletter, Capacity-building Stories Podcast, and the Postcard Project, to keep members of the PCCB Network and interested stakeholders informed of the work of the Network and its members.

Communication Channels



Website



Email



Youtube



LinkedIn



Newsletter



E-meetings



Surveys



Partner channels

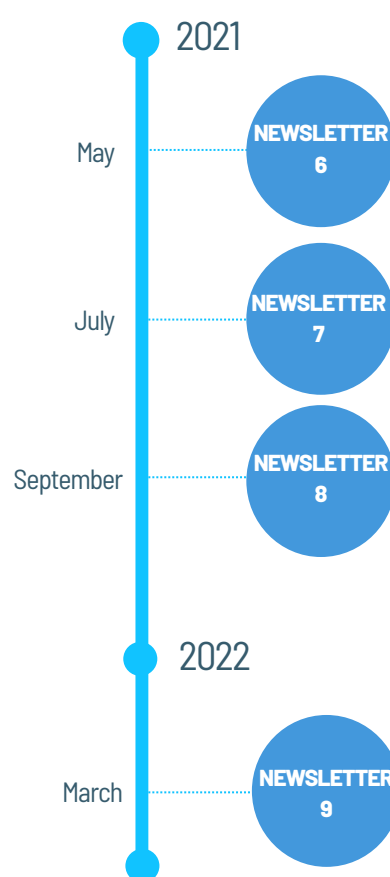
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2.3.1 Newsletter

The PCCB Network Newsletter was published bi-monthly, as an effective means to share and receive updates on capacity-building efforts of the network members.

Throughout issues 6 to 9, the structure of the newsletter was adapted slightly to better reflect members' needs and activities. Currently, each issue features the following segments:

1. **HIGHLIGHTS:** Statements and opinion pieces by lead thinkers across the globe on the importance of capacity-building for climate action.
2. **PCCB NETWORK NEWS:** Updates on the work of the PCCB Network, ongoing and upcoming projects and activities.



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3. **IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** News of capacity-building efforts under the UNFCCC.

4. **MEMBERS NEWS:** Updates from members of the PCCB Network, e.g. recent publications, upcoming events, ongoing activities, and open calls.

5. **CAPACITY-BUILDING AROUND THE WORLD:** Showcases implementation tools, case studies, and good practices from members of the Network.

In its second year, four newsletters were published and shared with the Network members. An average of nine members contributed towards the development of each newsletter.

contributors



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2.3.2 Capacity-building Stories Podcast

Building on the success of the Capacity-building Stories in 2020, in 2021 the PCCB Network repackaged and relaunched the Capacity-building Stories as a podcast series. The series collects and showcases examples of capacity-building efforts towards combating climate change. Through bi-monthly episodes, the aim is to create a space for capacity-building experts, practitioners, and enthusiasts of the PCCB Network to share their work, experiences, and best practices around climate-related capacity-building.



Capacity-building Stories hopes to turn the wealth of knowledge, experience, and inspiration into learning opportunities for a wider circle of capacity-building actors, and ultimately, into more impactful climate action!

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Episode 1 | Gender responsiveness with WOCAN



In the first episode, Jeannette Gurung, Founder and Executive Director of Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN), joined the Capacity-building Stories host and PCCB Network Coordinator – Riddhi Dutta, to explore climate-related capacity-building and the climate action space through the gender lens.

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Episode 2 | Youth in Capacity-building



In this episode, the host and PCCB Network Coordinator Riddhi Dutta, sat down in conversation with the three youth representatives who were speakers at the "You(th) in Capacity-building" side-events hosted by the PCCB in collaboration with the PCCB Network at 2021 UN Climate Change's Regional Climate Weeks. These side-events explored an overarching theme of the role of youth in capacity-building in the Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia-Pacific, and Africa regions.

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2.3.3 Postcard Project



Launched in 2021, the Postcard Project aims to share powerful stories of inspiring capacity-building initiatives and responses to climate change from around the world using digital postcards. This story-telling tool highlights the work of capacity-building practitioners and showcases champions from the PCCB Network community, to inspire greater ambition in people, communities, and nations.

