



## Side event at LACCW2021: You(th) in capacity-building

Enhancing youth engagement in climate action through capacity-building

Concept note

### I. Background:

The 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 this first side event of the series at the Regional Climate Weeks, the PCCB in collaboration with the PCCB Network aims to facilitate climate action in the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region. 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 also to align the side events with the three thematic tracks of the Regional Climate Weeks.

This joint side event at LAC Climate Week 2021 with the PCCB Network will seek to engage youth and youth-led organizations in capacity-building actions that can contribute to deliver climate action in collaboration with academic and research institutions. The event will explore the needs of and opportunities for youth to effectively engage in climate action and showcase capacity-building projects to move towards solutions and opportunities to enhance youth capacity building initiatives in LAC. The event will seek to assess the needs and opportunities for youth to effectively engage in climate action and showcase capacity-building projects to move towards solutions and opportunities to enhance youth capacity building initiatives in LAC.



## II. Objectives:

This side event aims to:

- Highlight and enhance the role of 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.
- Discuss how (youth-led) capacity-building of youth at the regional level can be facilitated, including through networks and innovative partnerships with academia and research institutions.

## III. Language: Spanish & English

## IV. Date and time: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 14:00-14:50 GMT-4

## V. Resource Persons:

-PCCB and UNFCCC

-Youth Ambassadors

- Caribbean Youth Environment Network (CYEN)

-PCCB Network:

- Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Ecuador (FLACSO)
- International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- Jóvenes Contra el Calentamiento Global (JCCG)
- Movimiento de Jóvenes Latinoamericanos y Caribeños frente al Cambio Climático (CLIC!)

## VI. 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.



## VII. Intended outcomes

The side event will help create greater visibility for the PCCB and PCCB Network members' successful approaches to enhance youth capacity-building in LAC, 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.

## VIII. Format:

The side event will take the format of a 50-minute interactive session with speakers from the members of the PCCB Network that work on youth engagement in climate action and Youth Ambassadors from LAC. The session will consist of two segments: Regional Panel discussion and Call-to-Action.

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

Play regional music while attendees join the event	
8'	<b><u>Welcoming &amp; Introduction</u></b>  Welcoming panelists and introducing topic of discussion Moderator: Jeniffer Hanna (PCCB)
29'	<b><u>Regional Panel Discussion</u></b>  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 LAC.  Guiding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Assessing the status quo in LAC</b></li></ul> 1. What is the role of youth in capacity-building? Are youth capacity builders or recipients? Roberta Ianna (PCCB), Andrea Carrión (FLACSO Ecuador), Derin Castro (JCCG), Jevanic Henry (CYEN)



	<p>2. What is the current status of youth engagement in the region? Valery del Carmen Salas Flores (CLIC!) and Jevanic Henry (CYEN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Challenges and barriers</b></li></ul> <p>3. What are young people’s needs and expectations in terms of capacity-building? Derin Castro (JCCG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Exploring opportunities</b></li></ul> <p>4. What kind of capacity-building would be useful for youth advocates and youth-led organizations to effectively engage in climate action? Valery del Carmen Salas Flores (CLIC!)</p> <p>5. How can youth-led organizations and academic institutions work together to strengthen youth engagement in climate action? Andrea Carrión (FLACSO Ecuador)</p>
8’	<p><b><u>Call to action</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Introduction to the PCCB annual focus area</b> (<i>building capacity to facilitate coherent implementation of NDCs in the context of national development plans</i>)</li></ul> <p>6. Based on the discussions today, how can capacities of youth-led entities be enabled to aid in the coherent implementation of climate action in the context of national development plans? Valery del Carmen Salas Flores (CLIC!), Andrea Carrión (FLACSO Ecuador), Derin Castro (JCCG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Opportunities for collaboration form</b></li></ul> <p>In order to foster regional collaborations among stakeholders beyond this side event, the PCCB and the PCCB Network welcome youth and youth-led or youth-oriented organizations from LAC to join the PCCB network. The PCCB Network seeks to engage stakeholders involved in climate-related capacity-building and act as a platform for members to exchange knowledge and experiences on good practices of their work. Attendees can get involved with the PCCB Network and strengthen</p>



	regional partnerships and collaborations by filling out the collaborations form.
5'	<b><u>Closing remarks</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Youth Summit</b> Presentation on the Youth 4 Climate Summit – ‘Youth4Climate: Driving Ambition’. Roberta Ianna (PCCB)</li><li>• <b>Wrap-up</b> Jeniffer Hanna (PCCB)</li></ul>