

Technical support and guidance on building climate-related capacity

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Actions (Parts 1-3)

The Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) will be invited to:



Report on activities undertaken since PCCB 2 as well as upcoming activities;



Discuss the key messages from the 8th Durban Forum held on 20 June;



Endorse the concept note on the '**Knowledge to Action Days**' at the UNFCCC regional climate weeks and COP 25, and agree on its next steps with regard to supporting and actively engaging in the organization and facilitation of the events (PCCB/2019/5);

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Part I: Activities undertaken since PCCB 2 as well as upcoming activities

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Recent activities

October 2018

- ❖ **Webinar** on building capacity for integrating gender considerations in climate action

November 2018

- ❖ PCCB Co-Chair **invited to join climate task force** of UCLG Africa

December 2018 – May 2019

- ❖ **Pilot exercise** conducted by 6 PCCB members (PCCB/2019/6)

COP 24

- ❖ **Side event panel discussion** on capacity gaps and needs of developing countries in implementing their NDCs and ways to address those gaps and needs (summary report available online)
- ❖ **Technical workshop** on gender capacity-building for the constituted bodies
- ❖ **Side event** with OHCHR and MRFCJ on building capacity for integrating human rights in climate action



Upcoming activities

June 2019

- ❖ **Technical workshop** with OHCHR on building capacity for integrating human rights in climate action -- To be followed by joint development of **online training**

July - September 2019

- ❖ Partnership with the AFB secretariat and CTCN on enhancing access to **readiness and capacity-building support for climate change adaptation actions**
- ❖ Collaboration with Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) on the **2019 SCF Forum** on climate finance for sustainable cities
- ❖ Collaboration with the Adaptation Committee on a **concept note for an AC event in 2020** on identifying gaps and solutions related to incorporating gender considerations into adaptation planning and implementation
- ❖ **Knowledge to Action Days** at UNFCCC regional climate weeks & COP 25
- ❖ Preparation of **recommendations** for consideration by COP 25



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**Part II: Outcomes of the 8th
Durban Forum on Capacity-building**

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Discussion scope of the 8th Durban Forum on capacity-building:

- **Overarching topic**
 - Strengthening institutions at national level to support capacity-building activities for the implementation of NDCs in developing countries”
- **Sub-topics**
 - The role of academia, research institutions and other national or subnational institutions in strengthening and retaining capacities in developing countries;
 - Enhancing coherence and coordination amongst national and international stakeholders (such as inter alia. government institutions support providers, civil society organizations, subnational authorities, academia and research institutions, and the private sector) for the design and delivery of capacity-building activities supporting NDC implementation;
 - Best practices and available tools or methodologies for assessing the impact and effectiveness of capacity-building activities in strengthening national institutions capacity to implement NDCs.



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**Part III: ‘Knowledge to Action Days’
at UNFCCC regional climate weeks
and COP25**

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Knowledge to Action Days

Document **PCCB/2019/5**

The Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) will be invited to:



Agree on the modes of engagement of PCCB members throughout the events;



Endorse the Concept Note for the Knowledge to Action Days.

Mandate & background

- ❖ Activity linked to several PCCB mandates, including:
 - Identifying capacity gaps and needs and recommending ways to address them (1/CP.21, para 73 (b));
 - Fostering global, regional, national and subnational cooperation (1/CP.21, para 73 (d));
 - Exploring how developing country Parties can take ownership of building and maintaining capacity over time (1/CP.21, para 73 (f)); and
 - Identifying opportunities to strengthen capacity at the national, regional and subnational level (1/CP.21, para 73 (g)).

- ❖ Decision at PCCB 2 to identify options to strengthen the Durban Forum, including through regional dialogues building on efforts of experts on the ground.



Knowledge to Action Days

Organizers

- ❖ IDRC, PCCB, NAP Global Network, NDC Partnership, UNESCAP and the UNFCCC secretariat

Key theme

- ❖ Strengthening engagement of Universities and Research Institutions in building capacity for the preparation and implementation of NAPs and NDCs; and for raising ambition in climate action

Format and staging

- ❖ Full day workshops during the Regional Climate Weeks
- ❖ COP 25: Presentation of the results from the workshops & discussions on next steps at the 2nd Capacity-Building Hub, hosted by the PCCB
- ❖ Third workshop envisaged to be organized during the Africa Climate Week in 2020.
- ❖ Outcomes and recommendations envisaged to be synthesized in a Discussion Paper/ Policy Brief



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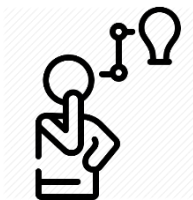


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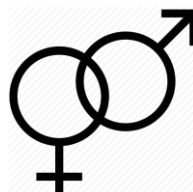


Actions (Parts 4-6)

The Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) will be invited to:



Consider the technical paper on the results of the **PCCB pilot exercise** on capacity gaps and needs related to NDC implementation and the recommendations contained therein, and agree on appropriate next steps (PCCB/2019/6);



Consider the summary report of the **PCCB technical workshop on gender capacity-building for the constituted bodies** held at COP 24 and the conclusions and recommendations contained therein, and agree on appropriate next steps (PCCB/2019/7);



Discuss **other relevant activities** in the workplan and agree on next steps, if any, with regard to advancing related work.

