



PCCB Side events for Regional Climate Weeks 2021

You(th) in Capacity-Building

Concept note

I. Background:

The Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) was established at COP 21, in 2015, to address current and emerging gaps and needs in implementing capacity-building in developing countries, and in further enhancing capacity-building efforts, including with regard to coherence and coordination in capacity-building activities under the Convention. From the start, youth have been a key target group in the PCCB's work, and youth perspectives have been mainstreamed across many PCCB activities, including the Capacity-building Hubs at the UNFCCC COPs, the regional 'Capacity-building Knowledge to Action Days' workshop series in 2019-2020, and in the PCCB Network.

In an effort to further expand the PCCB's engagement with youth in the context of climate change capacity-building, the PCCB will be hosting a series of side events during the virtual thematic sessions of Regional Climate Weeks 2021. This virtual event series will be implemented as part of the PCCB's efforts to promote strategic stakeholder engagement to foster exchange on capacity-building through outreach activities at the national or regional level (workplan activity C.4). It will provide a space for members of the PCCB Network and Youth Ambassadors to share their experiences and exchange knowledge and best practices of their work with regards to capacity-building and youth engagement in climate action.

Through these side events at the Regional Climate Weeks in 2021, the PCCB in collaboration with the PCCB Network aims to facilitate climate action in the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC), Asia-Pacific (AsP) and Africa regions. In light of the 2021 focus area of the PCCB on building capacity to facilitate a coherent implementation of NDCs in the context of national development plans, participants will also be encouraged to discuss the role of youth, who have been architects in the development of the 2030 Agenda, in addressing climate and development goals more coherently. At the same time, the aim is to align the side events with the three thematic tracks of the Regional Climate Weeks: Track 1- "National actions and economy wide approaches", Track 2- "Integrated approaches for climate resilient development" and Track 3- "Seizing transformation opportunities".

Topics:

RCW	Date	Topics
LAC	11-13 May	Enhancing youth engagement in climate action through capacity-building
Africa	15-18 June	Potential topics - Track 1: National actions and economy wide approaches - Role of youth in implementing and developing NDCs, and facilitating a coherent implementation of climate action and sustainable development.



AsP	6-8 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Good practices on youth capacity-building in the NDCs and NAPs enhancement and implementation. <p>Track 2: Integrated approaches for climate resilient development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Role of youth in building resilient urban and rural communities <p>Track 3: Seizing transformation opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Assessment of capacity-building gaps and needs for youth.- Enhancing youth engagement through capacity-building.- Youth networks and partnerships for capacity-building.
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II. Objectives:

This side event series aims to:

- Highlight and enhance the role of youth, including in particular female and indigenous youth, as powerful agents of change, both as capacity builders and recipients.
- Encourage practical discussions of capacity-building for climate action at the regional level and in the context of the need for a coherent implementation of climate action and sustainable development.
- Provide members of the PCCB Network with a platform to engage and collaborate on a regional and thematic basis and share their experiences and best practices related to climate change capacity-building and youth engagement.

III. Resource Persons:

- PCCB and UNFCCC
- PCCB Network
- Youth Ambassadors

IV. Target audience

The side event aims to gather actors with an interest in climate change-related capacity-building and youth engagement in climate action, including members of the PCCB Network, youth organizations, academia, research institutions, advocates, NGOs and interested individuals.



V. Intended Outcomes:

This side event series will help create greater visibility for the PCCB and PCCB Network members’ successful approaches to enhance youth capacity-building, raise awareness on the importance of youth engagement in climate action, and highlight and enhance the role of youth and academia in capacity-building. A summary report and a copy of the recording of the session will be provided.

VI. Format:

Each side event will take the format of a 60-minute interactive session with speakers from across the members of the PCCB Network that work on youth engagement in climate action and a Youth Ambassador from the region. The session will consist of two segments: Regional Panel Discussion and Project Presentation, both of which will be followed by interactive Q&A sessions that will provide the audience with the opportunity to actively engage in the discussion via questions directed to the panelists.

Regional Panel Discussion – A solution-oriented panel discussion will reflect on what is needed to scale-up and enhance youth capacity-building initiatives in the region and on capacity-building in the region in general.

Project Presentation – One or two organizations will present case studies, if possible, by means of a short video showcasing novel approaches to youth-led/oriented capacity-building in the region.

Q&A sessions – The purpose of the Q&A sessions is to move from discussion to action by allowing the audience members to partake in the discussions actively and move the dialogue towards solutions and opportunities.

Play regional music while attendees join the event	
10'	<p>Welcoming & Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming panelists and introducing topic of discussion • Meeting Netiquette
25'	<p>Regional Panel Discussion</p> <p>The floor will be opened to the panelists and this segment will start off with an assessment of the status quo of youth engagement in the region and related key challenges, followed by a solution-oriented discussion which will reflect on what is needed to scale-up and enhance youth capacity-building initiatives in the region.</p>



	<p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessing the status quo in the region• Challenges and barriers• Exploring opportunities
10'	<p>Q&A</p> <p>Interactive session where the audience members can participate in the discussion.</p>
8'	<p>Project Presentation</p> <p>This segment will consist of an interactive floor where panelists will be able to showcase their capacity-building projects through a short video or interactive presentation to steer the discussion towards a call to action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation
5'	<p>Project specific Q&A</p> <p>Interactive session where the audience members can participate in the discussion and get to know more about the project.</p>
2'	<p>Closing remarks</p>