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2.4 Networking and Engagement

2.4.1 Regional Climate Weeks

Recognizing the transformative role of youth, the PCCB in collaboration with the PCCB Network hosted a series of side events during the virtual thematic sessions of Regional Climate Weeks 2021. This virtual event series was implemented as part of the PCCB's efforts to promote strategic stakeholder engagement to foster exchange on capacity-building through outreach activities at the national or regional level (workplan activity C.4). It provided a space for members of the PCCB Network and youth ambassadors to share their experiences and exchange knowledge and best practices of their work with regards to capacity-building and youth engagement in climate action.



Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week, May 2021



Asia Pacific Climate Week, July 2021

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Africa Climate Week,
September 2021



Middle East and North Africa
Climate Week, March 2022

Through these side events at the Regional Climate Weeks in 2021, the PCCB in collaboration with the PCCB Network aimed to facilitate climate action in the Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia-Pacific, Africa, and for the first time in the Middle East and North Africa regions. In light of the 2021 focus area of the PCCB on “building capacity to facilitate a coherent implementation of NDCs in the context of national development plans”, participants were encouraged to discuss the role of youth in addressing climate and development goals more coherently. Simultaneously, the aim was to align the side events with the three thematic tracks of the Regional Climate Weeks: Track 1 - “National actions and economy-wide approaches”, Track 2 - “Integrated approaches for climate-resilient development” and Track 3 - “Seizing transformation opportunities”.

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The You(th) in Capacity-building side event series aimed to:

- Highlight and enhance the role of youth as powerful agents of change, both as capacity-builders and recipients.
- Encourage practical discussions of capacity-building for climate action at the regional level and in the context of the need for a coherent implementation of climate action and sustainable development.
- Provide members of the PCCB Network with a platform to engage and collaborate on a regional and thematic basis and share their experiences and best practices related to climate change capacity-building and youth engagement.

2.4.2 Regional Meetups

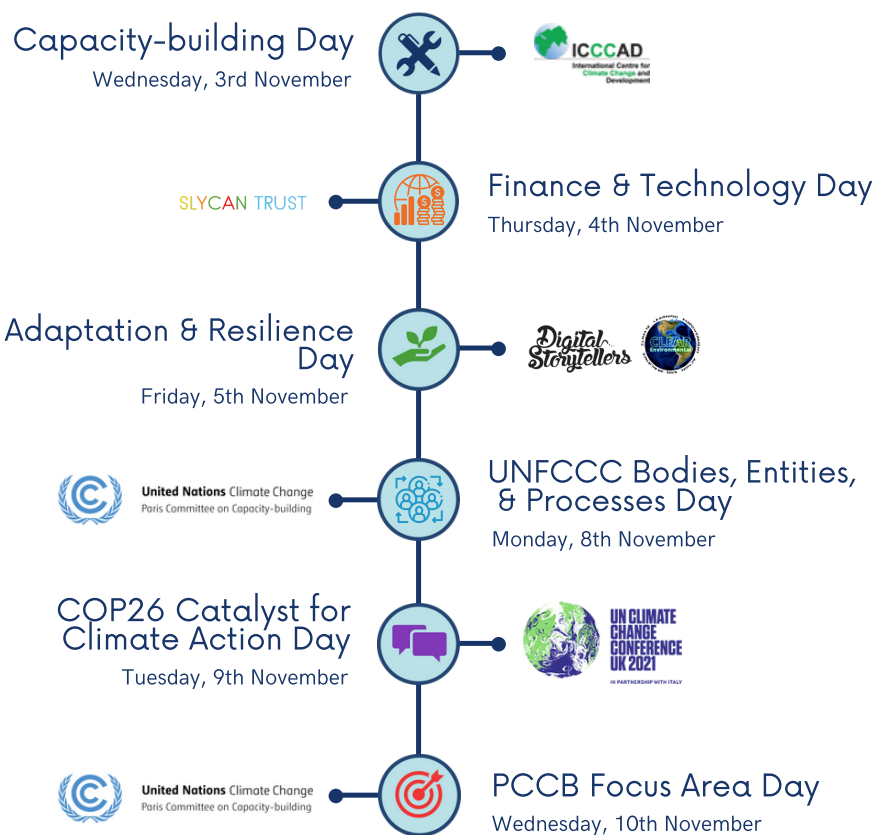
The PCCB Network organized the first Regional Meetups to enhance regional dialogue, coordination, and collaboration opportunities between PCCB Network members as requested by the members at the 2nd Annual Meeting of the PCCB Network. The purpose of the Regional Meetups was to provide the PCCB Network members with a space to build rapport and explore synergies, enhance peer-to-peer learning, and facilitate information exchange with other members of the Network.

