



## Paris Committee on Capacity-building

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### Second meeting

Bonn, Germany, 3 May to 5 May 2018

## Compilation of the outcomes of the activities undertaken by the working groups of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to implement the rolling workplan for 2017–2019

### *Expected actions by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building*

The Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) in discussing the implementation of its rolling workplan for the period 2017–2019 will be invited:

- a) To consider the work undertaken to date by its four working groups;
- b) To agree on concrete next steps and actions to be undertaken by each working group in 2018.

## I. Background

1. After the conclusion of its first meeting, the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) agreed to operationalize the following four working groups, aimed at advancing the implementation of its rolling workplan for 2017–2019:<sup>1</sup>

- (a) Working Group 1 on linkages with existing bodies established under the Convention;
- (b) Working Group 2 on cross-cutting issues (such as gender responsiveness, human rights and indigenous peoples' knowledge);
- (c) Working Group 3 on enhancing the web-based capacity-building portal;<sup>2</sup>
- (d) Working Group 4 on identifying capacity gaps and needs.

2. At the second meeting of the PCCB, to be held from 3 to 5 May 2018, the four working groups will provide an update on the work each group has undertaken so far as well as their planned activities for the remainder of 2018.

3. Specifically, the PCCB will be invited to agree on the areas of collaboration between its four working groups and the constituted bodies under the Convention, including relevant topics and modalities for maintaining linkages, with a view to further advancing the work of the PCCB on the 2018 focus area or theme, at its second meeting.

4. An overview of the PCCB mandates to be addressed by each working group is included in the annex to this document.

<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2017/11, annex IV.

<sup>2</sup> <https://unfccc.int/capacity-building-portal>.

## **II. Outcomes of the activities undertaken by the working groups of the PCCB to implement the rolling workplan for 2017–2019**

### **A. Working Group 1 on strengthening linkages with existing bodies established under the Convention**

5. The working group on strengthening linkages with existing bodies established under the Convention held its first virtual meeting on 29 March 2018. During the meeting, the group explored ways and means to build connections with other constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

6. The group agreed that it would be helpful to learn from the working modalities and experiences of other constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement with regard to establishing and maintaining linkages with other bodies. The group also agreed that it would be useful for PCCB members to participate in events organized by or under the guidance of other bodies during the Bonn Climate Change Conference from 30 April to 10 May 2018, as well as to invite members from other constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement to (in-person or virtual) meetings of PCCB to engage in the discussions on relevant activities of the Committee.

7. The working group also discussed modalities to strengthen linkages with actors other than the constituted bodies and identified events such as the capacity-building day organized jointly by the International Centre for Climate Change and Development and several universities during the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bonn (COP 23) as a suitable channel for this. Furthermore, the group highlighted the need to understand the progress of work under the Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency with a view to collaborating with this initiative.

8. In terms of concrete exchange with existing bodies, the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) requested the PCCB to provide the TEC with information on future work of the PCCB, which may be relevant to the work of the TEC on the issue of enhancement and development of endogenous capacities and technologies. Responding to this, the Co-Chairs of the PCCB proposed a telephone conference, email exchange, or in-person meeting between the members of the PCCB working group on strengthening linkages with the existing bodies under the Convention and relevant members of the TEC to exchange views on the scope of joint activities on this topic.

9. The PCCB will be invited at its second meeting to consider the ongoing and planned activities of other constituted bodies relevant to the PCCB, and to agree on the areas of collaboration between its working groups and the bodies, including relevant topics and modalities for maintaining linkages, with a view to further advancing its work on the 2018 focus area or theme.<sup>3</sup>

### **B. Working Group 2 on cross-cutting issues**

10. The following are the outcomes of the first virtual meeting of the working group on cross-cutting issues held on 2 March 2018.

11. The working group agreed that it will initially cover the following cross-cutting issues:

- (a) Gender responsiveness;
- (b) Human rights;
- (c) Indigenous peoples' knowledge;
- (d) The role of cities;
- (e) Youth and Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE).

12. It was further agreed that the scope of work of the group should be based on COP decisions and submissions or other inputs from observers and relevant actors.

