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PCCB Network 2nd Meeting

Summary Report



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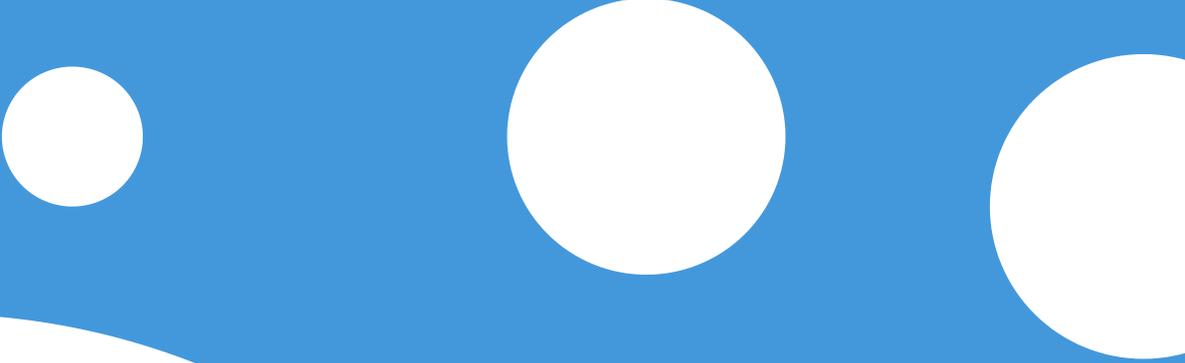


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List of Acronyms

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ACE	Action for Climate Empowerment
C4CA	Catalyst for Climate Action
CBO	Community-based Organization
COP	UNFCCC Conference of the Parties
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
IPO	Indigenous Peoples Organizations
LCIPP	Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform
NAP	National Adaptation Plan
NDC	Nationally determined contributions
PATPA	Partnership on Transparency in the Paris agreement
PCCB	Paris Committee on Capacity-building
Q&A	Questions and answers
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Meeting information

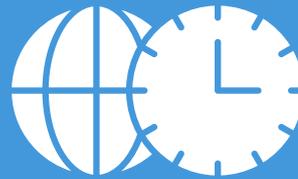
Hosted by the PCCB and
UNFCCC Secretariat

Date



27 April

Time



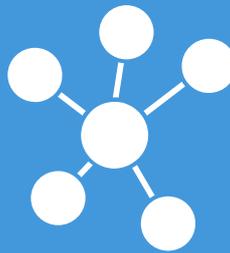
14:00-16:00 CET

Attended by



99
representatives

From



54 member
organizations

Located in



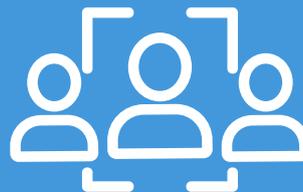
37
countries

Enriched by



20+ interventions

Venue



Virtual-MS Teams

Background

In April 2020, the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) launched the PCCB Network as an important tool in accomplishing its mission of sharing capacity-building efforts and activities among members of the Network, the PCCB and other capacity-building actors and stakeholders for the implementation of the Paris Agreement. At its annual meeting, the PCCB decided to extend the pilot phase of the Network until the end of 2021 so as to include the potential engagement of the PCCB Network members at the next Capacity-Building Hub at COP26. To celebrate the completion of PCCB Network's first year, the PCCB decided to gather its members in the 2nd PCCB Network meeting to look back and learn from the last year, assess the status quo, and plan for a way forward.



“The PCCB Network is, and will continue to be, a reflection of its members' great interest in capacity-building to support climate action and achieving lasting impacts. Members of the PCCB Network are champions of change in their context, whether you are a local NGO, a small or medium enterprise, a regional network, a governmental department, or an international entity.”

