

**Welcome
to the Fourth meeting of
the Paris Committee
on Capacity-building**

Monday, 22nd June 2020



Opening of the meeting

Agenda item 1



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Organizational matters

Part I: Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 2 (a)



Agenda

Document **PCCB/2020/1**

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Organizational matters

Part II: Organization of work

Agenda item 2 (b)



Election of the Co-Chairs

Agenda item 3



Development of a workplan for 2021 - 2024

Agenda item 4



Background

Document **PCCB/2020/3**

At COP 25, the PCCB was reviewed and its mandate extended by five years (**Decision 9/CP.25**). In further refining the mandate of the PCCB, the COP set out three priority areas to ensure that the Paris Committee on Capacity-building can operate effectively and efficiently:



Enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building under the Convention



Identifying capacity gaps and needs, both current and emerging, and recommending ways to address them;



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



consider and discuss the draft of its 2021–2024 workplan and;



(a) Agree on the 2021–2024 workplan of the PCCB at the 4th meeting of the PCCB,

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Technical support and guidance on building climate-related capacity

Agenda item 5



Report on Activities undertaken since PCCB 3



An outline of activities undertaken relating to Technical Support and Guidance on building climate-related capacity since PCCB 3 is on the webpage for the PCCB 4 meeting, under Agenda Item 5.

Part I: Outcomes of the 9th Durban Forum



The 9th Durban Forum on Capacity-building took place on the **5th of June 2020** and was under the theme of "Capacity-building to support the implementation of Enhanced Transparency Framework under the Paris Agreement – ensuring coherence and coordination of actions and support "



Part I: Outcomes of the 9th Durban Forum

Key takeaways from the 9th Durban Forum discussions

- Existing initiatives can play a role in providing long-term support, it is good to build on existing national efforts in developing/strengthening domestic MRV systems.
- Capacity-building efforts must ensure systems capacity is built by investing in and leveraging existing institutions.
- Overlaps exist between the requirements of BUR and BTR. Thus, technical knowledge and institutional arrangements developed under the existing arrangements can help developing countries prepare for future reporting under the ETF.
- Some areas that require capacity-building include:
 - ✓ GHG inventory data management systems,
 - ✓ Strengthening institutional arrangements,
 - ✓ localized impacts for better projections/modeling.



Part I: Outcomes of the 9th Durban Forum

Key takeaways from the 9th Durban Forum discussions

- “MRV Hubs” at regional/sub-regional level to share expertise and support the development and enhancement of capacities.
- PCCB, with its convening power, is excellent for flagging Capacity-building needs, and has set up good initiatives including:
 - ✓ Capacity building-Hub and,
 - ✓ PCCB network.
- The PCCB’s works on enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building through coordinating with other bodies such as SCF or CGE could also add value.
- South-South cooperation as an effective approach to enhancing national capacity, as it allows other countries to save resources by sharing lessons learned, and to replicate experiences that have already achieved results quickly.



Closing remarks of day 1



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Technical support and guidance on building climate-related capacity (contd.)

Agenda item 5



Part II: Toolkit for assessing capacity-building needs and gaps

Document PCCB/2020/4

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



Consider the concept note on developing a toolkit for assessing capacity-building needs and gaps, as contained in document PCCB/2020/4.



Agree on next steps regarding the toolkit for assessing capacity-building needs and gaps

Toolkit on assessing needs and gaps: Background

Document **PCCB/2020/4**



In 2019, the PCCB considered a technical paper based on the results of a PCCB pilot exercise to capture national capacity-building needs and gaps as well as on success factors, good practices and lessons learned with regard to closing existing capacity gaps in developing countries for the implementation of the Paris Agreement.



Among the recommendations of the technical paper was that the PCCB be directed to develop a toolkit which can guide developing country Parties' assessment of capacity gaps and needs relating to the implementation of the Paris Agreement.



The concept note (Document **PCCB/2020/4**) provides an overview of factors that could be considered by the PCCB in the development of a toolkit to support these developing country Parties' assessments and is intended to form part of the PCCB's 2021-2024 workplan to be considered by COP 26.