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Part IV: Technical paper on the results of the PCCB pilot exercise on capacity gaps and needs related to NDC implementation

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Technical paper on results of pilot exercise

Document **PCCB/2019/6**

The Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) will be invited to:



Consider the technical report on the outcomes of the PCCB pilot exercise, including the recommendations contained therein;



Agree on its next steps as appropriate

Mandate & background

Document **PCCB/2019/6**

PCCB was established in December 2015 with the aim to address gaps and needs, both current and emerging, in implementing capacity-building in developing country Parties and further enhancing capacity-building efforts, including with regard to coherence and coordination in capacity-building activities under the UNFCCC (1/CP.21, para 71).

- ❖ At PCCB 2, the PCCB decided to undertake a national-level pilot exercise to gather information on capacity gaps and needs related to the implementation of NDCs.
- ❖ Technical paper compiles and synthesizes findings from the pilot exercise to inform the PCCB's work in this area and provides inputs for possible recommendations by the PCCB to the COP.



Scope & methodology of technical paper

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- ❖ Based on information contained in **PCCB members' submissions** on the results of their national-level pilot exercise undertaken from September 2018 to March 2019 as well as **semi-structured interviews** conducted with those PCCB members in April 2019.



- ❖ **Geographical scope:** Burundi, Dominican Republic, Georgia, Guatemala and Indonesia as well as members of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

- ❖ Findings are complemented with:



- Insights from **review and analysis of official documents** from countries of participating PCCB members



- Information shared by **multilateral capacity-building providers**



Technical paper on results of pilot exercise

Outcomes:

- ✓ Key capacity gaps and needs identified in mitigation, adaptation and cross-cutting areas
- ✓ Set of good practices identified and compiled
- ✓ Recommended actions for the PCCB

Recommendations for consideration by the PCCB

The COP may wish to consider inviting Parties in a position to do so, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as well as the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and the Technology Mechanism to **support developing countries in undertaking the assessment of their capacity gaps and needs with regard to the full implementation of their current NDCs and the development of new or updated NDCs by 2020.**

The COP may wish to request the PCCB to:

- i. Continue its work on **collecting and sharing experiences, good practices and lessons learned from a national level assessment of capacity gaps and needs** related to climate action;



Technical paper on results of pilot exercise

Recommendations contd.

- ii. **Develop a toolkit to guide a national level assessment of capacity gaps and needs relating to the implementation of the Paris Agreement**, taking into account lessons learned from national capacity needs assessments conducted with support from the GEF, activities under the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme of the GCF, and other relevant initiatives;
- iii. **Prepare and regularly update an overview of existing capacity-building programmes and other sources of support to developing countries in building their capacity for the implementation of the Paris Agreement**, as well as to collect and share experiences and lessons learned of developing countries that have made use of the aforementioned support;
- iv. **Analyse the governance and coordination structures for the development and implementation of NDCs and national adaptation plans in place in all developing countries and identify good practices in this regard**, including detailed information on the associated processes of building systemic, institutional and individual capacities that led to the good practice, as practical references for all developing countries;



Technical paper on results of pilot exercise

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Agree on its next steps as appropriate

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Part V: Outcomes of the PCCB technical workshop on gender capacity-building for the constituted bodies

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Technical workshop on gender capacity-building

Document **PCCB/2019/7**

The Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) will be invited to:



Consider the summary report of the workshop and the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;



Agree on appropriate next steps.

Recommendations

Document **PCCB/2019/7**

- PCCB may wish to consider developing a standard on how to mainstream gender into its activities and include it in its progress report to COP 25.
- PCCB may consider developing recommendations for consideration by COP 25:

➤ Request the PCCB to raise awareness of the importance of gender-responsive approaches and the importance of integrating gender considerations into climate capacity-building through the capacity-building portal, the capacity-building hubs, its social media network on Facebook, and its workplan activities.

➤ Invite the PCCB to utilize and expand its networks with relevant stakeholders in order to:

- ✓ Ensure that the PCCB's activities take gender considerations into account;
- ✓ Increase the visibility of relevant existing work related to mainstreaming gender considerations into climate capacity-building by improving accessibility of information and inclusiveness. For instance, through the capacity-building portal and the PCCB Facebook page, and by linking to the UNFCCC gender pages and other portals, where appropriate.



Recommendations (contd.)

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- Invite Parties to build the capacities of national institutions to:
 - ✓ Integrate gender considerations at all stages of NDC implementation;
 - ✓ Apply gender analysis and gender budgeting approaches;
 - ✓ Ensure a gender-balanced structure and meaningful participation in planning and decision-making processes.

- Invite Parties to establish partnerships, communication channels, and coordination mechanisms between gender and climate stakeholders to strengthen coherence and coordination. For instance, by nominating and building the capacity of the National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points.



Technical workshop on gender capacity-building

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Part VI: Other relevant activities in the workplan

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