Roberta Ianna, Lead of the PCCB Working Group 1

Objectives

The 2nd meeting of the PCCB Network celebrated the work done, activities and achievements through the Network's first year. The anniversary meeting aimed to provide the members with a platform to reflect on the first year alongside exploring potential events, activities, and collaboration opportunities. The meeting, therefore, served the purpose of further strengthening the Network by fostering engagement, networking, and collaboration. The aim of the meeting was to identify the networking and collaboration needs of the members by providing the members a platform that encourages the exchange of experiences and ideas. The objectives of the meeting were -

- 1** Presenting the Network's work, activities and achievements through its first year and outlining the way forward.
- 2** Creating a networking space for the members of the PCCB Network - to meet and interact, to get acquainted with the work of the PCCB and other network members, and to exchange priorities, ideas and experiences.
- 3** Gathering the needs, feedback and inputs from the members about their interest in future activities of the network.
- 4** Enhancing collaboration within the network by identifying their needs and offering the members the support of the PCCB Network for potential collaborative events and activities.

Agenda

The 2nd-anniversary meeting offered a networking and collaboration space for the PCCB Network members. The PCCB co-chair Marzena Chodor inaugurated the meeting with a warm welcome on behalf of the PCCB to over 160 participants. Roberta Ianna, lead of the PCCB Working Group 1, facilitated the meeting which consisted of three segments, namely – The first year of the PCCB Network, Experience Sharing & Networking, and Member Engagement. A member-driven approach was adopted for the meeting with various interactive elements like Menti polls and Google Jamboard that were employed to enhance instant feedback and facilitate the discussions.

The meeting consisted of an introductory session that summarizes the network's first year - the work and accomplishments of the PCCB Network since its launch in April 2020. In order to further strengthen the network and its collaborative activities, in the second segment, there was an open floor where attendees were able to share their ideas and experiences with the PCCB Network over the last year. In the final segment, virtual meet-up spaces were used to engage attendees and explore opportunities for collaboration. The PCCB will use the results from interactive polls and key findings from the virtual meet-up spaces and open floor session to map potential collaboration opportunities within the network.

Over 160 participants registered to attend the 2nd PCCB Network meeting where members tuned in from 37 different countries (as seen in the map below), representing the diversity of the network and how over its first year the Network has continued to grow globally with representation from different regions.



Agenda

Moderator: Roberta Ianna, PCCB

Welcome & Introduction

Marzena Chodor, PCCB
Roberta Ianna, PCCB

The First Year of the PCCB Network

Accomplishments & Lessons Learned

Roberta Ianna, PCCB

Network Needs & Expectations

Experience Sharing & Networking

Open Floor Session

Moderator: Riddhi Dutta, UNFCCC

Upcoming Activities of the PCCB Network

Alejandro Kilpatrick, UNFCCC

Member Engagement

Collaboration Opportunities

Meet-up Spaces

Mainstreaming
Youth, Gender
Responsiveness, and
Indigenous Peoples'
Knowledge in Capacity-
Building

Engaging with
and Learning
from Each
Other

Identifying and
Addressing Capacity
Gaps and Needs

Moderators: Jeniffer Hanna, Crispin d'Auvergene and Mahawan Karunisia - PCCB

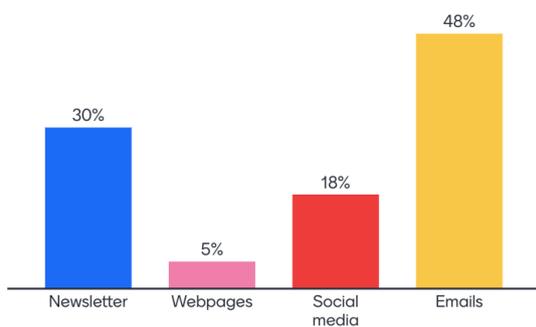
Closing Remarks

Karl McAlinder, UK COP 26 Presidency Team
Roberta Ianna, PCCB

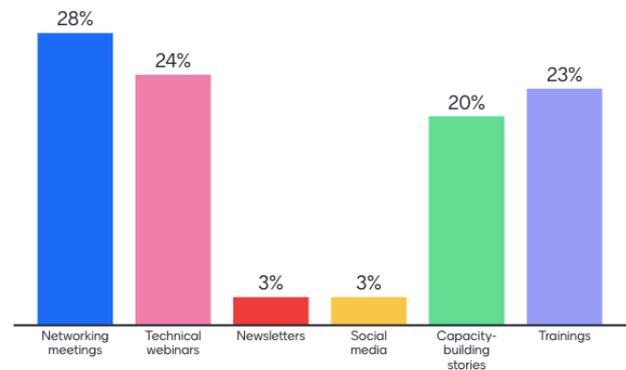
Summary of discussions

In order to make the meeting interactive and collaborative, members were asked to intervene and engage by responding to different polls. Menti was used as a tool to receive immediate feedback from participants and to assess their needs and expectations for the network as well as common themes for collaboration opportunities. The responses to the polls can be found below:

