



1st Capacity-building Talk

Monitoring and Evaluation of Capacity-building

External Concept Note

I. Context

In order to enhance the effectiveness of capacity-building efforts, activities aimed at capacity-building need to be properly monitored and evaluated. Monitoring of capacity-building projects is essential to their success and through well-planned and suitable monitoring and evaluation (M&E) practices, efficient allocation of resources and increased effectiveness can be better ensured.

Enhancement of M&E tools and practices for capacity-building is a key area for improvement consistently highlighted by many stakeholders in the UNFCCC process, most recently by members of the PCCB Network at the Network's inaugural meeting and by participants of the 9th Durban Forum on capacity-building which were both held virtually in June 2020. Consequentially, we are working to explore and answer the following questions: How can we better monitor and evaluate the impact and effectiveness of capacity-building interventions and how do we need to design these projects for them to be successful and evaluable?

II. Description/Objective

This virtual session will aim to bring together actors involved in capacity-building projects and procedures, and facilitate the sharing of key insights and best practices regarding their M&E. It will directly contribute to the ongoing work on capacity-building in the UNFCCC process through promoting discussions and solutions on a topic of key importance to Parties and observers, engaging the PCCB Network, and through disseminating findings on the web-based capacity-building portal.

The interactive event will be the first in a new public event series: The “*Capacity-building Talks*” are launched by the UNFCCC secretariat to facilitate discussion and provision of information among actors and stakeholders involved in climate capacity-building. These talks will offer a space to exchange knowledge and share best practices, including with a view to strengthening the focus of and work on capacity-building within the UNFCCC process.



III. Programme

13:00 – 13:10	Welcome and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">Alejandro Kilpatrick & Simone Albus, Capacity-building Subdivision, UNFCCC secretariat
13:10 – 13:25	Scene-setting Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Patricia Rogers, Chief Executive Officer, BetterEvaluation
13:25 – 14:10	Panel Discussion <p>The discussion will focus on trends and developments regarding M&E of capacity-building, as well as experiences, best practices and lessons learned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga, President, African Evaluation AssociationChristoph Mairesse, Senior Specialist, Evaluation Division, GIZDugan Fraser, Director, CLEAR Anglophone AfricaPatricia Rogers, CEO, BetterEvaluation
14:10– 14:45	Open Plenary Discussion <p>This moderated open discussion session will be facilitated through Padlet, an online virtual “bulletin” board.</p>
14:45-14:50	Key Takeaways <p>Participants will be asked to share their key takeaways from the 1st Capacity-building Talk via Padlet.</p>
14:50 – 15:00	What is Next? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Alejandro Kilpatrick, UNFCCC secretariat

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