

Forty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation
7th Durban Forum on Capacity-building

Concept note on the 7th Durban Forum on Capacity-building
**“Enhancing capacities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions
in the context of the Paris Agreement”**

World Conference Center Bonn (Room Nairobi)

Thursday, 3 May 2018 (14:00-17:00)

Background

The Durban Forum on Capacity-building was established in 2011 under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to further enhance the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building under the Convention.¹ It has served as an annual, in-session discussion platform for Parties, representatives of the constituted bodies under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, and relevant experts and practitioners to share their experiences and exchange ideas, best practices and lessons learned on the implementation of capacity-building activities in the context of specific thematic areas.

With the establishment of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB),² the work on capacity-building has been further strengthened and the lessons learned and outcomes of the 7th Durban Forum are expected to directly feed into the work of the PCCB. The organization of this year’s Durban Forum took into consideration the recent COP decision on the annual technical progress report of the PCCB for 2017, requesting the SBI to thematically align the next Durban Forum with the 2017–2018 focus area or theme of the PCCB, namely, ‘Capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of the Paris Agreement’.³ In line with this, the SBI invited Parties and observers to submit, by 16 February 2018, their views on potential topics for the 7th Durban Forum on capacity-building, to be aligned with the 2017–2018 focus area or theme of the PCCB. The agenda for the meeting has been drafted taking into consideration the submissions received.

The 7th Durban Forum builds on previous meetings which have successfully facilitated in-depth discussions on capacity-building in developing countries, including related to NDCs. The focus of the 6th Durban Forum was on enhancing capacities for adaptation in the context of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and NDCs, and the 5th and the 4th meetings focused on developing countries’ capacities to effectively implement the Paris Agreement and on support needed by developing countries to prepare their INDCs, respectively.⁴

¹ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 144.

² Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 71.

³ Decision 16/CP.23, paragraph 9.

⁴ Further information on the annual meetings of the Durban Forum is available at http://unfccc.int/cooperation_and_support/capacity_building/items/7486.php.

Scope and sub-topics

- (a) Overarching topic: “Enhancing capacities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of the Paris Agreement”
- (b) Sub-topics:
 1. Enhancing institutional, technical, relational and strategic capacities for NDC implementation
 2. Building capacities for integrating cross-cutting issues, such as gender responsiveness, human rights and indigenous peoples’ knowledge, into NDC implementation
 3. Building capacities for the tracking of and reporting on the implementation and impacts of NDC-related actions, and the finance used to support these actions

Objective

The 7th Durban Forum will be guided by the following objectives:

- To provide a platform for various stakeholders to present their experiences and lessons learned and exchange knowledge;
- To inform related thematic discussions of the PCCB in the context of its 2018 annual focus area or theme and its 2017-2019 rolling workplan;
- To provide important takeaways on how developing countries can strengthen their capacities to effectively implement, track and report on their NDCs, also looking at the important aspect of integrating cross-cutting issues, such as gender responsiveness, human rights or indigenous peoples’ knowledge, into these processes;
- To provide useful insights on how providers of capacity-building can effectively support the efforts of developing countries to implement, track and report on their NDCs, while ensuring ownership of those countries in the capacity-building process.

Draft programme outline

Opening 14:00 – 14:15	
Welcoming and opening remarks	Mr. Emmanuel Dlamini (Swaziland) <i>Chair of the SBI and Chair of the Durban Forum on Capacity-building</i>
Welcome and Introduction	Ms. Rita Mishaan (Guatemala) Mr. Russell Miles (Australia) <i>Co-facilitators of the 7th Durban Forum on Capacity-building</i>
Keynote Presentation and Q&A 14:15 – 14:45	
Keynote Presentation <i>Presentation scope:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Overview and assessment of capacity-building support provided to developing countries to implement their NDCs, and recent coordination and collaboration efforts at global and regional level</i> • <i>Best practice examples and key lessons learned, including with regard to enhancing country ownership in the capacity-building process</i> • <i>Remaining capacity and support gaps</i> 	Ms. Yamide Dagnet <i>Senior Country Specialist, NDC Partnership & Senior Associate, World Resources Institute</i>
Plenary discussion and Q&A 14:45 – 15:30	
Panel discussion <i>Discussion scope:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Developing country experience with receiving support for NDC implementation</i> • <i>Building capacities for integrating human rights, gender responsiveness and indigenous peoples' knowledge into NDC implementation, including an assessment of existing gaps and needs.</i> • <i>Building capacities for tracking of and reporting on NDC implementation</i> 	<u>Moderator</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ari Huhtala <i>Senior Environmental Expert</i> <u>Panelists</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mahawan Karuniasa (Indonesia) <i>Member of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building</i> • Ms. Tara Shine <i>Special Adviser, Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice</i> • Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim (Chad) <i>Co-Chair, International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC)</i> • Ms. Miriam Hinostroza <i>Head of Programme – Low Carbon Development, UNEP DTU Partnership</i>

Breakout Group Discussions 15:30 – 16:15		
<p><u>Breakout group 1</u></p> <p>Enhancing institutional, technical, relational and strategic capacities for NDC implementation</p> <p><u>Discussion leader</u> Mr. Matti Nummelin <i>Paris Committee on Capacity-building</i></p>	<p><u>Breakout group 2</u></p> <p>Building capacities to integrate cross-cutting issues, such as gender responsiveness, human rights and indigenous peoples’ knowledge, into NDC implementation</p> <p><u>Discussion leader</u> Mr. Benjamin Schachter <i>Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</i></p>	<p><u>Breakout group 3</u></p> <p>Building capacities for the tracking of and reporting on the implementation and impacts of NDC-related actions, and the finance used to support these actions</p> <p><u>Discussion leader</u> Mr. Michael Comstock <i>United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</i></p>
<p align="center">Reporting of the breakout group discussions 16:15 – 16:45</p>		
<p align="center">Reports by discussion leaders of breakout groups 1-3</p>		
<p align="center">Wrap-up and closing by co-facilitators 16:45 – 17:00</p>		