13. In terms of responsibilities, as a starting point, it was decided that the working group leader, Ms. Jeniffer Hanna, will focus primarily on gender, youth and ACE, and group member Ms. Rita

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<sup>3</sup> See PCCB/2018/2/3.

Mishaan will focus on human rights and indigenous peoples' knowledge. The focus on cities will be a shared responsibility.

14. The group further discussed the following:

- (a) The gender action plan adopted at COP 23 should guide the group's work;
- (b) Work on human rights should, inter alia, be guided by submissions from observer organizations;
- (c) Relevant processes and actors that the working group intends to collaborate with include:
  - (i) Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;
  - (ii) Actors working at sub-national and city-level, such as ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability;
  - (iii) The youth non-governmental organizations constituency, the ACE division in the secretariat and the ACE focal points;
  - (iv) Academia;

15. In terms of next steps, the group agreed on the following:

- (a) Group members will familiarize themselves with the relevant stakeholders for each of the cross-cutting issues that the working group intends to address, as well as with the relevant publications of these actors, with a view to identifying concrete entry points to promote integration of cross-cutting issues into capacity-building;
- (b) The group will initiate outreach activities targeting stakeholders and identify a suitable mechanism for stakeholder consultation.

### **C. Working Group 3 on enhancing the capacity-building portal**

16. The working group on enhancing the capacity-building portal conducted a brainstorming exercise to develop the group's action plan for the period 2018–2020. Following this brainstorming exercise, a background paper on the further development of the web-based capacity-building portal was produced for consideration by the PCCB at its second meeting. The background paper includes information on the work undertaken by the working group so far, as well as intended next steps and action points.<sup>4</sup> Detailed information on the outcomes of the activities of the working group is also contained in the background paper.

17. Based on this work, the PCCB, at its second meeting will be invited to build a common vision for the capacity-building portal and to initiate the development of an action plan, in relation to support provided to Parties in implementing the Paris Agreement through the nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

### **D. Working Group 4 on identifying capacity gaps and needs**

18. The Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts requested the PCCB to help identify capacity gaps in addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts and to recommend ways to address these gaps. Responding to this, the Co-Chairs of the PCCB proposed a telephone conference, an email exchange, or an in-person meeting between the members of the PCCB working group on capacity gaps and needs and relevant members of the Executive Committee.

19. The working group on capacity gaps and needs held a virtual meeting on 29 March 2018. The group agreed to prioritize those capacity gaps and needs that most inhibit progress towards combating climate change and its effects. Further, the group discussed ongoing projects on capacity gaps, including in the context of adaptation, mitigation and technology transfer, as well as the development of tools and methodologies. Actors involved in those projects include various

<sup>4</sup> See PCCB/2018/2/4.

multilateral development banks, non-government organizations (NGOs), the NDC Partnership, South–South cooperation initiatives and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism. The working group discussed the possibility of cooperating with these organizations and initiatives in the future and will develop a standardized approach for contacting, in particular, multilateral development banks and NGOs.

20. Prior to the meeting, the working group received two written inputs from its members. The following is a summary of the inputs received.

21. The first input was based on the preparations for a technical paper and proposed the following:

(a) To further develop and expand the stocktaking of capacity-building activities and the gap analysis contained in the draft technical paper, which may be turned into an assessment report on capacity gaps and needs between the current state of affairs and the transformational needs in the new development models, as per the expected deliverables of the PCCB workplan;

(b) To select five to six countries with NDCs, covering different contexts, regions, negotiating groups and challenges, and review the capacity-building gaps of these countries, also considering cross-cutting issues;

(c) To identify capacity gaps among government officers in developing countries, in the context of transparency-related issues in NDC implementation, and to make recommendations for how to address these gaps;

(d) To explore the possibilities for initiating South–South peer networks to increase the capacity of relevant officers;

(e) To identify ways to systematically analyse reports on capacity gaps and needs, progress made, and support received and provided, including the analysis of national communications biennial reports and biennial update reports and the reports of relevant UNFCCC constituted bodies and processes;

(f) To consider ways to enhance the reporting on capacity-building activities;

(g) To prepare recommendations based on the outcomes of the comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention, which the Subsidiary Body for Implementation is planning to carry out in 2019;

(h) To find ways to address the problems highlighted by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, specifically the ineffectiveness of capacity-building activities in developing countries, caused by the ad hoc nature of capacity-building activities undertaken and by the prevalence of time-bound projects, making it difficult to retain and sustain capacities.

