

# Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB)

## Call for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders:

### *Annual PCCB focus area*

#### Background

The PCCB aims to address gaps and needs, both current and emerging, in implementing capacity-building in developing country Parties and further enhance capacity-building efforts.

Current priority areas are:

- a) Enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building under the Convention;
- b) Identifying capacity gaps and needs, both current and emerging, and recommending ways to address them;
- c) Promoting awareness-raising, knowledge- and information-sharing and stakeholder engagement.

To learn more about the work of the PCCB, you can access its annual reports and other documents [here](#).

#### Topics for submissions

The PCCB annually focuses on an area related to enhanced technical exchange on capacity-building. It determined, in its 2021-2024 workplan, to make calls for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders on the annual PCCB focus area.

#### Submissions form

We thank you in advance for filling out this template with concise, evidence-based information and for referencing all relevant sources. There are 2 sections in this template:

- *Details about your organization*
- *Guiding questions about implementing NDCs and national development plans in developing countries*

#### How will the inputs be used?

The inputs will feed into the PCCB's workplan activities in 2021, including a focus area day at the 3rd Capacity-building Hub at COP 26, and envisaged regional activities and webinars. The inputs will also inform the design and preparations of the 10th Durban Forum on capacity-building envisaged to be held during the Bonn Climate Change Conference in June 2021. Responding to the request of the COP for the SBI to align the theme of the Durban Forum on capacity-building with the annual focus area of the PCCB, the PCCB has been working to ensure alignment between discussions at the annual Durban Forum and the work of the PCCB related to its annual focus area.

#### Further information:

You are welcome to provide any other information that your organization thinks would highlight suggestions made in response to this call for submissions.

Address for submission: [pccb@unfccc.int](mailto:pccb@unfccc.int)

Deadline for submissions: **30 March 2021**

Please only fill out sections that are relevant to the work of your organization. Please note that no section is mandatory.

**Organization or entity name:**

**Type of organization:**

Please choose as appropriate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Intergovernmental organization                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Development bank / financial institution   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UN and affiliated organization                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-governmental organization              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International network, coalition, or initiative | <input type="checkbox"/> Research organization                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional network, coalition, or initiative                 | <input type="checkbox"/> University/education/training organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public sector entity                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Private sector entity                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development agency   | <input type="checkbox"/> Philanthropic organization                 |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) _____               |

**Organization Location**

City: Washington DC

Country: USA

**Scale of operation:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local             | <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National          | <input type="checkbox"/> Transboundary |

**City(ies)/Country(ies) of operation (if appropriate):**

75 developing countries

**The annual PCCB focus area**

At its fourth meeting in June 2020, the PCCB agreed on the following focus area for 2021:

*‘Building capacity to facilitate coherent implementation of NDCs  
in the context of national development plans’*

The Paris Agreement aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change through the implementation of NDCs and national development plans, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty. This presents ample opportunities for synergies and the PCCB, with its strong mandate to engage with other bodies under and outside the Convention, is well positioned to promote coherence in achieving climate and development objectives.

To foster coherence in the implementation of NDCs and national development plans, an enhanced understanding of the key barriers and capacity-building gaps and needs hindering their coherent implementation, as well as of existing solutions is needed.

**In implementing NDCs and national development plans in a coherent manner, in your experience, what are:**

*the key interventions?*

- Mainstreaming climate policies into national/subnational/sectoral development plans and budgets,
- Engagement of the finance sector (public and private),
- Ensuring that no one is left behind,
- Inclusive and participatory processes, including gender-sensitive policies, and youth engagement.

*the enabling conditions?*

- Strong government leadership,
- Situation where only one entity is running climate change issues: better arrangements would include spreading responsibility and accountability across all relevant actors,
- Engagement of all stakeholders through whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches,
- Understanding of climate issues and of the climate urgency by populations through strong data, information systems, and models for appropriate decision making
- International cooperation, and coordination of the support between all the relevant actors.

*the key institutional barriers?*

- Lack of human and financial resources in public administrations,
- Lack of coordination mechanisms between different stakeholders,
- Lack of information and knowledge
- Divergent priorities between different ministries, which can lead to short term fiscal policies and investments, especially at a time of economic crisis,
- Weak M&E processes.

*the capacity gaps and capacity-building needs?*

- M&E, data, information, knowledge
- Economic modeling that takes climate impact into consideration,
- Finance mobilization.

*the knowledge and skills priorities?*

In addition to the capacity gaps and capacity-building needs mentioned above, knowledge and understanding of climate needs within Ministries of finance and economic planning.

**To enhance coherent implementation of NDCs in the context of national development plans, who should be the target recipients of capacity-building (e.g. national government officers, local government officers, environmental agencies, civil society)?**

In priority, capacity building should be targeted at 1) the administrations in charge of climate change (Commissions, Ministry of Environment, etc.), 2) the Ministries of finance, to improve and increase the allocation of budgetary resources to climate actions, and 3) sectoral ministries responsible for the implementation of actions.

**To support NDC implementation and planning in developing countries, what are your suggestions on how to improve capacity-building efforts?**

*At the national level:*

- Engage in multi-stakeholder dialogues to better map the existing work and better identify the needs,

- Increase south-south exchanges and peer to peer,

*At the regional level:*

- Create regional centers of expertise.

### **Good case studies, best practices, tools and methodologies, lessons learned, or examples of support:**

*Please describe any that build capacity to align NDC implementation with national development plans and/or to mainstream NDCs into national development plans*

Good practices from the Partnership work can be found in its annual reports, the yearly Partnership in Action. The latest one can be found here:

[https://ndcpartnership.org/sites/default/files/Partnership\\_in\\_Action\\_2020-%28PDF\\_print\\_version%29.pdf](https://ndcpartnership.org/sites/default/files/Partnership_in_Action_2020-%28PDF_print_version%29.pdf)

### **Useful sources:**

*Please give examples of useful sources relevant to this topic (e.g. webpages and portals, publications, fora, organizations working on this issue)*

Different resources from the NDC Partnership:

- Documents that include reports, insight briefs, Partnership in Action, etc.: <https://ndcpartnership.org/resources>
- On more specific topics: different NDC Partnership's Action Area pages, which include related resources: <https://ndcpartnership.org/action-areas>
- NDC Partnership's Knowledge Portal: <https://ndcpartnership.org/knowledge-portal>, and its Good Practice Database <https://ndcpartnership.org/good-practice-database>, Climate Finance Explorer <https://ndcpartnership.org/climate-finance-explorer>, the Climate Toolbox <https://ndcpartnership.org/ndc-toolbox>, and other resources
- Insight from the Partnership's work <https://ndcpartnership.org/news>