Toolkit on assessing needs and gaps: key considerations

Document PCCB/2020/4

Three key considerations for discussion and decision:

- **Scope:** The toolkit could capture **elements of one or both** of the following designs:
 - A toolkit containing relevant selected tools for assessing capacity needs and gaps related to implementing the Paris Agreement, including entry points to the assessment and guidance on how to apply the tools;
 - A simple collection of external resources providing centralized information on best practices and lessons learned on capacity needs assessment targeted to officials engaged in capacity-building.
- **Approach:** Mindful of target audience and their priorities, needs and constraints. Options:
 - Offer step-by-step guidance
 - Bottom-up approach
 - Adopt a sector-based approach
- **Format:** Depending on the scope and approach, format could include one or a mix of the following elements:
 - Report format
 - interactive or module-based format,
 - based on case studies disseminated through, for example, the Capacity-building Portal



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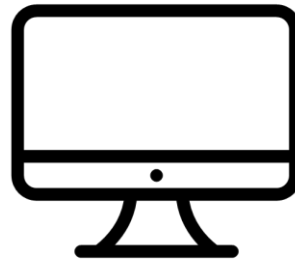
Agree on next steps regarding the concept note on developing a toolkit for assessing capacity-building needs and gaps, as contained in document PCCB/2020/4.

Coherence and coordination of capacity-building under the Convention

Agenda item 6



Report on Activities undertaken since PCCB 3



An outline of activities undertaken relating to Coherence and coordination of capacity-building under the Convention since PCCB 3 is on the webpage for the PCCB 4 meeting, under Agenda Item 6.

Establishing an informal coordination mechanism on capacity-building under the Convention

Document **PCCB/2020/5**

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



Consider the concept note for an informal coordination mechanism (ICM) on capacity-building under the Convention, as contained in document PCCB/2020/5



discuss the concept note with, and gather feedback from, representatives of constituted bodies under the Convention, operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and relevant processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and observers attending PCCB 4



Agree on next steps regarding the Informal coordination mechanism on capacity-building under the convention

Part I: Concept note on establishing an informal coordination mechanism on capacity-building under the Convention

Document **PCCB/2020/5**

Background



In 2019, the PCCB produced a **technical paper** entitled ‘Coherence and coordination of capacity-building activities of constituted bodies and in other relevant processes under the Convention that analysed gaps in coherence and coordination practices across the capacity-building’



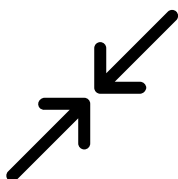
The paper identified the need for an **enhanced space for coordination and collaboration outside the annual meetings of the PCCB**, and for defining common areas of interest which would help increase **synergies** and **reduce duplication of efforts**.

In response to these needs, the notion of an ICM was discussed intersessionally by PCCB members and a concept note (Document **PCCB/2020/5**) has been developed for consideration and discussion at the 4th meeting of the PCCB.





- ICM aligns with the priority areas of the PCCB (decision **9/CP 25, paragraph 9**)
- A stepwise approach to supporting the implementation of the **first priority area**, “enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building under the Convention with a focus on avoiding duplication of efforts, including through collaboration with bodies under and outside the Convention”.
- The **second priority area**, which focuses on identification of gaps and needs, relies on the ICM for critical input as to how ICM members address gaps and needs in their work.
- The **third priority area**, focusing on stakeholder engagement, relies on inputs from the ICM, including on gaps and needs and disseminating them through PCCB communication channels.



Part I: Purpose and scope of the informal coordination mechanism

Document PCCB/2020/5

- The purpose of the ICM is to provide its members with **increased opportunities for dialogue and cooperation**.
- **Increase information-sharing** on a range of climate-related capacity-building activities and initiatives.
- In turn, this work will ensure that ICM members can **enhance the recommendations and guidance provided to Parties**.



