



Paris Committee on Capacity-building

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Concept note document for the Capacity-building Hub at COP 31

Expected actions by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building

The Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) will be invited to...:

- a) Review and provide guidance on the concept note for the Capacity-building Hub at COP the thirty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 31)
- b) Agree on the appropriate next steps with regard to the planning and organisation of the Capacity-building Hub at COP 31.

I. Possible actions for consideration by the PCCB

1. The PCCB may wish to review and provide guidance on the draft concept note for the Capacity-building Hub at COP 31, to be held in Antalya, Türkiye, from 9 to 20 November 2026, with a view to developing and finalizing the programme schedule and engaging constituted bodies and other stakeholders intersessionally.

II. Background and objectives

2. Building on its mandate established at COP 25 and reaffirmed at COP 29, the PCCB continues to convene the annual Capacity-building Hubs during the sessions of the COP. At COP 30, Parties requested the secretariat, under PCCB guidance, to organize the 8th Capacity-building Hub at the 2026 UN Climate Change Conference (Capacity-building Hub at COP 31) and adopted the PCCB workplan for 2025–2029.

3. The Capacity-building Hub is a flagship PCCB activity, that has generally featured six days of thematic sessions during the COP. Since its initiation at COP 24, it has evolved into a key convening space for the global capacity-building community, bringing together experts, practitioners, scholars, and civil society to exchange knowledge, share experiences, and collaborate. It remains an inclusive platform that reflects the diversity of stakeholders engaged in climate-related capacity-building globally.

4. To continue to meet the growing needs for implementation support and fulfil its mandate effectively, the Capacity-building Hub at COP 31 aims to deliver a more impactful, high-quality platform that connects Convention and Paris Agreement mandates, technical expertise of the constituted bodies and work programmes and capacity-building efforts across the wider capacity-building landscape.

5. The objectives are to:

- (a) Strengthen the capacity of developing countries to prepare, update, and implement their NDCs and NAPs, with a focus on practical implementation challenges and opportunities;
- (b) Enhance the reach and visibility of capacity-building activities undertaken by the secretariat, members of the informal coordination group on capacity-building (ICG) members, PCCB Network and other capacity-building providers;

(c) Utilize the insights and outcomes generated to inform and support the PCCB's workstreams, including the State of Capacity building report, knowledge products, and related outputs.

(d) Provide a dedicated convening and networking space that enables Parties, constituted bodies, capacity-building providers and non-Party stakeholders to build partnerships, coordinate support, and align capacity-building efforts.

6. To achieve these objectives the Capacity-building Hub at COP 31 aims to:

(a) Deliver targeted, policy-relevant sessions for specific stakeholder groups, including government officials from sectoral ministries, technical experts, development practitioners, and youth and other non-Party stakeholders;

(b) Provide technically grounded, hands-on capacity-building sessions across all thematic areas.

III. Proposed approach

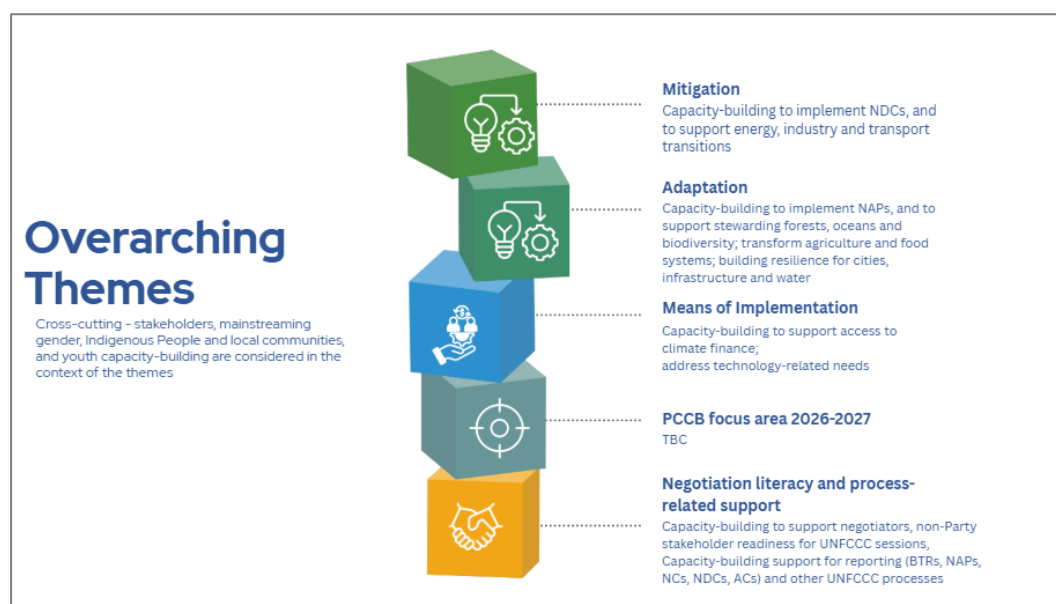
7. This year, the Capacity-building Hub will restructure its thematic approach, as well as its organizational set-up.

