

PARIS COMMITTEE ON CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

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The Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) was established in 2015 at [COP 21](#) . Its mission is to identify capacity gaps and needs and potential solutions, including enhancing the coherence and coordination of capacity-building efforts related to climate change. The PCCB fosters collaboration between actors at all levels (local, national, regional and global), strengthening networks and partnerships to enhance synergies and promote knowledge- and experience-sharing.

The PCCB facilitates access to information and knowledge for enhancing climate action in developing countries and for measuring progress on capacity-building to ensure continuous improvement over time.



Message from the Co-Chairs

There is a universal recognition that more ambitious and effective climate action from all levels of government, the private sector and civil society is needed. One prerequisite for raising ambition is to build the capacity of actors at all levels to mitigate and adapt to climate change. The Paris Committee on Capacity-building, now in its third year of operations, dedicated its efforts in 2019 to contributing to this enormous task.

In this brochure, you will find information on our activities and outcomes for 2019. In line with our workplan, our activities focused on supporting countries to enhance their capacity-building efforts particularly in the context of their nationally determined contributions. We concentrated our work on analyzing coherence and coordination gaps in the capacity-building work under the Convention and identifying ways and means to overcome these. We also identified, through a national-level pilot exercise, pressing capacity gaps and needs related to the implementation of nationally determined contributions. Furthermore, we continued to promote the integration of cross-cutting issues, such as gender responsiveness, human rights and indigenous peoples' knowledge, into capacity-building efforts. We hope you will find the information in this publication informative and useful.

Our gratitude goes to the global capacity-building actors and stakeholders whose contributions and commitment to our work have been critical for achieving meaningful outcomes. Throughout 2019, we have worked closely with UNFCCC constituted bodies and constituencies, the Green Climate Fund, the Global Environment Facility, the high-level climate champions, United Nations agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, research and academic institutions, private sector organizations, and civil society.

2019 is a critical year for capacity-building in the UNFCCC process, with important decisions on institutional arrangements for capacity-building expected to be taken by the COP. One important milestone is the review of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building which is expected to be concluded at COP 25. We look forward to the outcomes of this review and stand ready to continue and strengthen our work in the years to come.



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Co-Chair

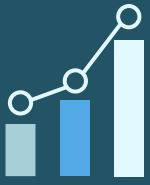
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2019 in figures

as of 15 November 2019

f 1607
Facebook followers

f 230 posts
174,000 reach
235,000 impressions

More than



30

Partners engaged
in the PCCB's work
and events



11

UNFCCC bodies
contributed to the PCCB's
work, including the GEF,
GCF and Adaptation Fund



5

Publications



3

Events organized
and engaged in

12



partner events



5

Areas of policy
recommendations to COP 25



6

Video productions



PUBLICATIONS

Strategic plan

Strategic plan for stakeholder engagement, communications and resource mobilization

To implement its workplan in an effective and strategic manner, the PCCB developed a “Strategic plan for stakeholder engagement, communications and resource mobilization”.

As part of the implementation of the strategic plan, the PCCB intends to launch a PCCB Network, a proactive multi-stakeholder partnership, which will be presented at COP 25.

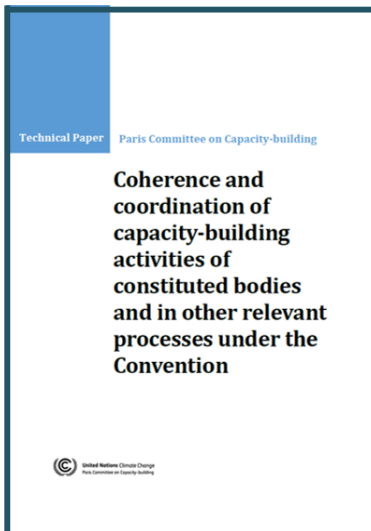


Technical paper

Coherence and coordination gaps in capacity-building activities under the Convention

Climate-related capacity-building must be approached in a more systematic and coherent manner to ensure that capacity-building initiatives are targeted, consistent and continuous, as well as bring about long-term effects.

This technical paper analyses coherence and coordination practices related to capacity-building activities of constituted bodies and operating entities and in other relevant processes under and outside the Convention.