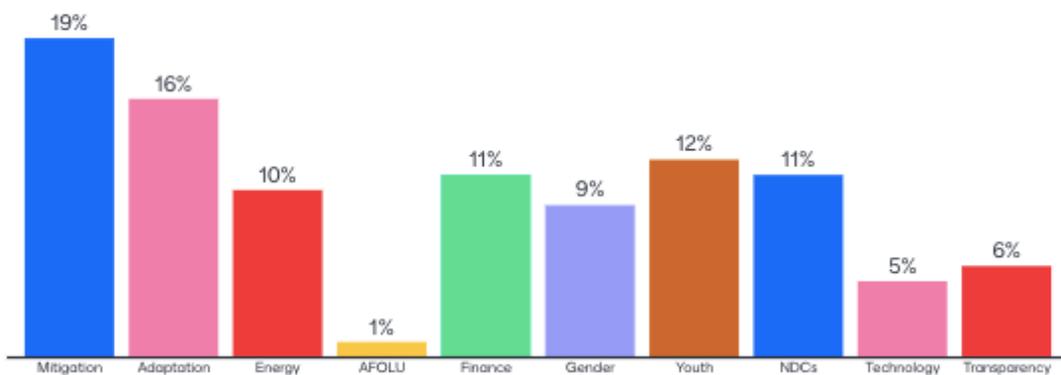
Which communication channels would you like the network to use more often?



Which activities would you like to see more often?



Select your main areas of interest for upcoming capacity-building activities



Summary of discussions



Moderator: Riddhi
Dutta, UNFCCC

Open Floor Session

Participants were encouraged to share their experiences of being associated with the network over the last year to foster discussions around the networking and collaboration needs of members. They were invited to respond to four guiding questions. Zainab Rachdi from the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection shared the foundation's experiences in order to kick-start the discussions. The following summarizes the participants' inputs.

Needs and expectations from the PCCB Network to enhance collaboration opportunities among members

- Facilitate information sharing and collaboration opportunities among members who speak the same language.
- Create a database that would provide an overview of all the members of the PCCB Network and their work areas and contact details. Such a database would allow for identifying common work areas and enhance collaboration opportunities.
- Need to better understand what each member is doing in terms of capacity-building efforts and how it aligns with their work to avoid duplication.
- Facilitate sharing information on best practices and solutions within the network via a database in order to foster co-learning.

Facilitating collaborations and partnerships

- Need to map what resources each member has in terms of capacity to seek support or provide support to other members.
- Create a database of best practices and solutions in order to learn from organizations in different countries.
- Create a social network map that would help people find each other and know who is doing what in order to link experts in different areas and create working groups. This would help in aligning different initiatives so that organizations that don't necessarily work together could also collaborate.
- Webinars to exchange experiences and learn from people involved in climate change-related capacity-building.

Summary of discussions

Platforms needed to initiate dialogue

- Need for a platform for focus groups catered to different regions.
- Continue organizing specific workshops or webinars on more specific topics.

Enhancing network activities under the PCCB Focus area

- Need to work with different grassroots organizations to provide exemplary solutions of good practices and lessons learnt from different countries that have overcome different obstacles to implement inclusive climate policies.
- Publish submissions from Network members working on the focus area to allow other members to browse and collaborate on current capacity-building efforts.
- Strengthen communication and advocacy training related to NDCs so members can communicate experiences within the network.