The 1st Regional Meetups focused on assessing the status quo of capacity-building efforts and the related gaps and needs in the Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia-Pacific regions. The discussions also explored regional networking and collaboration opportunities as identified by the participating Network members.

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2.4.3 3rd Capacity-building Hub

Hosted by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB), the 3rd Capacity-building Hub was a series of events that showcased efforts made towards greater climate actions in 2020 and 2021 through the lens of capacity-building. The 3rd Capacity-building Hub took place from 3-10 November at COP 26 in Glasgow, Scotland. More than 4,700 participants attended in person or followed the sessions online. The Hub hosted 42 sessions over the course of six thematic days, where more than 250 experts from approximately 190 institutions joined the sessions. The PCCB Network and its members were pivotal in the success of the 3rd Capacity-building Hub.



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52 out of the 136 submissions made towards the call for Expression-of-Interest for the 3rd Capacity-building Hub were from members of the PCCB Network.

16 submissions made by PCCB Network members **were evaluated and selected** through the process.



External experts were selected from the PCCB Network and joined the 3rd Capacity-building Hub Steering Committee to ensure that **cross-cutting issues** were mainstreamed across the Hub.



PCCB Network members were involved in **27 of the 42 events**.

Of those, **20 events** were organised by **one or more members**.

4 events were **jointly led** by members.

NETWORK OUTREACH AND INSIGHTS

3.1 Social Media and Newsletter insights

UN Climate Change Capacity-building
LinkedIn Group

in

Growth
1300 members
since July 2021

Engagement
12,768 post views

PCCB Network Newsletter



Growth
97 new recipients
439 total recipients

Engagement
32.9% opens
10.2% clicks

PCCB's YouTube channel



New subscribers
+215
Watch time
1,400 hours

Impressions 94k
Views 10k

NETWORK OUTREACH AND INSIGHTS

3.2 Surveys

"establish **working groups** or **interest groups** within the capacity-building theme"

63% of the respondents to the 2021 annual survey were **very satisfied** with the PCCB Network in 2021 in **general** and with frequency and means of **communication** mobilised by the Network



14 surveys
570+ responses

event registrations, post-event surveys, newsletter submissions, expression of interests, call for inputs, etc.

"**increase** information **exchange** and **collaboration** opportunities"

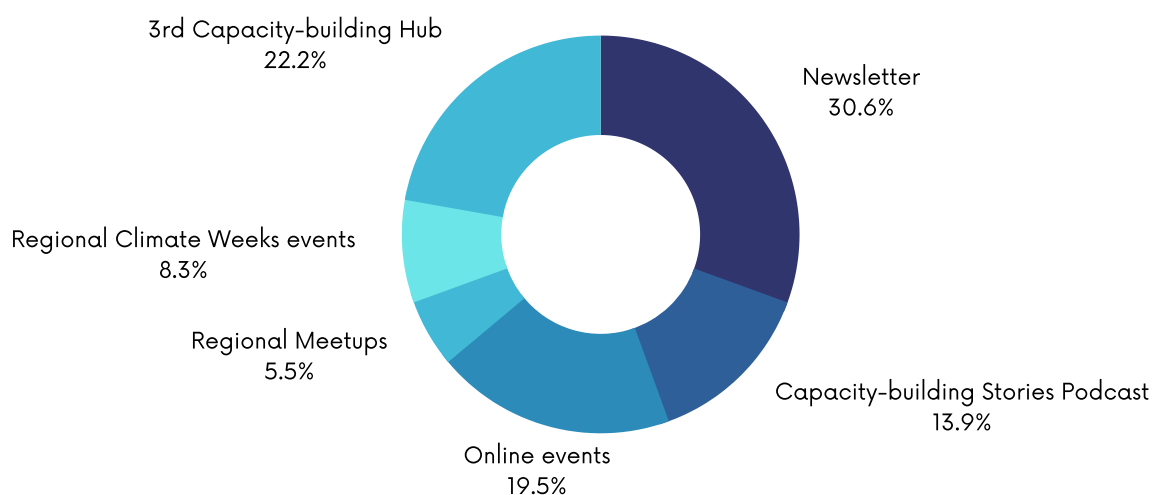
"**enhance** regional experience sharing and collaboration **opportunities**"