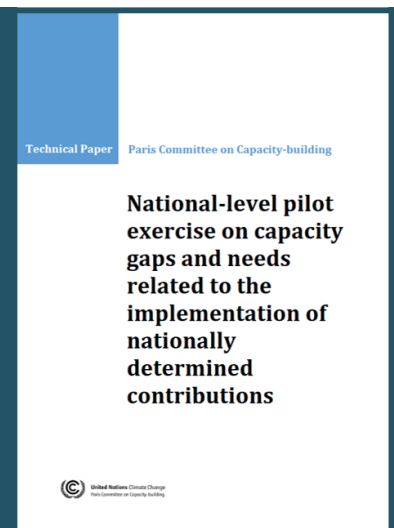


Technical paper

National-level pilot exercise on capacity gaps and needs related to the implementation of nationally determined contribution

The PCCB conducted a pilot exercise to identify and assess capacity gaps and needs related to nationally determined contributions implementation.

This technical paper compiles the submissions from the six PCCB members who undertook the assessment of gaps and needs in their countries or region and complements the national-level assessments of capacity gaps and needs with insights gained through desk research and interviews.



PUBLICATIONS



Summary Report

Technical Workshop on Gender Capacity-building for the Constituted Bodies

This publication captures the proceedings and outcomes of the technical workshop on gender capacity-building for the constituted bodies, held by the PCCB in the margins of COP 24. It summarizes the outcomes of the technical workshop across three areas of focus:

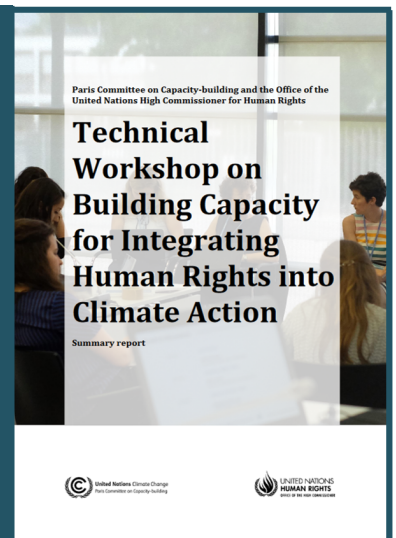
- Gender-responsive, participatory and inclusive needs and gaps analysis;
- Gender analysis and budgeting; and
- Knowledge-sharing products and awareness-raising on integrating gender considerations.

Summary Report

Technical Workshop on Building Capacity for Integrating Human rights into Climate Action

This report provides a summary of the discussions at and outcomes of the technical workshop on building capacity for integrating human rights into climate action held by the PCCB in June 2019, in collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

It captures relevant experiences and lessons learned shared by participants across the three focus areas of the workshop: just transition, integrating rights in nationally determined contributions, and indigenous peoples' rights.





Moderators and panelists at the workshop



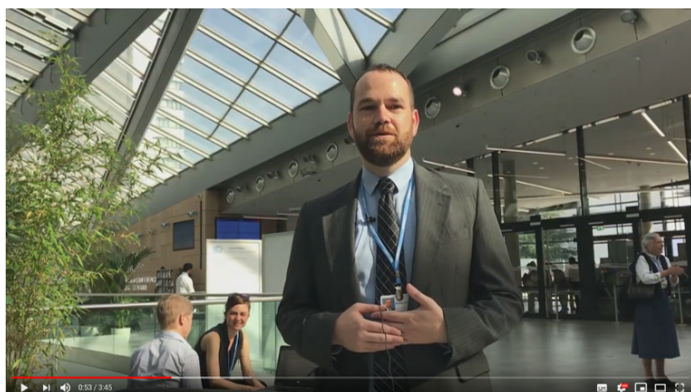
KEY EVENT: WORKSHOP TO BUILD CAPACITY FOR INTEGRATING HUMAN RIGHTS INTO CLIMATE ACTION

Time: 26 June 2019

Venue: Bonn, Germany

Climate change threatens the enjoyment of all human rights. Climate policy and action needs to be grounded in human rights, equality and non-discrimination, as well as the participation of those most affected by the adverse impacts of climate change. To increase awareness among participants of the interlinkages between human rights and climate change as well as of capacity-building gaps and needs in this area, the PCCB together with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights organized a technical workshop on 'Building Capacity for Integrating Human Rights into Climate Action' which took place during the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bonn.