Learning from other Networks

Fabian Klemme from GIZ provided valuable inputs of best practices of their Partnership on Transparency in the Paris agreement (PATPA) Network that the PCCB Network could benefit from. Some of the success factors for effective networks identified through the experiences gained by PATPA include –

- Ownership: Participants of the network should be its' owners. Networks should be member-driven and activities should address the needs and wishes of participants. For global networks, language groups aid in enhancing regional reach.
- Interactivity: Network members should be enabled to step out of the role of the spectator by encouraging them to interact bilaterally and in smaller groups.
- Continuity: People and organizations should continue to engage with the network in order for the network to continue growing and developing. Continuous efforts towards identifying more opportunities for participants to engage and exchange should be made.

Summary of discussions

Meet-up Spaces

This section allowed participants of the meeting to network, exchange ideas, and propose concrete actions to enhance capacity-building. Participants were invited to respond to questions posed by the three moderators using an online tool, Jamboard, by writing down their answers on sticky notes. The key findings from each meet-up space will be used to engage active members that could potentially contribute to leading upcoming activities under the umbrella of the Network. The three meet-up spaces were divided into and moderated by the following:

Meet-up Space 1

Mainstreaming Youth,
Gender responsiveness
and Indigenous
peoples' knowledge
into capacity-building



Jeniffer Hanna,
PCCB

Meet-up Space 2

Engaging with and
learning from each
other



Crispin d'Auvergene,
PCCB

Meet-up Space 3

Identifying and
addressing capacity
gaps and needs



Mahawan Karuniasa,
PCCB

Summary of discussions



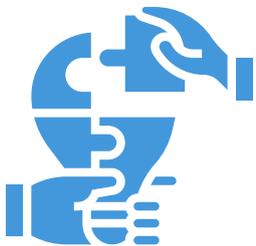
Moderator: Jeniffer
Hanna, PCCB

Meet-up Space 1

Mainstreaming Youth, Gender responsiveness and Indigenous peoples' knowledge into capacity-building

This meet-up space allowed participants to explore the different activities that can be undertaken by the PCCB Network to mainstream these topics into training, guidelines, programmes, and projects, and to share their thoughts and experiences on how the PCCB Network can address these cross-cutting issues more prominently.

Participants at this meet-up space were also able to express their interest to participate in the upcoming Africa and Asia-Pacific Climate Weeks and suggested topics under the theme of youth and capacity-building such as supporting youth project development and fundraising, and the integration of capacity-building and youth empowerment into policies, plans, and processes (including NDCs/NAPs). Some of the key emerging themes from this meet-up space were the following:



Synergies from other constituencies

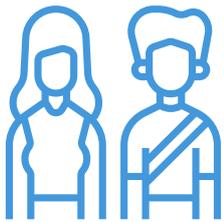
Several participants highlighted the need for synergy creation and engagement with other constituencies such as YOUNGO, IPO or UNFCCC platforms like LCIPP and ACE that are currently engaged with key civil society and local stakeholders making progress towards greater ambition and systemic transformations. These constituencies already have the experience in terms of diverse solutions and best practices from which PCCB Network members can benefit. Instead of having a siloed approach and spending resources separately, there is a need for a collective approach in order to avoid duplication of efforts that could also aid in developing interlinkages with ongoing activities under the constituencies.

Summary of discussions



Showcasing Champions and Stories

Improve the quality of recognition of the work done by youth, women, and indigenous peoples and showcasing champions and stories of youth, women, and indigenous peoples in capacity building to mainstream these topics.



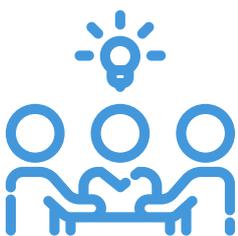
Youth as part of policy discussions

Youth play a pivotal role as agents of change in capacity-building and climate change and are prepared to participate in policy discussions was, however, their capacity to innovate and propose solutions that are out of the box is still underestimated. Youth are often invited to events as an isolated element for inspiration but there is a need to transition beyond that inspirational element into an approach that includes youth as part of the technical and policy discussions.



Gender Tools

Provide gender-assessment guidelines and toolkits on how members of the network can integrate gender-responsive activities within their organizations to ensure inclusion of women and a gender-responsive framework into the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and advocacy in all capacity-building activities.



