



Concept Note

Capacity-Building for Negotiators (CB4N) Initiative

Global Webinar Series

**Webinar 1: Understanding the UNFCCC Processes:
Legal and Procedural Issues and Negotiation Management**

Tuesday, 30 June 2026 14:00 - 15:30 (CEST)

Online Webinar (90 minutes)

Introduction

Meaningful participation in the intergovernmental process of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) requires a combination of technical knowledge, procedural understanding and practical negotiation skills.

Climate negotiations have become increasingly complex, requiring negotiators to engage with evolving negotiating texts, respond to shifting political dynamics, and navigate multiple parallel negotiation tracks under significant time constraints. Building these skills is particularly important for young and emerging negotiators, who are assuming increasingly active roles in supporting national delegations.

Recognizing this need, Parties at the sixty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 62) requested the secretariat to support Party delegates, in particular youth delegates, in building their capacity to engage in the UNFCCC intergovernmental negotiation process. The Capacity-Building for Negotiators (CB4N) Initiative was formally launched in February 2026 by the secretariat and its Regional Collaboration Centres in direct response to this mandate.

As a flagship activity under the CB4N Initiative, the Global Virtual Negotiation Webinar Series comprises three webinars designed to strengthen negotiators' knowledge and practical competencies. The first webinar in the series focuses on the foundational legal, procedural and practical skills required for effective participation in the UNFCCC process. It will bring together negotiators, legal experts, practitioners and technical specialists to share practical experiences and discuss approaches for strengthening the effectiveness and preparedness of the next generation of climate negotiators.

Objectives

- To introduce young and emerging negotiators to the legal, procedural and institutional foundations of the UNFCCC process.
- To provide an overview of pre-, in-, and post-conference planning approaches, including information management, intersessional coordination, with practical insights into how delegations prepare for and navigate the negotiation cycle.
- To foster dialogue and peer learning among young negotiators, experts and practitioners engaged in the UNFCCC process.



Target Audience

- Young and emerging climate negotiators
- Youth delegates participating in UNFCCC processes
- Government officials supporting climate negotiations
- Technical experts and advisors to Party delegations

Format

The webinar will be conducted online and will include:

- Expert presentations
- Interactive discussion
- Practical examples and case studies
- Q&A session with participants

For further information on the webinar, please contact: Capacity-Building for Negotiators Initiative (cb4n@unfccc.int); Fabiana Rodrigues (FRodrigues@unfccc.int); Ulfath Ibrahim (Uibrahim@unfccc.int).

Agenda - First CB4N Webinar of the Global Virtual Negotiation Webinar Series	
14:00 - 14:05	Welcome and Introduction Overview of the webinar objectives and introduction to the CB4N initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Andrea Camponogara, Cross-Division Task Force for CB4N</i>
14:06 - 14:10	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Cecilia Kinuthia-Njenga, Director, Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress division, UNFCCC</i>
14:11 - 14:45	Presentation - Understanding the UNFCCC Processes: Legal and Procedural Issues and Negotiation Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Gianluca Crispi, Legal Affairs Division, UNFCCC</i>• <i>Nattley Williams, ISCP, UNFCCC</i>
14:46 - 15:30	Interactive Q&A session Open discussion with participants, reflections from speakers and next steps for future CB4N engagement opportunities.