

Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB)
Call for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders:
2023 PCCB focus area

‘Capacity-building support for adaptation, with a focus on addressing gaps and needs related to formulating and implementing national adaptation plans’

Background

The PCCB aims to address gaps and needs, both current and emerging, in implementing capacity-building in developing country Parties and further enhance capacity-building efforts. Current priority areas are:

- a) Enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building under the Convention;
- b) Identifying capacity gaps and needs, both current and emerging, and recommending ways to address them;
- c) Promoting awareness-raising, knowledge- and information-sharing and stakeholder engagement.

To learn more about the work of the PCCB, you can access its annual reports and other documents [here](#).

Topic for submissions

The PCCB annually focuses on an area related to enhanced technical exchange on capacity-building. It determined, in its 2021-2024 workplan, to make calls for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders on the annual PCCB focus area.

The PCCB focus area for 2023 is:

‘Capacity-building support for adaptation, with a focus on addressing gaps and needs related to formulating and implementing national adaptation plans (NAPs)’

The focus area was agreed after the PCCB participated in a coherence and collaboration dialogue with constituted bodies held by the Adaptation Committee (AC) on 14 June 2022, aiming at jointly catalyzing enhanced support in that regard.

Through its 2023 focus area the PCCB aims to contribute to a better understanding of existing and emerging capacity gaps and needs as well as challenges, case studies, good practices, tools and lessons learned with regard to capacity-building support for adaptation, especially as it relates to addressing gaps and needs of developing countries in formulating and implementing their NAPs. In implementing its 2023 focus area and as part of its mandate to enhance the coherence and coordination of capacity-building efforts under the Convention and Paris Agreement, the PCCB will liaise closely with the AC and aims to directly engage the AC, LEG and other relevant bodies and entities in its work, with a view to effectively building on their previous, relevant efforts as well as informing and contributing to their ongoing and future work in this area.

Who can submit?

The call is open to all UNFCCC Parties and non-Party stakeholders, such as public and private sector entities, government and non-government organizations, philanthropic organizations, academic and research organizations, international and regional organizations or initiatives, and UNFCCC constituted bodies.

How will the inputs be used?

The inputs will feed into the PCCB's workplan activities in 2023, including a focus area day at the 5th Capacity-building Hub at COP 28, and envisaged regional activities and webinars. The inputs will also inform the design and preparations of the 12th Durban Forum on capacity-building to be held during the Bonn Climate Change

Conference in June 2023. The PCCB supports the SBI in aligning the theme of the Durban Forum on capacity-building with the annual focus area of the PCCB at the request of the COP.

Submissions form

We thank you in advance for filling out this template with concise, evidence-based information and for referencing all relevant sources. There are 2 sections in this template:

- *Details about your organization*
- *Guiding questions about capacity-building support for adaptation, with a focus on addressing gaps and needs related to formulating and implementing national adaptation plans (NAPs)*

Further information:

You are welcome to provide any other information and suggestions that your organization/entity would like to highlight in response to this call for submissions.

Address for submission: pccb@unfccc.int

Deadline for submissions: 28 February 2023

PART I:

Please only fill out sections relevant to the work of your organization. Please note that no section is mandatory.

Organization or entity name:

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Type of organization:

Please choose as appropriate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Intergovernmental organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Development bank / financial institution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UN and affiliated organization | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-governmental organization |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International network, coalition, or initiative | <input type="checkbox"/> Research organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional network, coalition, or initiative | <input type="checkbox"/> University/education/training organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public sector entity | <input type="checkbox"/> Private sector entity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Philanthropic organization |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) _____ |

Organization Location

City: Bonn

Country:Germany

Scale of operation:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local | <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National | <input type="checkbox"/> Transboundary |

City(ies)/Country(ies) of operation (if appropriate):

Global

PART II:

Please only fill out sections that are relevant to the work of your organization/entity:

