

Oral report by the Madeleine Diouf, member of the Adaptation Committee,
to the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB)

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Thank you very much for inviting the Adaptation Committee to contribute to the important work of the Paris Committee on Capacity Building.

Mindful of the time constraints here at this meeting and the multitude of speakers, I would just like to highlight **some of our recent key activities** to respond to your question of **what activities the Adaptation Committee has recently undertaken that are relevant to capacity building**.

Building on previous work by the AC, and taking into account the 2017 review of the Financial Mechanism, the AC is continuously exploring remaining barriers and challenges for accessing adaptation resources and preparing recommendations for the different financial instruments under the Convention.

As one example, the AC, together with our colleagues from the GCF, the LEG and the SCF, developed an information paper on experiences of countries in accessing the readiness programme for adaptation of the GCF. The report notes, among other things, the necessity for capacity-building in different areas.

Drawing on the findings of this report, a workshop was organized just recently in April in conjunction with the 2018 NAP Expo.

I am happy to see a representative from the GCF secretariat here and would like to thank the secretariat for the good collaboration on the paper and the workshop.

Participants at the workshop exchanged experiences, lessons learned and ways to overcome challenges in accessing the GCF for adaptation, in particular its Readiness Programme. Some points identified by participants included:

- The GCF is striving to increase the number of entities accredited for direct access and their representation in the GCF project pipeline and portfolio, including through the provision of technical assistance and capacity-building in the context of annual regional dialogues and sectoral and sub-regional workshops.
- However, the lack of capacity and ownership among NDAs and direct access accredited entities was noted. In addition, some participants stressed that, while the objective of the Readiness Programme is to increase national capacity, the procedures for accreditation are perceived by some as too complex.

- Some participants called for the GCF to enhance clarity and transparency on accessing the different GCF programmes and support in understanding the latest requirements for GCF funding proposals.
- Participants agreed that significant progress has been made by the GCF in strengthening the support provided to countries and increasing the quality of proposals for accessing adaptation planning support from the GCF. However, there is still a lack of sufficient national resources and capacities to coordinate the envisioned adaptation planning and readiness work and to prepare high-quality proposals that would be accepted by the GCF.

With regard to upcoming events that can support capacity building, I would like to highlight two technical workshops that the AC is going to convene in the second half of this year.

First, a meeting to exchange views on national adaptation goals and indicators and how they relate to indicators and goals for sustainable development and for disaster risk reduction in the context of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030. The meeting is currently scheduled to take place in July 2018 and we look forward to including relevant outcomes and recommendations from this workshop into our report to COP 24.

Secondly, the AC will convene a meeting to foster greater contribution of the private sector to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, including interesting examples of private sector involvement in national planning. This meeting will take place in autumn.

The findings and key discussion points from these two technical workshops will be made available in short information products which should be useful for the broader adaptation community.

Lastly, I would like to warmly invite all delegates to attend our technical expert meeting on adaptation, which will take place on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

The topic concerns us all. We will be discussing ‘adaptation planning for vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems’ for which capacity building is an important cross-cutting element.

With regard to your **second question on possible areas for collaboration** for the implementation of the rolling workplan of the PCCB for 2017–2019, I would like to highlight the importance of **collaboration** in order to enhance capacity building. One recent example

from the work of the Adaptation Committee is the collaboration between the AC, the Nairobi work programme and the CTCN on platforms providing technical support on adaptation. Through our joint work, we were able to create a product that makes this information accessible and useable, which could be a good precedent for future collaboration. The inventory of these technical support platforms will shortly be made available on the NWP's knowledge portal.

Furthermore, I would like to invite you to engage in the meetings and workshops I mentioned before.

I encourage you to benefit from the reports and recommendations from these meetings, which we are going to publicize not only through our regular annual report, but also in a more user-friendly fashion through social media.

We look forward to continuing our good collaboration with the PCCB and are sure to include further activities with capacity-building elements into our new workplan for the years 2019-2021, which we are elaborating this year.

Thank you.