



## Side- event for APCW2021: You(th) in capacity-building

The role of youth in building capacities to support the coherent implementation of the nationally determined contributions and national development plans.

Concept note

### I. Side event information

**Date:** Tuesday, 6 July 2021

**Time:** 17:00-18:00 (GMT+9 Tokyo Time)

**Platform:** MS Teams

**Description:** Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) are at the heart of the Paris Agreement and the achievement of long-term sustainable development goals (SDGs). From planning to implementation of the NDCs and SDGs, youth have a critical role to play as active agents of change. Recognizing the transformative role of youth, the PCCB in collaboration with the PCCB Network, through the 'You(th) in capacity-building' side event at the UNFCCC climate week in the Asia-Pacific region in 2021, will provide a platform for regional dialogue to explore the role of youth, and enhance youth engagement in the NDC processes in developing countries and how to better align these processes with existing national development plans. The side-event will feature a panel discussion, where members of the PCCB Network and youth ambassadors from the region will have the opportunity to share their experiences and exchange knowledge and best practices of their work related to NDC implementation in coherence with national development plans.

### II. Background of the event series:

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. From the start, youth have been a key target group in the PCCB's work, and youth perspectives have been mainstreamed across many PCCB activities, including the Capacity-building Hubs at the UNFCCC COPs, the regional 'Capacity-building Knowledge to Action Days' workshop series in 2019-2020, and in the PCCB Network.

In an effort to further expand the PCCB's engagement with youth in the context of climate change capacity-building, the PCCB, in collaboration with the PCCB Network, is hosting a series of side events during the virtual thematic sessions of the UNFCCC Regional Climate Weeks 2021. This virtual event series is being implemented as part of the PCCB's efforts to promote strategic stakeholder engagement to foster exchange on capacity-building through outreach activities at the national or regional level (workplan activity C.4). It is providing a space for members of the PCCB Network and Youth Ambassadors to share their experiences and exchange knowledge and best practices of their work with regards to capacity-building and youth engagement in climate action.



### **The side event at the Asia-Pacific climate week:**

In light of the 2021 focus area of the PCCB on building capacity to facilitate a coherent implementation of NDCs in the context of national development plans, through this second side event of the series, the PCCB aims to promote meaningful youth engagement in NDC action and national development plans in the Asia-Pacific region. At the same time, the side event is aligned with the thematic track “National actions and economy wide approaches” of the Virtual Thematic sessions at the Asia-Pacific climate week to encourage practical discussions at the regional level in the context of the need for a coherent implementation of climate action and sustainable development.

### **III. Objectives:**

This side event aims to:

- Encourage practical discussions at the regional level pertaining to the role of youth as powerful agents of change, both as capacity builders and recipients.
- Prioritize and enhance youth engagement in planning and implementation of the NDCs and in facilitating a coherent implementation of climate action and sustainable development.
- Provide members of the PCCB Network with a platform to engage and share their experiences and best practices related to climate change capacity-building and the implementation of the NDCs, NDPs and SDGs.

### **IV. Potential resource Persons**

-NDC Partnership

-YOUNGO

-Youth legislator:

- Indonesia

-PCCB Network:

- SLYCAN Trust
- International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD)
- Asia Climate Experts Network

### **V. Format:**

The side event will take the format of a 60-minute interactive session with speakers from across the members of the PCCB Network that work on youth engagement in NDC action and a Youth Ambassador from the region. The session will consist of two segments: Regional Panel Discussion and Project



Presentation, both of which 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.

**Regional Panel Discussion** – A solution-oriented panel discussion will reflect on the role of youth in supporting the articulation of NDC implementation with national development and what is needed to better engage youth in the NDC implementation process.

**Project Presentation** – One or two organizations will present projects showcasing novel approaches to youth-led NDC implementation projects, or case studies showcasing countries leading the way in engaging youth in integrating climate action with national development policies and programmes.

**Q&A session** – The purpose of the Q&A session is to move from discussion to action by allowing the audience members to partake in the discussions actively and move the dialogue towards solutions and opportunities.

### **Regional Panel Discussion: Guiding questions**

1. Are youth capacity builders or recipients?
2. What is the role of youth and the current status of youth engagement in the region in planning and implementing NDCs?
3. How can youth pivot the NDCs to facilitate a coherent implementation of climate action and sustainable development?
4. How can the capacities of youth be built or further developed at the individual, organizational and systemic level to enhance NDC implementation?
5. How can countries develop youth-led NDC implementation projects aligned with national sustainable development policies and targets?
6. What is required to develop child sensitive and youth inclusive NDC processes?