

Second Annual Capacity-Building Day 2018

Session 4: Capacity-building Initiatives for low emissions and climate resilient strategies in transparency

Date and timings: 11 December 2018, Tuesday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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Venue: PCCB exhibit room

Brief description of the session on Transparency

The Paris Agreement aims to strengthen the global response to climate adversities through collective and enhanced actions towards mitigation and adaptation requirements. It also establishes an enhanced transparency framework, which is to be adopted by all the Parties to ensure a committed action and commensurate support in the form of technical/financial assistance and capacity building of the developing countries.

The modalities, procedures, and guidelines of the enhanced transparency framework are expected to be finalised by end of this year, where sustained capacity-building related aspects are one of the crucial elements for a final decision making. Capacity-building of developing countries for achieving low emissions (mitigation) and climate resilient strategies (adaptation) is a priority area for an effective implementation of the Paris Agreement. This require a thorough assessment of needs and existing gaps; relevant tools, training and assistance for meeting the transparency provisions; learning from the best practices and existing initiatives towards sustaining and retaining the developed capacities; and, assured support commensurate to the identified needs.

Through this event, we aim to facilitate a dialogue among global experts featuring: the existing gaps and challenges; country specific experiences; capacity building initiative on transparency; and potential ideas/approaches. The discussion should help us in formulating a consolidated set of recommendations for further consideration by the COP, CMA and the Paris Committee on Capacity Building.

Session style: Moderated panel discussion (60 minutes)

Hosted by: Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)

Session outline

2:30 – 2:35 pm	Welcome Address by Vaibhav Gupta (Senior Programme Lead, Council on Energy, Environment and Water)
2:35 – 2:40 pm	Introduction of Speakers and setting the guiding questions Moderator: Ms Yamide Dagnet (Project Director - UNFCCC, Climate Program, World Resources Institute)
2:40 – 3:15 pm	Interventions by Speakers (7-8 minutes each)
Speaker 1	Mr. Vaibhav Gupta (Senior Programme Lead, CEEW) <u>Context setting presentation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A very brief history and timeline of capacity building efforts under the UNFCCC – Highlighting existing methodology/guidance on identifying needs and mapping support – Identified gaps and challenges – Wayforward (addressing sustainable capacity building)
Speaker 2	Ms Achala C Abeyasinghe (Principle researcher, Climate Change; team leader, global climate change governance at International Institute for Environment and development) <u>Least Developed Countries – Perspective on capacity building</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentation on capacity-building needs of the most vulnerable countries – Reflection on existing gaps and challenges
Speaker 3	Mr Vintura Silva (Programme Officer at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) <u>Showcasing new approaches towards building capacity on transparency</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Introduction to the Caribbean Cooperative MRV Hub – Enhanced Transparency Framework for the smaller countries
Speaker 4	Ms Milena Gonzalez Vasquez (Operations Analyst, Global Environment Facility) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency – Opportunity, progress, and outcomes
3:15 – 3:25 pm	Q & A with the audience
3:25 – 3:30 pm	Summing up the session by the moderator