

Concept note

“Opportunities and challenges for enhancing capacities for formulating and implementing NAPs”

Date and time: 7th June 2023, 15:00–18:00 CEST
Venue: Bangkok Room, World Conference Centre Bonn

Background and scope

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 is an in-session discussion platform for Parties, representatives of the constituted bodies under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, and relevant experts and practitioners to, on an annual basis and in the context of specific thematic areas, share experience and exchange ideas, best practices and lessons learned in relation to implementing capacity-building activities.

COP 24 requested the SBI to thematically align meetings of the Durban Forum with the annual focus area of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB).² Thus, the outcomes of the 12th Durban Forum are expected to feed directly into relevant activities of the PCCB as per its workplan for 2021–2024³. The 2023 focus area of the PCCB is *Capacity-building support for adaptation, with a focus on addressing gaps and needs in formulating and implementing national adaptation plans (NAPs)*.

Aligned with the 2023 PCCB focus area, the 12th Durban Forum on capacity-building will be held under the theme “Opportunities and challenges for enhancing capacities for formulating and implementing NAPs”.

Established in 2010 under the UNFCCC, the process to formulate and implement NAPs enables countries to identify medium- and long-term adaptation needs, and to develop and implement programmes to address those needs. The formulation and implementation of NAPs provides a clear indication of the goals and aspirations of countries making it feasible to assess adaptation outcomes.

The formulation and implementation of NAPs remains challenging for many developing and least developed countries due to capacity gaps and needs in various areas and at different levels. These persisting gaps and needs are hampering the building of adaptive capacity and resilience and the coherent integration of adaptation into national, sectoral and sub-national policies and programmes, especially development strategies, plans and budgets in developing countries⁴.

¹ Decision 2/CP.17, para. 144.

² Decision 15/CP.24, para. 6.

³ Available at: [Workplan \(Paris Committee on Capacity-building\) | UNFCCC](#)

⁴ Available at [UNFCCC-NAP2021-Progress-report.pdf](#)

Objective and discussion topics

The objective of the 12th Durban Forum on capacity-building is to facilitate the sharing of relevant experience, good practice and lessons learned from capacity-building actions aimed at enhancing individual, institutional and systemic capacities for formulating and implementing NAPs.

More specifically, the forum aims to explore and shed light on building or enhancing capacities to:

- Enhance access to financial resources for NAP processes, including at local level;
- Develop implementation strategies for NAPs with a view to increasing the impact of NAPs;
- Promote alignment between adaptation and disaster risk reduction strategies and approaches in the context of NAPs, including to enhance the harmonization and effectiveness of policies and investments.

The topics ‘gender equality integration and social inclusion’ and ‘monitoring, evaluation and learning’ are intended to be mainstreamed across the discussions to the extent possible.

The above topics were selected drawing on a synthesis of submissions by Parties and non-Party stakeholders in response to a PCCB call for submissions on capacity-building for NAPs that was issued from January to February 2023 in the context of the PCCB’s 2023 focus area work.⁵

The exploration of the above topics may be complimented by discussions on selected other topics prioritized by the audience: The forum’s participants will have the opportunity to shape the event to suit their own needs, by voting on the themes of the group discussions taking place in the second part of the forum.

⁵ *Link to synthesis report once published*

Programme

The 12th Durban Forum on capacity-building will commence at 3 pm.

3:00 – 3:15 pm	Opening	
	Opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Stiell (UNFCCC) • Hana AlHashimi (United Arab Emirates)
	Introduction	Co-Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makoto Kato (Japan) • Pemy Gasela (South Africa)
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Scene-setting Presentation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10min Presentation on Capacity-building for National Adaptation Plans: Ways and means to address persisting gaps, needs and challenges • 5min Q&A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberta Ianna, (Paris Committee on Capacity-building)
3:30 – 4:35 pm	Panel discussion	
	<u>Panelists Topics:</u>	50 min discussion 15 min Q&A
	NAP best practice – strong M&E and ambitious CB plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tlou Ramaru (Government of South Africa)
	Implementation strategies, gender and social inclusion, MEL, and various other areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Dazé (IISD)
	DRR alignment to NAPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jannia Samuels (Municipality of Panama)
	Access to finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophie de Coninck (UNCDF - LoCAL)
4:35-4:40pm	Shape your own forum: Audience Vote Participants will be invited to shape the forum based on their needs by voting on the themes to be discussed during the emerging discussions taking place in the next segment. The three highest-voted topics will be made the themes of the three parallel group discussions.	

4:40 – 5:25 pm	<p>Emerging discussions</p> <p>For this session, the audience will engage in group discussions on the emerging topics they voted for. Participants will have the opportunity to join discussions which they relate the most to.</p> <p>Pre-identified options participants will be able to vote on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building capacities to enhance access to financial resources for NAP processes (Led by Sophie de Coninck) • Building capacities to develop implementation strategies for NAPs (led by NAP Global Network) • Building capacities for risk and vulnerability assessment and risk management in the context of NAPs (led by Jannia Samuels) • Building capacities for participatory governance and locally led adaptation in the context of NAPs (led by Gregg Walker) • Building capacities for gender equality integration and social inclusion in NAPs (led by NAP Global Network) • Building capacities for monitoring, evaluation and learning processes in the context of NAPs (led by NAP Global Network) 	
5:25 – 5:45 pm	Report-back from the Emerging Discussion groups	Discussion leaders
5:45 – 6:00 pm	Wrap-up and closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Facilitators • Daniele Violetti (UNFCCC)