The event's focus was on just transition, indigenous peoples' rights and the integration of human rights into nationally determined contributions. Gender, being an issue that cuts across these three topics, was also addressed. On the basis of the workshop, the PCCB identified key policy recommendations on human rights capacity-building and together with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is developing an online training tool to raise awareness and build capacity to integrate human rights into climate actions, which is expected to be launched at the Bonn Climate Change Conference in May 2020.



Watch the video!



Participants at the workshop in the Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week



Participants at the workshop in the Asia-Pacific Climate Week



KEY EVENTS: CAPACITY-BUILDING KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION DAYS

Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week

Time: 19 August 2019

Venue: Salvador da Bahía, Brazil

Asia-Pacific Climate Week

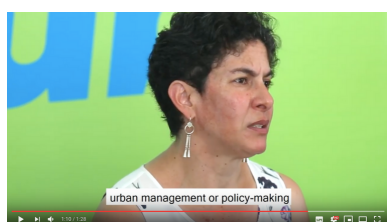
Time: 02 September 2019

Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

Together with a range of partners, the PCCB organized two Capacity-building Knowledge to Action Days during the UNFCCC regional climate weeks in Latin America and the Caribbean and in the Asia-Pacific. These full-day workshops provided a space for representatives of universities and research institutions to exchange views and experiences on addressing capacity-building gaps and needs with relevant stakeholders involved in the preparation and implementation of national adaptation plans and nationally determined contributions, with a view to accelerating climate action and increasing ambition. The results from these two events will be presented at the second Capacity-building Hub hosted by the PCCB at COP 25.

A third regional Capacity-building Knowledge to Action Day is envisaged to take place during the Africa Climate Week in 2020. The outcomes and recommendations of all Capacity-building Knowledge to Action Days will be synthesized in a discussion paper or policy brief to be jointly prepared in 2020 by all partners involved in the workshops.

Check out the key takeaways from the participants of the events!



Watch the video!



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Find out more at

7 http://bit.ly/Capacity-building_Knowledge-to-action-days

KEY ACTIVITIES



Gender mainstreaming standard

A gender-sensitive approach to creating, developing and strengthening institutional, systemic and human-resource capacity-building can foster inclusive decision-making on, delivery of and access to means and tools of implementation for mitigation of adaptation actions. Building capacity in gender-sensitive and -responsive approaches can lead to more effective policy and action on climate change.

Following the organization of its 101 Gender Webinar and its technical workshop on gender capacity-building in 2018, the PCCB, in 2019 developed a gender mainstreaming standard, which outlines a number of methods for mainstreaming gender perspectives in its work.



The Capacity-building Portal

One of the mandates of the PCCB is to provide guidance to the UNFCCC secretariat on the maintenance and further development of the web-based capacity-building portal.

Following a PCCB call for submissions on this issue in 2017, the PCCB developed detailed guidance on enhancing the portal in 2018 which led the secretariat to start a process of revamping the capacity-building portal in 2019. The results of the first phase of the portal's enhancement will be presented during the Capacity-building Hub at COP 25.

KEY ACTIVITIES



Collaborating with UNFCCC bodies and processes

The PCCB, throughout 2019, has further strengthened its collaboration with various bodies and processes under the Convention. The third meeting of the PCCB featured a dialogue on coherence and coordination of capacity-building where representatives of the Adaptation Committee, Adaptation Fund Board (AFB) secretariat, Climate Technology Centre and Network, Consultative Group of Experts, Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage, Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, Global Environmental Facility secretariat, Green Climate Fund secretariat, Least Developed Countries Expert Group, Technology Executive Committee, Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) and ACE reported on their capacity-building activities. The PCCB will soon make available the workplans and event calendars of these bodies and processes on its website.

Further examples of the PCCB's collaboration with constituted bodies include its newly formed partnership with the AFB secretariat and the CTCN on a news bulletin on capacity-building and readiness for adaptation finance, and the collaboration with the SCF at the 2019 SCF Forum on climate finance and sustainable cities, in the form of technical inputs and guidance as well as session moderation.



Working with the global climate capacity-building community

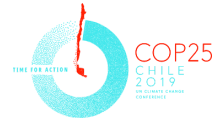
Throughout 2019, the PCCB also significantly strengthened existing and initiated new collaboration with capacity-building stakeholders outside the Convention with the goal to increase coordination, and ultimately coherence, among stakeholders in climate change related capacity-building initiatives and related United Nations initiatives such as the Sustainable Development Goals. Its partners include United Nations agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, research and academic institutions, private sector organizations, and civil society.