22. The second input stresses that the PCCB is a supporting and facilitating body, rather than an implementing body and, as such, should focus on managing the global capacity-building mechanism and providing recommendations and documents for the COP. It proposed that the working group undertake the following:

(a) To manage the five main steps of the capacity building process, which are: (1) stakeholder engagement; (2) gaps and needs assessment; (3) actions formulation; (4) implementation; and (5) evaluation;

(b) To conduct an assessment of the activities of existing bodies under the Convention and thereafter analyse this information with an aim to identify good practices, challenges, experiences and lessons learned. This may result in an assessment report and recommendations, as appropriate;

(c) To seek inputs from Parties and other actors on opportunities to strengthen capacity at the regional, national and subnational level;

(d) To conduct an assessment of current capacity gaps and needs, and of opportunities to address them, including the identification of: (1) information gaps and best practices, (2) tools and methodologies, and (3) information on how developing countries can take ownership of building and maintaining capacity. These actions may result in an assessment report in which the current state of affairs is compared with the new development models and in recommendations, as appropriate;

(e) To identify, promote and disseminate tools and methodologies that help to analyse and address capacity gaps and needs through awareness-raising, cooperation with relevant stakeholders, and so on;

(f) To enhance cooperation and information sharing, including through the use of the web-based capacity-building portal and outreach activities. This may include the identification of relevant actors and stakeholders on the global, regional, national and subnational level, as well as seeking inputs from Parties and other actors.

## Annex 1

### PCCB mandates addressed by the working groups

#### 1. Working group on strengthening linkages with existing bodies established under the Convention (WG 1)

Will address the following PCCB mandates:

- Assessing how to increase synergies through cooperation and avoid duplication among existing bodies established under the Convention that implement capacity-building activities, including through collaborating with institutions under and outside the Convention;
- Identifying and collecting good practices, challenges, experiences and lessons learned from work on capacity-building by bodies established under the Convention;
- Fostering dialogue, coordination, collaboration and coherence among relevant processes and initiatives under the Convention, including through exchanging information on capacity-building activities and strategies of bodies established under the Convention;
- To promote and explore linkages with other constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as appropriate, that include capacity-building in their scopes;

Will initiate work on the basis of the background document prepared by the secretariat (PCCB/2017/1/6), as well as inputs received in response to the calls for submissions;

Will prepare the call for submissions from bodies established under the Convention, to address, inter alia:

- Information related to the 2017/2018 focus area or theme of the PCCB, including for incorporation in the web-based capacity-building portal;
- Suggestions for further enhancement of the capacity-building portal;
- Information or suggestions related to the relevant PCCB mandates as outlined above;

#### 2. Working group on cross-cutting issues (WG 2)

Will address the following PCCB mandate:

- Taking into consideration cross-cutting issues such as gender responsiveness, human rights and indigenous peoples' knowledge.

#### 3. Working group on enhancing the capacity-building portal (WG 3)

Will address the following PCCB mandate:

- Providing guidance to the secretariat on the maintenance and further development of the web-based capacity-building portal;
- Activities include:
  - Exploration of options for the enhancement of the capacity-building portal to allow for the collection of available tools, methodologies and good practices;
  - Outreach activities, including through making use of the capacity-building portal;
  - Information sharing/dissemination of information, including through making use of the capacity-building portal.

#### 4. Working group on identifying capacity gaps and needs (WG 4)

Will address the following PCCB mandates:

- Identifying capacity gaps and needs and recommending ways to address them;
  - Promoting the development and dissemination of tools and methodologies for the implementation of capacity-building;
  - Identifying and collecting good practices, challenges, experiences and lessons learned from work on capacity-building by bodies established under the Convention;
  - Identifying opportunities to strengthen capacity at the national, regional and subnational level.
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