In your experience, <u>what are the key capacity gaps and needs</u> of developing countries related to formulating and implementing NAPs?										
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<p><i>Gap/need identified:</i> A large portion of country requests anchored in adaptation and capacity development also related to developing or updating MRV/M&E systems and collecting data. A significant proportion of adaptation-focused requests in Partnership Plans and RSLs focus on MEL. But of the 160 requests on this activity type received by the NDC Partnership, 74 (46 per cent) remain unsupported to date. We also see a portion of requests for adaptation-focused studies and analysis. Lastly, countries request support to develop capacity around enacting and revising national strategies in relation to their adaptation needs. This includes support to align across NDCs and NAPs. Other topics in relation to adaptation and capacity support (though at lower frequency of requests) include supporting gender balance and raising awareness and public education.</p>										
In your experience, what have been the key challenges with regard to the <u>provision of capacity-building support</u> in this area to date?										
<p><i>Challenge:</i> Adaptation MEL approaches often have significant differences from monitoring, verification, and reporting (MRV) approaches for greenhouse gas mitigation – requiring different timescales, expertise, and often being coordinated by different parts of government. For countries reporting progress toward their NDC ambitions, strong coordination of MEL of adaptation and MRV of mitigation is needed for cohesive NDC reporting. In addition, other challenges faced by country with regards to adaptation capacity building support include: limited coordination between central planning agencies, sectoral ministries and ministries of finance; and lack of alignment around adaptation priorities, project pipelines, NDCs, LTS, sectoral plans.</p>										
<p><i>How could this challenge be addressed?</i> As many countries are preparing MEL approaches and progress reports under their NAP processes, these efforts can be built upon for NDC process. As with MEL, where countries have NAP processes underway, building on results of gender-responsive adaptation planning taking place under the NAP process - e.g., analyses, strategies, institutional arrangements, sex-disaggregated data collection - can be mutually beneficial for advancing the integration of gender considerations in the implementation of adaptation actions identified in NDCs.</p>										
How can <u>existing capacity-building efforts be improved</u> and what kind of new or additional capacity-building efforts are needed to ensure the effective formulation and implementation of NAPs?										

At the subnational level: Click or tap here to enter text.

At the national level: **Make strategic and intentional links between adaptation in NDCs and NAP processes.** Member countries submitting adaptation support requests to the NDC Partnership should be encouraged to identify linkages with support needs identified and articulated through their NAPs and other national plans and policies (e.g., Adaptation Communications) for well-coordinated adaptation planning, implementation, and MEL. **Encourage countries to crowd in a greater number of sectoral adaptation requests for support.** As there are still somewhat limited adaptation-focused requests linked to specific sectors, member countries submitting support requests to the NDC Partnership should consider including a greater number of sectoral adaptation priorities. This will lend greater visibility and profile for these sectoral priorities that require international funding to be implemented. In addition: *Translate high-level plan into actionable targets / Integrate adaptation plans into existing government procedures (budget cycles, project pipelines, finance ministries, etc.) / Trainings on how to report via Adaptation Communication, Biennial Transparency Report, Enhanced Transparency Framework / How to communicate progress on adaptation in Global Stocktake / Developing early warning systems and platforms / Sector-specific capacity building or mainstreaming tools (including tourism) / Specialists within Ministries around climate change adaptation / Aligning NAP and NDC for investment planning / Bringing in finance sector to discuss requirements/applications and reduce barriers to access /*

At the regional level: Click or tap here to enter text.

Who should be the target recipients of such capacity-building, and who could provide it?

Recipients: Key focal points and staff in ministries of environment / Key staff in sectoral ministries – working on climate change elements / Government personnel coordinating MRV systems / Young people/Students seeking to support national priorities on adaptation / Civil society leaders and entrepreneurs needing access to funds for adaptation projects

Providers: NDC Partnership Members are well suited to provide this type of support.

Case studies, good practices, tools, lessons learned, or examples of support:

Please describe any that build capacity to formulate and implement NAPs

NDC Partnership Good Practice Database has 60+ entries that describe the Adaptation action area. <https://ndcpartnership.org/good-practice-database>

Useful sources:

Please give examples of additional useful sources relevant to this topic (e.g. webpages and portals, publications, fora, organizations working on this issue)

NDC Partnership Knowledge Portal (200+ tools and resources referencing adaptation) <https://ndcpartnership.org/ndc-toolbox>