Overarching areas relevant to work of the ICM:

- Enhancing coordination at various stages
- Identifying support available and required to address capacity-building gaps and needs in developing countries
- Engaging a broader range of stakeholders
- Providing outreach for, and disseminating information on, capacity-building activities
- Mapping relevant capacity-building efforts

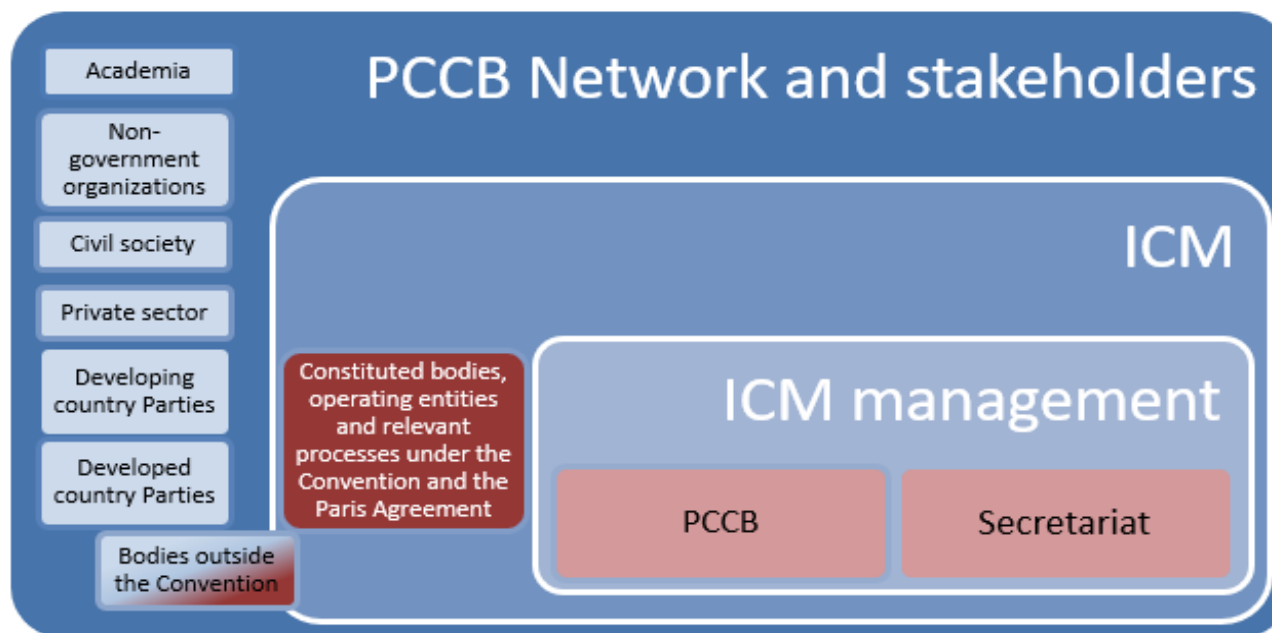


Part I: Proposed structure and working modalities of the informal coordination mechanism

Document PCCB/2020/5

- PCCB Working Group 1 to manage the ICM process, with support from the secretariat.
- Governance based on the principles of issue-based, purposeful engagement, inclusiveness, timeliness and transparency.
- Working modalities primarily digital outside of meetings.

Proposed structure of the ICM:



Proposed Activities under the ICM

- Overview of workplans, including a forward-looking calendar of events;
- Joint design of work and digital collaboration;
- Joint planning and support of events;
- Meetings three times per year (two in-person, and one virtual between sessions)
- Overview of ICM progress presented during coherence and coordination session at annual PCCB meeting (with participation of PCCB meeting observers).





Anticipated timeline, pending approval:



- **2020:** Finalization pending the approval of the Concept Note by the PCCB
- **2021:** Launch of ICM
- **2023:** Evaluation of the ICM in 2023 to report the results of the evaluation to the COP and CMA
- **2024:** The PCCB to decide whether or not to extend the time period of the ICM on the basis of the evaluation results and any guidance received by the COP and/or CMA.

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



Discuss the concept note for the ICM with, and gather feedback from, representatives of constituted bodies under the Convention, operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and relevant processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and observers attending PCCB 4

Part II: Roundtable Discussion Guiding Questions

Document PCCB/2020/5

- Particular areas to garner feedback on, regarding the concept of the ICM, are:
 - Purpose and scope
 - Proposed structure and working modalities
 - Proposed activities
 - Proposed timeframe and next steps
- The invited representatives are requested to keep their prepared inputs, on their general view of the concept note for the ICM and the specific elements listed above, to **below 3 minutes**.
- The floor will then be opened for other meeting observers to provide comments.
- Please write '**intervention**' in the chat box to request the floor.



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



Agree on the next steps regarding the concept note for an informal coordination mechanism (ICM) on capacity-building under the Convention, as contained in document PCCB/2020/5, and agree on next steps concerning the ICM.