Enhance representation and visibility of indigenous peoples

Enhance representation of indigenous, local, and rural communities in the PCCB processes by engaging with CBOs and LCIPP as well as increasing the visibility of indigenous organizations for members of the PCCB Network to engage with.

Summary of discussions



Moderator: Crispin d'Auvergne, PCCB

Meet-up Space 2

Engaging with and learning from each other

Participants exchanged on the means to strengthen communication and peer-to-peer learning to build capacity, as well as, the ways to organize thematic and regional meetups to include communities and stakeholders across continents and sectors.



Strengthening Communication

- There is a need for social media platforms that are more accessible and inclusive.
- Besides the PCCB Network Calendar of capacity-building events, having a google calendar that people could subscribe to would be helpful to track events.
- A dedicated or private social media group could help share information, products, initiatives, and needs and enhance communication throughout the network.
- Collaborative tools like google shared spaces (Drive and Jamboard) provide a free platform for knowledge sharing and tool-building that are accessible and flexible to a wide range of users.
- With the pandemic, face-to-face trainings have been moved online. Time zones have further challenged live online learning. Learning platforms such as canvas/courseworks provide a space for online self-paced courses that could be complemented by live interactive sessions via zoom.
- Mural and miro provide a collaborative whiteboard similar to Jamboard with additional features. Design tools such as Canva could be used collaboratively and photo stories could be a story-telling tool.

Summary of discussions



Regional and Thematic Meet-ups

- Language barriers should be considered in the organization of Network meetings. Regional meetings could offer different language groups to facilitate inclusive discussions and involve all stakeholders. There is a need for the provision of translation services. This is especially important with regional meetings in Africa where a francophone group would be helpful in order to fully engage all colleagues. The challenge for the Network would be to bring together the work from language groups and combine it.
- Creating focus areas led by experts with specific knowledge or skillsets in that area could enhance collaboration. Thematic meetings could allow the PCCB Network to connect to other networks with similar work areas.
- Mapping the members of the Network across regions and within thematic areas could facilitate such meetings. This could also buttress the work of PCCB working groups.
- Participants noted that meetings could be held on a regular basis, such as every 2 to 3 months, and focus on different topics. This would facilitate collaboration by allowing network members to build rapport and working relationships. This would also enhance peer-to-peer learning and information sharing.



Online events and trainings

- Advocacy and communication training.
- Communication with different groups and types of decision-makers.
- Adapt communication efforts to groups and communities to better understand and develop capacity-building programs that align with needs.
- Local knowledge enhancement.
- Meetings with organizations that have similar missions.
- Best practices and upcoming events (similar to the newsletter but in the form of an event).
- Nature-based solutions.
- Action for Climate Empowerment.
- Digital storytellers through workshops, online, or onsite events.

Summary of discussions



Peer-learning needs and priorities

- How colleagues manage and support their networks, especially in pandemic times.
- Success stories and failures.
- Best practices.
- Learning by example.
- Needs and strategies in climate and sustainability empowerment work (ACE).
- Facilitated forums and framework for collaboration.



Moderator: Mahawan Karuniasa, PCCB



Co-Moderator: Scott Willis, UNFCCC

Meet-up Space 3

Identifying and addressing capacity gaps and needs

The PCCB has the aim of addressing gaps and needs, both current and emerging, in implementing capacity-building in developing country Parties and further enhancing capacity-building efforts, including coherence and coordination in capacity-building activities under the Convention. A toolkit is being developed to help countries assess capacity-building needs and gaps. It will include best practices and approaches for undertaking national capacity assessment.

Input from the Network members is valuable in the development phase of the toolkit and meet-up space 3 provided an opportunity for exchanging ideas and inputs.

Summary of discussions



Karl McAlinder
UK COP 26 Presidency
Team

Catalyst for Climate Action Initiative

Karl McAlinder, representative of the UK COP26 Presidency concluded the meeting by presenting their capacity-building initiative, Catalyst for Climate Action (C4CA). The C4CA team has been working closely with the PCCB for the past months and is ready to work with network members by providing opportunities to participate in COP26 C4CA activities.

“The C4CA initiative hopes to bring together parties with non-state actors to focus on a number of areas on mitigation ambition, adaptation action, access to finance, carbon markets, transparency, and reporting.”