Collaborations focused on activities such as technical workshops during the Regional Climate Weeks and events during the second Capacity-building Hub at COP 25, interaction on social media, stakeholder input to PCCB technical papers and PCCB surveys, and engagement of the PCCB in non-UNFCCC events.

The PCCB has an Open Call for Submissions on its webpage and encourages all interested stakeholders to share their views and suggestions with the PCCB to contribute to its work.



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2ND CAPACITY-BUILDING HUB



4-11 December 2019



COP 25, Madrid, Spain



The Capacity-building Hub was established by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building as a space where a wide range of stakeholders from different networks, organisations gather, collaborate and share their experiences throughout many activities on topics related to capacity-building for climate action.



Do you work specifically on capacity-building to support climate action?



Would you like to meet experts and representatives of organizations and institutions working on similar topics with a view of future collaboration on joint projects?



Are you interested in becoming a member of the PCCB Network?



Join us at the 2nd Capacity-building Hub at COP 25!

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME



Capacity-building Day

Capacity-building Knowledge to Action Day

Means of Implementation Day

Loss and Damage Block

December 4

December 5

December 6

December 7

December 9

December 10

December 11

Transparency Day



Empowered lives. Resilient nations.

Local Governments and Cities Day



Raising Ambition Day



United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Market Place

KEY MESSAGES FOR 2019

Each year, in its annual technical progress report, the PCCB provides key messages and recommendations to the COP on policies or actions that may support countries in climate-related capacity-building.



A. Capacity gaps and needs related to the implementation of nationally determined contributions

Despite overall progress in capacity-building related to climate action at the national level, in developing countries there are still institutional, technical and financial capacity gaps and needs with respect to the implementation of the adaptation and mitigation components of their nationally determined contributions. The PCCB highlights that there are significant differences among countries in terms of the scope and scale of those gaps and needs.

The PCCB recommends that the COP :

(a) Invite Parties in a position to do so, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and the Technology Mechanism to support developing countries in undertaking the assessment of their capacity gaps and needs with regard to the full implementation of their current nationally determined contributions and the development of new or updated nationally determined contributions by 2020;

(b) Invite the PCCB, subject to the availability of resources, to:

(i) Consider developing a toolkit or guidelines for national level assessment of capacity gaps

and needs relating to the implementation of the Paris Agreement, taking into account lessons learned from national capacity needs assessments conducted with support from the Global Environment Facility, activities under the Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme and other relevant initiatives;

(ii) Prepare and regularly update an overview of capacity-building programmes and other sources of support available to developing countries in building their capacity for implementing the Paris Agreement; and collect and share experience and lessons learned from developing countries that have made use of the aforementioned support.





B. Coherence and coordination of capacity-building

Enhancing coherence and coordination of climate-related capacity-building is increasingly important as the work of bodies under the Convention leads to ever greater cooperation in a number of climate change related areas and frameworks.

The PCCB recommends that the COP:

- (a) Encourage Parties, capacity-building providers and other capacity-building stakeholders to:
 - (i) Further enhance coherence and coordination of capacity-building activities under and outside the Convention;
 - (ii) Strengthen coherence and coordination of capacity-building for the implementation of nationally determined contributions and for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- (b) Request the PCCB to further develop and
 - implement tools or approaches for enhancing communication with other relevant bodies and processes under the Convention;
 - (c) Request the PCCB and other relevant bodies and processes under the Convention to analyse their respective workplans and programmes of work so as to identify synergies and complementarities and to design and implement collaborative capacity-building activities;
 - (d) Invite Parties and non-Party stakeholders to provide support for such activities.



C. Strengthening and retaining capacity at the local and national level

The PCCB:

- (a) Recalls the key messages emerging from the discussions at the 8th Durban Forum on capacity-building, held in Bonn on 20 June 2019, focusing on strengthening institutions at the national level to support capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in developing countries;
- (b) Underscores the role of academic and research institutions and other relevant local and national actors in strengthening and retaining capacity in developing countries;
- (c) Highlights the need to bridge existing gaps among policy, practice and research at the local, national and regional level.

