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# PCCB NETWORK[ING] FOR RADICAL COLLABORATION SESSION



# BACKGROUND

The PCCB Network[ing] for Radical Collaboration session served as a dynamic in-person convening of over 40 participants from the PCCB Network and beyond, with the objective of fostering radical collaboration, strengthening partnerships, and co-creating the future workplan of the PCCB. The event reflected on lessons learned and catalyzed new avenues for impactful engagement, particularly in the context of the evolving global landscape on climate capacity-building.

## OPENING

The session commenced with welcoming remarks and an interactive icebreaker activity to facilitate introductions and foster connections. The UNFCCC Secretariat highlighted the evolution of the PCCB Network, which now includes over 400 members ranging from ministries and UN agencies to grassroots organizations. The Secretariat emphasized the session's purpose: to radically re-imagine collaboration within the Network through inclusive dialogue and collective action.



# THEMATIC CLUSTER DISCUSSIONS

Participants were divided into **five thematic breakout groups** (Adaptation, Finance, Energy, Biodiversity, and Art & Culture) for in-depth discussions on capacity building and the PCCB Network.

Many participants have engaged in a variety of adaptation strategies ranging from youth-led education initiatives and nature-based solutions to small-scale infrastructure projects and local partnerships with schools and municipalities. While these efforts have yielded valuable lessons, they often face **common barriers**, including limited **access to funding**, **bureaucratic delays**, and **challenges in sustaining long-term engagement**.

Participants emphasized the **importance of co-creating solutions with local communities** rather than designing initiatives for them. Trust-building, contextualized education, and the meaningful involvement of youth and Indigenous Peoples emerged as critical components of success.

Participants agreed that **capacity-building suffers from fragmentation and duplication** and called for better coordination and mapping of existing efforts. **Several ideas** were proposed to **address this**, such as:

- ✓ The **creation of shared platforms and repositories** for methodologies and tools
- ✓ Promoting **cross-regional exchanges**
- ✓ More **consistent engagement** between stakeholders and institutions
- ✓ **Enhanced visibility and accessibility** of capacity-building resources
- ✓ **Work on language barriers**
- ✓ **Increase awareness** of tools like the Capacity-building Portal,
- ✓ **Increase outreach**

**Training sessions, customized communications, and partnerships with national and local actors** were suggested as potential remedies.

# FUTURES THINKING WALL

Finally, participants envisioned **bold futures for the PCCB Network** through a Futures Thinking Wall. Some of the ideas are listed below:

- ✓ To develop a **formal stakeholder engagement plan**
- ✓ **Link its activities more directly with national processes**, such as the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)
- ✓ **Feedback loops**, such as regular check-ins or surveys, were proposed to **ensure that stakeholders remain connected**, informed, and able to contribute meaningfully over time.
- ✓ **Equity, representation, and a commitment to inter-generational collaboration** were emphasized as fundamental to making climate capacity-building efforts more resilient and impactful
- ✓ **Scaling teacher training and public official literacy programs**
- ✓ **Explore how digital innovation and AI could enhance just transition efforts.**
- ✓ **More in-person capacity-building programs** at the national level
- ✓ **Stronger partnerships** with other networks and ACE teams
- ✓ **Institutionalized mechanisms to support youth and other underrepresented groups** at climate negotiations and decision-making spaces.