Closing remarks of day 2



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Wednesday, 24th June 2020



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Development of a Workplan for 2021-2024

Agenda item 4



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Awareness-raising, outreach and knowledge- and information-sharing

Agenda item 7



Actions

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

1

Consider the review report on the status and progress of work under the **strategic plan for stakeholder engagement, communications and resource mobilization** of the PCCB, as contained in document **PCCB/2020/6**, and agree on the appropriate next steps for the next workplan period (2021–2024);

2

Consider priority issues related to the launch and implementation of the **PCCB Network**, including the implementation timeline of the pilot phase, as contained in document **PCCB/2020/7**, and agree on the working modalities of the PCCB for guiding the development of and implementing the pilot phase of the PCCB Network, the criteria for evaluating additional activities of the Network, as well as relevant elements of and appropriate next steps in monitoring and evaluating the **pilot phase**;

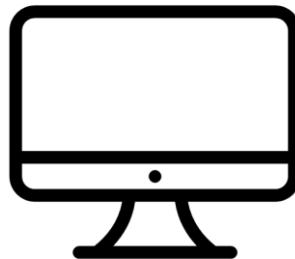
Review the proposed draft criteria for the **participation of external stakeholders** in PCCB working groups, as contained in document **PCCB/2020/8**, and agree on appropriate next steps;

3

Consider the concept note for the **Capacity-building Hub at COP 26**, as contained in document **PCCB/2020/9**, and consider possible options for planning and appropriate next steps for implementing the hub in the light of the postponement of COP 26 to 2021.



Report on Activities undertaken since PCCB 3



An outline of activities undertaken relating to Awareness-raising, outreach and knowledge- and information-sharing since PCCB 3 is on the webpage for the PCCB 4 meeting, under Agenda Item 7.

Action 1: Strategic plan for stakeholder engagement, communications and resource mobilization

Background

Document **PCCB/2020/6**

Work related to awareness-raising, outreach, and knowledge- and information-sharing conducted since the 3rd meeting of the PCCB was guided by the strategic plan for stakeholder engagement, communications and resource mobilization of the PCCB, which was endorsed in 2019.

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



Consider the review report on the status and progress of work under the strategic plan for stakeholder engagement, communications and resource mobilization of the PCCB, as contained in document **PCCB/2020/6**.

Discuss and agree on appropriate next steps regarding the strategic plan under the next workplan period (2021-2024)



Action 1: Strategic plan for stakeholder engagement, communications and resource mobilization

The PCCB **may further wish to consider the review report** on the implementation of the strategic plan, and agree on the following next steps towards implementing the strategic plan in full. More detail on these is available in Document **PCCB/2020/6**.

- (a) Continue the ongoing work streams on mapping stakeholders and seeking feedback in accordance with the guidelines contained in the strategic plan,
- (b) Continue to facilitate access to useful information related to capacity-building using the digital means available to the PCCB
- (c) Develop results-based assessment frameworks in order to evaluate the effectiveness of stakeholder engagement and communication strategies and activities;

Considering the extension of the mandate of the PCCB and subsequent adoption of a new workplan for 2021–2024, and to ensure a smooth transition between the two workplans, the PCCB is invited to:

- (a) Publish the annexed review report, and continue to monitor and report on the implementation of the strategic plan for June 2020–June 2021, following the same structure used in the current report;
- (b) Consider developing separate strategies for stakeholder engagement and communications for the duration of the next workplan, incorporating the insights gained from the implementation of the strategic plan as well as related activities on this topics under the 2017-2020 rolling workplan.

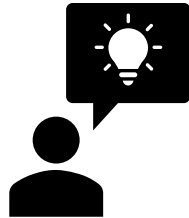


Action 2: Issues related to the launch and implementation of the PCCB Network and participation of external stakeholders

Document PCCB/2020/7

Document PCCB/2020/8

The PCCB will be invited to:



Consider priority issues related to the launch and implementation of the PCCB Network, including the implementation timeline of the pilot phase, as contained in background note PCCB/2020/7, and agree on the working modalities



Review the proposed draft criteria for the participation of external stakeholders in PCCB working groups, as contained in background note PCCB/2020/8, and agree on appropriate next steps.