“Throughout 2021, this initiative will provide opportunities for engagement with key stakeholders but also constituencies such as gender, youth, and indigenous peoples, and engage through events such as the Regional Climate weeks to better understand capacity-building challenges in relation to the implementation of the Paris agreement.”

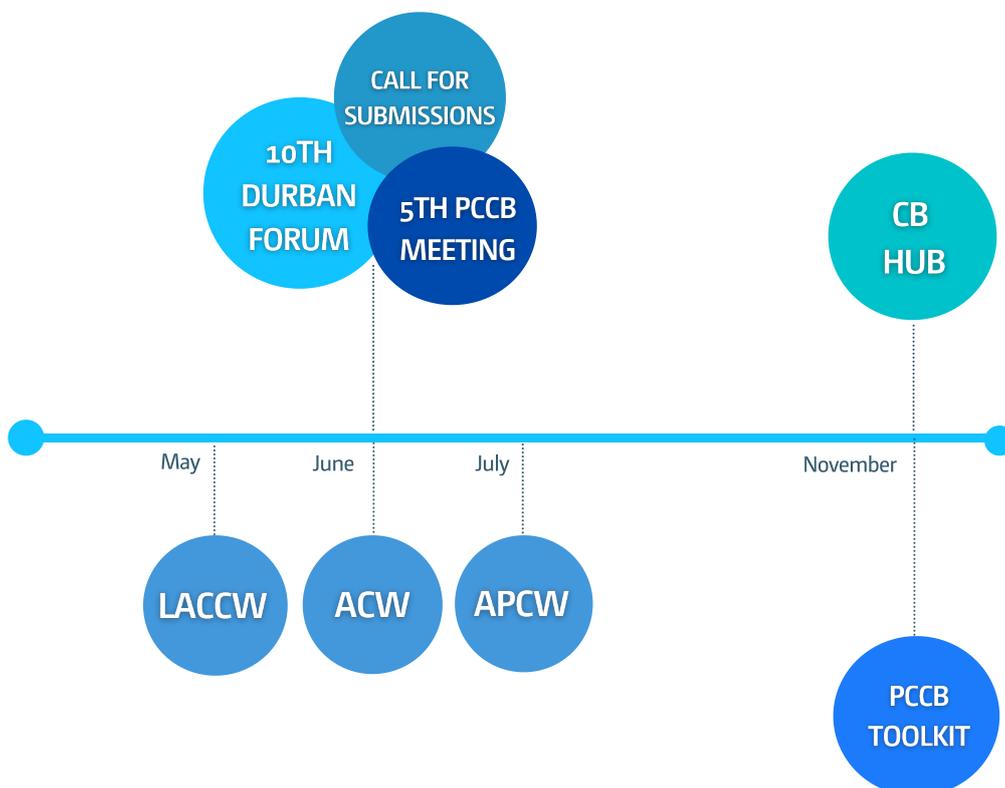
“C4CA and its partners hope to put forward recommendations not only on the implementation of the Paris agreement but also to provide suggestions on how capacity-building can enable or enhance ambition and increase action towards combating climate change.”

Next Steps

The PCCB Network will continue to gather, review, and assess inputs received by members, and guide the work of the network in its pilot phase. The meeting provided insight into how members of the Network can engage among themselves and support the work plan of the PCCB in implementing the Paris Agreement.

The feedback and inputs provided by members at the meeting will be used as a framework to guide the design and implementation of the list of activities of the PCCB Network for the end of the year. In the meantime, the upcoming activities of the PCCB and the PCCB Network in 2021, where members will have the chance to be involved, are summarized in the figure below.

With the aim of facilitating those collaborations among Network members, a form has been created where members are encouraged to share their suggestions for future activities and can find many potential partners that can support their work or co-lead those activities with them. The collaboration form can be found under the useful links section together with the responses from members.



Useful Links

[PCCB Network Annual Report](#)

[Collaborations form](#) and [responses from members](#)

[Jamboard Meet-up Space 1](#)

[Jamboard Meet-up Space 2](#)

[Jamboard Meet-up Space 3](#)



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