The PCCB recommends that the COP invite Parties to strengthen stakeholder engagement by establishing partnerships and other collaborations with local, national and regional knowledge producers (including academic and

research institutions, businesses, non-governmental organizations and local communities) in order to find effective and context-driven ways of implementing their nationally determined contributions.



D. Building capacity to integrate gender into climate action

Gender mainstreaming and recognizing women as essential to the solutions for climate change lead to more effective climate policies and actions.

Recalling the key findings from its technical workshop on gender capacity-building for the constituted bodies, the PCCB highlights:

- (a) The need to increase the visibility of relevant existing work on mainstreaming gender considerations in climate capacity-building and on building capacity on gender and climate change, including by improving the accessibility and inclusiveness of information thereon;
- (b) Existing individual capacity gaps and needs, such as the need to build the gender-related capacity of sectoral specialists and to raise awareness among decision makers and project developers and implementers of the value of using gender analysis and budgeting in the design and implementation of climate actions;
- (c) Existing institutional capacity gaps and needs, such as the need to strengthen mechanisms for coordination and information- and data-sharing between gender and climate stakeholders in order to promote gender analysis and budgeting, and the need to integrate gender considerations into the monitoring and evaluation of climate actions.

The PCCB recommends that the COP:

- (a) Urge Parties to build the capacity of national institutions to:
 - (i) Integrate gender considerations into all stages of nationally determined contributions planning and implementation;
 - (ii) Apply gender analysis and gender budgeting;
 - (iii) Ensure a gender-balanced structure and the meaningful participation of women in planning and decision-making processes;
- (b) Encourage Parties to establish partnerships, communication channels and coordination mechanisms between gender and climate stakeholders to strengthen coherence and coordination, for instance by nominating and building the capacity of national gender and climate change focal points;
- (c) Encourage the PCCB to raise awareness of the importance of integrating gender considerations into climate capacity-building, through its capacity-building portal, capacity-building hubs, Facebook page and workplan activities;
- (d) Invite the PCCB to utilize and expand its networks with relevant stakeholders in order to:
 - (i) Ensure that PCCB activities take gender considerations into account;
 - (ii) Increase the visibility of relevant existing work on mainstreaming gender considerations in climate capacity-building and on building capacity on gender and climate change, including by improving the accessibility and inclusiveness of information thereon, for instance through the capacity-building portal and the PCCB Facebook page, and by linking these to the UNFCCC gender web pages and to external portals, as appropriate.



E. Building capacity to integrate human rights into climate action

Recalling the key findings from its joint technical workshop with The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the PCCB notes that integrating human rights into climate action, including actions in the nationally determined contributions, is key to strengthening the effectiveness of climate action and empowering communities to contribute to policymaking. The integration of human rights into climate action supports policy coherence and synergies between climate action and the promotion of other social objectives and existing legal obligations, and enhances public support for climate policies.

While the meaningful participation of all relevant stakeholders in the planning and implementation of climate policies and actions is vital, not all government agencies have the capacity to facilitate effective public participation processes. At the same time, many stakeholders are not fully aware of the linkages between human rights and climate action and therefore are not adequately empowered to participate in consultation processes.

The PCCB recommends that the COP:

(a) Encourage Parties to integrate capacity-building for cross-cutting issues such as human rights, gender responsiveness, just transition and indigenous peoples' knowledge, including skill development and climate education, in their new or updated nationally determined contributions in a systematic manner;

(b) Urge Parties to integrate the human right to equal participation in the planning and implementation of nationally determined contributions and climate actions, including by improving the capacity of relevant government agencies to more effectively engage and empower all relevant stakeholders, including civil society actors, indigenous peoples and local communities.

PCCB MEMBERS - 2019

The committee is composed of twelve members serving in their personal capacity.



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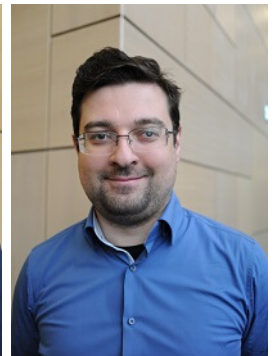
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2019

This brochure summarizes the activities of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building in 2019. It highlights the committee's key publications, events, messages and recommendations. Comprehensive information can be found in the Annual Technical Progress Report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2019. See document FCCC/SBI/2019/13

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