Action 2: Issues related to the launch and implementation of the PCCB Network – pilot timeline

	Pre-launch	Launch of the PCCB Network	Building the Network	Activating the Network	Monitoring & evaluation of pilot phase
Feb. 2020	- Publishing the summary of informal consultation at COP25 - Formation of the Task Force				
Mar. 2020	- Preparation of documents & webpages - Developing communications and stakeholder engagement plans			Planning & development	
Apr. 2020	Conceptualization and preparation	- Running promotional campaigns - On-boarding members			
May 2020			- Conducting an ice-breaker activity to start the ball rolling		
Jun. 2020			- Publishing the 1 st Network Newsletter - Organizing the 1 st meeting of Network		Feedback seeking & evaluation
Jul. 2020		- Developing provisional plan of activities for pilot phase based on the outcomes of discussions at the 4 th PCCB meeting - Developing procedures for proposing additional activities by members and the assessment by Task Force		Implementation & oversight	Reviewing pilot phase implementation timeline
Aug. 2020			- Identifying and secure strategic partners to anchor the Network activities - Liaising with Network members to organize and implement Network's core activities, as well as establishing additional ones [ongoing]		Reviewing outcomes of communications and stakeholder engagement activities
Sep. 2020			- Publishing the 2 nd Network Newsletter	- Co-organizing the 1 st webinar/event of the Network	
Oct. 2020				- Co-organizing the 2 nd webinar/event of the Network	
Nov. 2020			- Organizing the 2 nd meeting of the Network [SBs]	- Co-organizing the 3 rd webinar/event of the Network	Developing the pilot phase evaluation framework
Dec. 2020			- Publishing the 3 rd Network Newsletter		
Jan. 2021			- Organizing the 3 rd meeting of the Network		Feedback seeking from Network members on their experience
Feb. 2021				- Conclusion of additional activities of the Network, and disseminating of results	Feedback seeking from the Task Force on their experience
Mar. 2021		Conclusion & looking ahead	- Publishing the activity report of the pilot phase		Finalizing the evaluation report of the Network pilot phase for consideration by PCCB



Action 2: Issues related to the launch and implementation of the PCCB Network

The PCCB **may wish to consider the following criteria and priorities** for the assessment of proposals by members of the PCCB Network for additional activities. More detail on these is available in Document **PCCB/2020/7**.

- i. **Relevance:** ensuring that the proposed activity contributes to the capacity-building-related objectives of the Convention and Paris Agreement, and the work areas of the PCCB;
- ii. **Substance:** ensuring that the proposed activity is defined using specific and harmonized objectives and outcomes, accompanied by a clear implementation plan;
- iii. **Adherence:** ensuring that the proposed activity adheres to the PCCB gender mainstreaming standard and the code of conduct for UNFCCC conferences, meetings and events;
- iv. **Resource mobilization:** ensuring that financial and human resources have been secured for the proposed activity, and that the activity would not be a burden on the finite resources available to the PCCB and the secretariat;
- v. **Coherence:** prioritizing activities that are closely linked to targeted activities and the expected results of the PCCB rolling workplan;
- vi. **Balance:** prioritizing activities that contribute to regional, sectoral and institutional diversity;
- vii. **Engagement:** prioritizing activities that engage multiple Network members and reach a wide range of stakeholders/audiences.



Action 2: Issues related to the launch and implementation of the PCCB Network

Document **PCCB/2020/7**

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



Consider the implementation timeline of the pilot phase;



Agree on the working modalities of the PCCB for guiding the pilot phase of the PCCB Network;



Discuss the criteria for evaluating additional activities of the PCCB Network;



Discuss relevant elements of and appropriate next steps in monitoring and evaluating the pilot phase.



Action 2: Proposed draft criteria for the participation of external stakeholders in PCCB working groups

Document **PCCB/2020/8**

Background

At the 3rd meeting of the PCCB, members reiterated their agreement from the second meeting in May 2018 to open the working groups up to external experts upon invitation, and agreed that the associated criteria will be developed intersessionally. The PCCB agreed that this is planned to be implemented for the next PCCB workplan. These criteria are supplied in the annex of Document **PCCB/2020/8**.

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



Consider the draft criteria for the participation of external experts in the PCCB working groups;



Discuss the procedure for finalizing the criteria and agree on appropriate next steps.



