

PCCB side event at the Africa Climate Week 2022

Capacities needed for the horizontal and vertical integration of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

31st August 2022, 10:30-11:30 (GMT+1)

Concept note and agenda

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. At its fifth meeting in June 2021, the PCCB agreed on - 'Building capacity to facilitate coherent implementation of NDCs in the context of national development plans and sustainable recovery', as its focus area for 2022. In light of the annual focus area, the PCCB in collaboration with the PCCB Network aims to facilitate the exploration of what capacities are needed for horizontal and vertical integration of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in the African region.

The horizontal and vertical integration of NDCs provides opportunities for greater policy synergies, efficiency, and coherence. In this context, there is also a need to build capacities to mobilize such opportunities related to different integration approaches. Aligning climate and development agendas and integrating NDCs across the board could enhance horizontal policy coherence. At the same time, integration of NDCs at different levels of governance, namely regional, national, and local, could enhance vertical policy coherence.

In order to discuss such approaches of integration, this side event will be implemented as part of PCCB's efforts to promote strategic stakeholder engagement to foster exchange on capacity-building through outreach activities at the national or regional level. The side event seeks to provide a space for members of the PCCB Network and other relevant capacity-building stakeholders to share their experiences and exchange knowledge, case-studies, and best practices of their work related to policy coherence and specifically in terms of the role of capacity-building in the horizontal and vertical integration of NDCs.



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II. Objectives:

This side event, in the context of the African region, seeks to:

- Highlight the role of capacity-building and the capacities needed, in the region, for horizontal policy coherence through the integration of NDCs in and alignment of climate and development agendas.
- Highlight the role of capacity-building and the capacities needed, in the region, for vertical policy coherence through the integration of NDCs at different levels of governance, namely regional, national, and local.
- Showcase case-studies and best practices of how countries in the region have built their capacities and approached the horizontal and vertical integration of NDCs.
- 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.

III. Resource Persons:

Moderator – Farhat Mbarouk, Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) Member

Opening Remarks – Roberta Ianna, co-chair Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB)

Panelists -

- Gabriel Malunga, Regional Program Officer for Anglophone Africa – NDC Partnership
- Dr. Mallé Fonfana, Director for Africa and Head of Programs – Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
- Claire Kiss, Associate Programme Officer – International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- Dr. George Wamukoya, co-chair & team leader – Africa LEDS Partnership & African Group of Negotiators Experts Support (AGNES)

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IV. Target audience

The side event aims to gather actors with an interest in climate change-related capacity-building including members of the PCCB Network, Parties, Development agencies, NGOs, private sector entities, academia and research institutions, and interested individuals.

V. Intended Outcomes:

This side event seeks to create greater visibility for the efforts of the PCCB and PCCB Network members around enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building efforts. The event seeks to explore elements of PCCB's 2022 focus area in the African region. While the discussions could result in identification of capacity-building gaps and needs related to the topic, through the showcase of case-studies and best practices, the series seeks to take a solution-oriented approach as well. A summary report and recording of the session will be made available.

VI. Format:

The side event will take the format of a 60-minute interactive session with speakers from across the region and members of the PCCB Network that work on policy coherence and NDC integration. The session will focus on a Regional Panel Discussion that explores a particular country example or case-study; this 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.

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Agenda and Format	
10'	Welcoming & Introduction
30'	<p>Regional Panel Discussion The floor will be opened to the panelists and this segment will start off with an assessment of the role of capacity-building in the horizontal and vertical integration of NDCs in the African region. A solution-oriented discussion supported by the showcase of a particular country example or case-study would reflect on what is needed to scale-up capacities and capacity-building efforts towards successful horizontal and vertical integration of NDCs. This would be finalized by a discussion of the region's vulnerability, driven both by geography and low adaptive capacity as a result of dysfunctions in national economies. The considerations to be made for an inclusive and just horizontal and vertical integration of NDCs will be explored, with a focus on certain vulnerable groups including women, youth & children, and indigenous communities.</p>
10'	Q&A Interactive session where the audience members can participate in the discussion.
5'	Closing remarks