A. Thematic approach

8. The content and purpose of the Capacity-building Hub at COP 31 will centre on addressing the capacity gaps and needs of developing countries by offering a coherent, practical, and solutions-oriented programme. Sessions will aim to deepen technical understanding, showcase best practices, facilitate peer learning across key thematic areas relevant to climate action, and be tailored to specific audiences. They will also create spaces that enhance coordination among capacity-building providers, discuss insights to reduce fragmentation of the capacity-building landscape, and highlight opportunities for collaboration and support. The Hub's content will be designed to empower participants with the knowledge, skills, and partnerships needed to accelerate effective implementation of climate actions.

The programme will be structured around the following overarching themes (Mitigation, Adaptation, Means of Implementation, the annual focus area of the PCCB and Negotiation Literacy and UNFCCC process-related support) and developed in accordance with the general principles outlined below.

Overarching themes



9. The programme schedule will be designed in collaboration with ICG members and shaped under the guidance of the PCCB. A further set of criteria for engaging additional stakeholders will be developed under the guidance of the PCCB. These criteria will ensure that capacity-building partners align with the overall objectives of the capacity-building hub, add technical value, address the capacity gaps and needs and enhance the coherence and quality of the overall programme. The final schedule and refinement of the programme will be agreed by the PCCB, intersessionally.

B. Guiding principles for the programme schedule

10. The programme schedule and content will be designed with specific audiences in mind, including to align session timings to maximise stakeholder availability. The sessions included in the programme should aim to highlight concrete actions to effectively address the capacity gaps and needs within the overarching themes and should support at least one of the following objectives:

(a) Showcase institutional capacity-building approaches which have proven to be scalable and replicable, drawing on country and local-level experience to support NDC and NAP implementation (e.g. In-country support programmes or embedded technical assistance, country platforms, regional capacity-building programmes, etc);

(b) Spotlight initiatives and methods for delivering capacity building at the individual level (e.g. education and training, hands-on learning; learning by doing; technical peer-to-peer learning, etc.);

(c) Deliver interactive hands-on sessions that introduce and apply effective tools, methodologies, and guidelines;

(d) Foster innovation and experimentation, offering a space for new ideas and approaches with a clear capacity-building objective aligned with the overarching themes.

(e) Bring together key actors working on capacity-building within a given topic or sector to exchange knowledge and experiences of ongoing initiatives, available resources, and identify opportunities for alignment and further enhance coherence and strengthen collaboration.

C. Organizational set-up

11. To achieve the objectives, a dedicated space, will serve as a convening and networking hub for Parties, UNFCCC bodies, capacity-building providers, civil society, youth, and other stakeholders. This set-up facilitates informal exchanges, bilateral meetings, and partnership-building beyond scheduled sessions. In addition, it would provide a visible space to showcase the UNFCCC's capacity-building offer, further strengthening the Capacity-building Hub at COP 31 profile as a central platform for capacity-building.

D. Communication and outreach

12. The Capacity-building Hub at COP 31 will adopt a more centralized approach to the delivery and communication of capacity-building at COP, positioning the Hub as the primary convening platform for UNFCCC capacity-building activities. By consolidating contributions from across workstreams under a single, coherent programme, the Hub aims to reduce fragmentation of events, strengthen institutional coherence, and present a unified capacity-building offer to Parties and non-Party stakeholders.

13. Outreach will be strengthened through a coordinated communications approach across the UNFCCC channels (e.g. UNFCCC newsroom, UNFCCC LinkedIn page) and amplified across the different UNFCCC topic communication channels (e.g. newsletter, LinkedIn groups). To broaden reach and participation, the Capacity-building Hub will also mobilize partner communication channels, such as those of PCCB Network members and collaborating organizations, to promote sessions, share outcomes, and amplify key messages across stakeholder communities.

14. The Capacity-building Hub at COP 31 will benefit from an updated branding to reflect its updated approach, bringing coherence to the capacity-building work being undertaken through the ICG across the various thematic areas.

E. Post-event evaluation and synthesis report

15. Following the delivery of the Capacity-building Hub at COP 31, a structured evaluation process, drawing on a range of inputs, will be undertaken to assess the effectiveness of the Hub against its stated objectives.

16. The findings will be compiled into a post-event report to be presented to the PCCB at its next meeting following COP 31. The report will include key outcomes, lessons learned, and concrete recommendations to inform the planning and design of subsequent Capacity-building Hubs. Where applicable, findings will also feed into the PCCB's broader workstreams, including the State of Capacity-building Report and other knowledge products.

17. This iterative review process will ensure that the Capacity-building Hub continues to evolve as a high-quality, responsive, and impactful platform in line with the PCCB workplan for 2025–2029.