Action 2: Proposed draft criteria for the participation of external stakeholders in PCCB working groups

The PCCB **may wish to consider the following criteria** for the participation of external experts in PCCB working groups. More detail on these is available in Document **PCCB/2020/8**.

(a) **Identification of external experts:** The PCCB may wish to draw expertise from PCCB Network members, on the basis of members' areas of focus and expertise. If the expertise required by the working groups is not available within the PCCB Network, the PCCB may seek expertise from external entities or initiatives.

(b) **Engagement of external experts:** Participation in the working groups may take different forms and be subject to different modalities, depending on the needs of the working group in question: (1) ad-hoc engagement, (2) activity-based, (3) thematic-based.

(c) **Membership of external members:** For the next workplan period, the PCCB may wish to invite external experts to join the working groups on an activity-based or thematic-based basis for an initial term of one year, with the possibility of a one-year extension. Working groups are encouraged to engage with any number of external experts on an ad-hoc basis, as appropriate.

(d) **Working arrangements:** It is planned that external members will be involved in the intersessional work of working groups through virtual means.

(e) **Decision-making:** Proposals concerning the participation of an external expert in a working group will be approved by the PCCB. External members shall be accorded the right to speak at all times during meetings of the working groups or the PCCB, but shall abstain from decision-making by the working group or the PCCB.

(f) **Communication modalities:** The working group leads are the primary points of contact for external experts wishing to submit queries. The working group leads should keep all PCCB members informed about updates on the engagement of external experts intersessionally.



Action 3: Consider the concept note for the Capacity-building Hub at COP 26

Document PCCB/2020/9

Background

One of the flagship activities of the PCCB is the Capacity-building Hub, a series of capacity-building-related sessions that focus on different themes, typically over the course of a week, in conjunction with sessions of the COP. COP 25 mandated the PCCB to continue organizing the Capacity-building Hubs annually in conjunction with the COP.

The Paris Committee on Capacity-Building (PCCB) is invited to:



Discuss the planning of the 3rd Capacity-building Hub in the light of the postponement of the COP26;



Consider the concept note for the 3rd Capacity-building Hub, and agree on appropriate next steps



Share views on possible activities to keep the momentum on capacity-building in the intersessional period



Closing of Day 3



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Development of a Workplan for 2021-2024

Agenda item 4



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Focus area of the Paris Committee on Capacity-Building for 2021

Agenda item 8



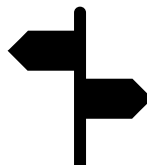
Background

COP 21 decided that the PCCB will annually focus on an area or theme related to enhanced technical exchange on capacity-building. The PCCB may wish to agree on its specific focus area of work for 2021 with a view to including information thereon in its **annual technical progress report**.

The PCCB is invited to:



Consider and discuss the options for its 2021 focus area and the proposed implementation approach contained in **PCCB/2020/10**;



Agree on the 2021 focus area at the 4th meeting of the PCCB or intersessionally;



Agree on the approach that it will take to implement its focus area in the next workplan period

Background: Proposed options for 2021 focus area

The PCCB **may wish to consider and discuss the following options** for its 2021 focus area, which were all determined on the basis of previous work performed by the PCCB. More detail on these is available in Document **PCCB/2020/10**.



(a) Building capacity to facilitate the coherent implementation of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



(b) Enhancing the monitoring and evaluation of capacity-building activities.



(c) Increasing climate ambition through capacity-building among youth and educators.



Option 1:

Building capacity to facilitate the coherent implementation of NDCs and SDGs

Background:

- To foster coherence, an enhanced understanding of the connections between climate change and sustainable development is required
- Launch of the **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration** (2021–2030) would make 2021 a compelling year to highlight the need for coherence in NDC-SDG implementation

Possible role of the PCCB:

- Use its strong mandate to engage with other bodies under and outside the Convention to **promote coherence** in achieving Paris Agreement objectives and fulfilling the SDGs
- Help build **sector-relevant capacity** for **SDG-NDC mainstreaming**, as well as build capacity to align NDC implementation with the SDGs at the sectoral and local level
- Collaborate with actors which have already defined common objectives in order to provide countries with **integrated support** for joint SDG–NDC mainstreaming, SDG–NDC screening of existing development plans, and capacity-building
- Help Parties to learn from **each other's approaches** to policy planning, budgeting, monitoring and reporting
- Promote **greater awareness and knowledge** of feasible ways to utilize potential **synergies**, thereby fostering more ambitious climate action across multiple stakeholder groups and increasing the ambition of future NDCs