50% of the respondents to the 2021 annual survey **collaborated** with one or more network member through the PCCB Network in 2021

46% of the respondents to the 2021 annual survey were **very satisfied** with **collaboration** and **knowledge exchange opportunities**

NETWORK OUTREACH AND INSIGHTS

Members favourite Network activity from the 2021 annual survey



Members views on the greatest benefits the PCCB Network provided them with according to the 2021 annual survey responses



ASSESSMENT AND PROSPECTS

The PCCB Network provides an overview of the capacity-building activities carried out by its members. Whether it is an event, an online training course, a technical workshop, a discussion paper, a pilot project, a technical tool or a brainstorming session, the Network continually mobilises and showcases collective efforts, highlights synergic areas of work, and enables effective collaborations for higher climate ambition among its members.

After the first spike in the network's membership at its launch and in the first year, the network has continued to grow steadily across regions and sectors. From the activities and achievements in the second year of the network, it is evident that the network should continue to ensure and enhance the member-driven trajectory for network activities. While the core activities in the second year were important and successful, in 2022 the focus on collaborations should be emphasised to ensure that all core activities of the network are fruits of collaborative efforts. At the same time, consistent monitoring of results should be continued in order to provide insights and suggestions for enhanced practices across all network activities. There is also a need for monitoring and evaluation processes to be standardised and recorded consistently.

The PCCB Network has become an important channel for capacity-building information generation and dissemination. The network has been a useful platform for the PCCB to strengthen its' efforts towards meeting its' mandate and has also raised the profile of capacity-building and climate-action efforts. The network has continued to grow steadily in its second year in terms of both the number of members that have joined and its reach through quality content generated and disseminated via the various communication channels.

ASSESSMENT AND PROSPECTS

While the networks' communications and outreach activities have continued to be a members' favourite, further efforts should be made to foster the mobilisation of partner communications channels. The approach in 2022 should focus on enhancing the understanding of PCCB Network collaborations by establishing longer term communications-focused partnerships and moving beyond ad-hoc and one-off collaborations.

The UN Climate Change Capacity-building LinkedIn Group was launched in July 2021, in order to streamline the dissemination of information on the efforts of and events and activities pertaining to the PCCB, capacity-building efforts supported or implemented by the Secretariat and the PCCB Network to one inclusive professional platform. One of the biggest achievements of the network in the second year has been in facilitating the growth of this group to 1300 members in 9 months. The PCCB Network should continue to mobilise this platform and further strengthen its outreach to the wider capacity-building audience.

As the network was created in the pandemic world, much like the rest of the world, in its first year the network was exploring the virtual modality that it had to exist in alongside the set up of its structure and operations. In the second year, the network as a whole has adapted to the virtual modality and has even explored innovative approaches of networking. The network has now completed its pilot phase which will be reviewed at the 6th Meeting of the PCCB in June 2022. Drawing lessons learned and concrete actions from the evaluation of the pilot phase, the networks growth, activities, and achievements over the last two years, as well as from regular feedback from members; will pave the way for the future and success of the network.

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