

Open call for submissions by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) from Parties and other interested stakeholders

The Paris Committee on Capacity-building is inviting submissions from Parties and other interested stakeholders on the following topics:

- a) Information on capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of the Paris Agreement
- b) Information and suggestions regarding the web-based capacity-building portal¹

All submissions should be sent to CFCB-PCCB@unfccc.int.

Topics for submissions

1. Information on capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of the Paris Agreement

Parties and other interested stakeholders will be invited to provide information relevant to the 2017/2018 focus area or theme of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) on “*capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) in the context of the Paris Agreement.*” Of particular interest to the PCCB would be information related to capacity-building activities for the implementation of NDCs, which would refer to one or more of the below mandates of the PCCB:

1. Identification of capacity gaps and needs and provision of recommendations to address them;
2. Promotion of the development and dissemination of tools and methodologies for the implementation of capacity-building;
3. Identification and collection of good practices, challenges, experiences and lessons learned from work on capacity-building by bodies established under the Convention;
4. Identification of opportunities to strengthen capacity at the national, regional and subnational level;
5. Exploration of how developing country Parties can take ownership of building and maintaining capacity over time and space;
6. Consideration of cross-cutting issues such as gender responsiveness, human rights, and indigenous people’s knowledge;
7. Promotion and exploration of synergies for enhanced collaboration with institutions outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement engaged in implementing capacity-building activities.

2. Information and suggestions regarding the web-based capacity-building portal

Furthermore, Parties and other interested stakeholders will be invited to provide:

1. Suggestions on the further improvement and/or enhancement of the capacity-building (for example related to user-friendliness, better visibility, etc.); and
2. Capacity-building related information to be incorporated in the portal, including in line with the 2017/2018 focus area or theme of the PCCB.

¹ <<http://unfccc.int/capacitybuilding/activities.html>>

Background

1. The PCCB was established at the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), as part of the adoption of the Paris Agreement. The PCCB is mandated to identify and 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 Convention.
2. The PCCB manages and oversees the 2016-2020 capacity-building workplan, shown below, which was also agreed in Paris:
 - a) Assessing how to increase synergies through cooperation and avoid duplication among existing bodies established under the Convention that implement capacity-building activities, including through collaborating with institutions under and outside the Convention;
 - b) Identifying capacity gaps and needs and recommending ways to address them;
 - c) Promoting the development and dissemination of tools and methodologies for the implementation of capacity-building;
 - d) Fostering global, regional, national and subnational cooperation;
 - e) Identifying and collecting good practices, challenges, experiences and lessons learned from work on capacity-building by bodies established under the Convention;
 - f) Exploring how developing country Parties can take ownership of building and maintaining capacity over time and space;
 - g) Identifying opportunities to strengthen capacity at the national, regional and subnational level;
 - h) Fostering dialogue, coordination, collaboration and coherence among relevant processes and initiatives under the Convention, including through exchanging information on capacity-building activities and strategies of bodies established under the Convention;
 - i) Providing guidance to the secretariat on the maintenance and further development of the web-based capacity-building portal.
3. In addition to managing the 2016-2020 workplan, the PCCB annually focuses on an area or theme related to enhanced technical exchange on capacity-building. It was decided at SBI 45 that, in 2017, the first focus area or theme for the PCCB will be capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) in the context of the Paris Agreement.
4. At the first meeting of the PCCB, held from 11 to 13 May 2017 during SB 46, the PCCB initiated its work and agreed to continue its 2017 focus area in 2018. The 2017/2018 focus area of the PCCB, therefore, is “**capacity-building activities for the implementation of NDCs in the context of the Paris Agreement**”.
5. On the issue of managing and overseeing the 2016-2020 workplan, the PCCB agreed, *inter alia*, at its first meeting:
 1. To implement the activities contained in the 2016-2020 workplan through the lens of its annual focus area or theme;

2. To adopt a rolling workplan from 2017 to 2019², to be included in its annual technical progress report to COP 23; and
3. To launch a call for submissions from Parties and other stakeholders inviting inputs related to the activities listed in the 2016-2020 workplan (see para 2. above), with a view to advancing its work on the 2017/2018 focus area.

6. The capacity-building portal is an interactive tool for the collection, compilation and display of information, provided by United Nations agencies, multilateral organizations and relevant admitted observer organizations, on capacity-building activities undertaken or being implemented in developing countries at the national and regional levels in accordance with the provisions of the Convention. It can be accessed and operated via the UNFCCC website.³ The portal is under continuous development and evolves depending on the mandates, feedback from stakeholders and the availability of human and financial resources.

7. On the issue of maintaining and further developing the capacity-building portal (see para. 2(i) above), the PCCB agreed, *inter alia*:

1. To take note of the opportunities offered by the capacity-building portal in supporting the PCCB in implementing its mandates;
2. To also take note of the suggestions made to further enhance the capacity-building portal and to develop proposals to implement those suggestions to the extent possible, while bearing in mind budgetary and resource constraints related to actions to be taken by the secretariat on this matter;
3. To look into options to further enhance the visibility of the portal; and
4. To launch a call for submissions inviting inputs specifically on:
 - a. Suggestions for further improving the capacity-building portal, including how its linkages with other platforms and networks can be enhanced;
 - b. Relevant capacity-building information to be incorporated in the portal, with a view to advancing its work on the 2017/2018 focus area.

² Rolling workplan 2017-2019 available at: <http://unfccc.int/10260.php>.

³ <https://unfccc.int/topics/capacity-building/workstreams/capacity-building-portal-1>