Option 2:

Enhancing the monitoring and evaluation of capacity-building activities

Background:

- Given the lack of agreed indicators, metrics and tools, Parties are struggling to regularly track and evaluate their capacity-building activities.
- Stakeholders engaged in the UNFCCC process have highlighted this as a key area for improvement for capacity-building activities.
- Stakeholders, including the European Capacity Building Initiative and the World Resources Institute have suggested that the PCCB is key to supporting this work.

Possible role of the PCCB:

- Build on the discussions on this topic initiated at the recent meetings of the Durban Forum to promote technical exchanges, and gather and **disseminate best practices** and available tools or methodologies for **assessing the impact and effectiveness** of capacity-building activities.
- Based on this work, contribute to a **compendium of good practices** for monitoring and evaluating capacity-building activities to support the work performed under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.
- Promote **well-developed, well-applied metrics** to help to enhance understanding of the key factors in successful capacity-building and to measure progress, thereby also contributing to measuring progress under the Global Stocktake.



Option 3: Increasing climate ambition through capacity-building among youth and educators

Background:

- Education (both formal and informal) contributes to institutional capacity-building in both the short and the long term and supports human resource development
- While academic institutions play a central role in climate change related capacity-building, concerted efforts are needed from multiple stakeholder groups, including the youth
- Young people are key actors in tackling climate change and are involved in a broad range of activities, ranging from raising awareness of climate change issues

Possible role of the PCCB:

- Intensify **collaboration** with educators such as universities and university networks, research and independent and youth non-governmental organizations, and other actors involved in Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)
- **Facilitate technical discussions**, highlight evidence-based case studies and enable and promote the exchange of best practices and lessons learned to support efforts to empower youth, academics and other educators to **raise climate ambition** at the local and national level through enhanced, long-term capacity-building
- Build on the relevant discussions and findings from the 2019–2020 series of PCCB Capacity-building **Knowledge to Action Days** at the regional and COP level, as well as on previous PCCB activities conducted in support of issues of youth and elements of ACE



Approach to implementing the annual focus area in the next workplan period

In line with document **PCCB/2020/10**, the draft PCCB workplan for 2021–2024 (see document **PCCB/2020/3, Activities C.1.2 and C.2.3**) sets out a cross-fertilization approach, creating an interchange between discussions at the annual Durban Forum (DF), which is thematically aligned with the annual PCCB focus area, and the annual work of the PCCB related to the focus area.

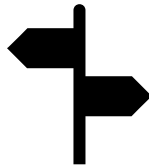
The PCCB may wish to consider the proposed approach:

- **PCCB actively participates in the DF**, including, as appropriate, as resource persons;
- The key messages of the DF are discussed at the annual PCCB meeting with a view to **translating key DF findings into recommendations** to COP and the CMA and other stakeholders, as appropriate;
- In the second half of each year, the PCCB organizes **one or more webinars to discuss the topic or selected subtopics of the DF** in more detail, which it could hold as part of its PCCB Network webinars, offering Network members the opportunity to (co)host the webinars.
- PCCB could also consider organizing **a set of regional webinars** in order to obtain region-specific findings;
- PCCB organizes a dedicated **focus area day at the annual Capacity-building Hub** at the COP.



Background

The Paris Committee on Capacity-Building is invited to:



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Agree on the approach that it will take to implement its focus area in the next workplan period

Other Matters

Agenda item 9



a. Election of Gender Focal Point

Agenda item 9



b. Annual Progress report of the PCCB

Agenda item 9



Timeline for consideration



- The unedited draft report would be shared with members by **9 September 2020** at the latest, allowing members five working days to review and provide feedback;
- The revised unedited draft report would be shared with members by **18 September 2020** at the latest, allowing members five working days to review and provide feedback;
- The final, edited report would be shared with members by **1 October 2020** for approval on a non-objection basis by **7 October 2020**.

Agenda item 9



Closing of the Fourth Meeting of the Paris Committee on Capacity- building

Agenda item 10

