

Summary of the work of the constituted bodies during the first half of 2021

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Name of constituted body: Paris Committee on Capacity-building

Relevant links on the UNFCCC website:

- Constituted Body Page: <https://unfccc.int/pccb>
- Workplan: [2021-2024 PCCB workplan](#)
- Recent reports of the constituted body to the relevant governing and/or subsidiary body:
 - o 2019: [FCCC/SBI/2019/13](#)
 - o 2020: [FCCC/SBI/2020/13](#)
 - o 2021: forthcoming

Last meeting: 9-11 June 2021

Next meeting: June 2022

Highlights of work undertaken in the first half of 2021:

Work under PCCB Priority Area A (Enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement):

- The PCCB launched the [informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement \(ICG\)](#). Facilitated by the PCCB, the ICG provides a conducive space to coordinate climate change related capacity-building plans and activities, and allows for better sharing of information, coherence, and identification of opportunities. The ICG comprises of 32 members from 14 constituted bodies, operating entities and the Action for Climate Empowerment process. The group had its [first meeting](#) on 8 June and the second meeting is planned to be held on the margins of COP26.
- In the context of the ICG, the ‘*Forward-looking overview of capacity-building activities by constituted bodies, operating entities and relevant processes under the Convention and Paris Agreement*’ has been prepared by the PCCB as a ‘living document’ that will be regularly updated and serve as a basis for ongoing coordination efforts. The latest version of the document is available [here](#).
- To further enhance coherence and coordination of capacity-building related work under the Convention, the PCCB regularly participates in meetings and events of other constituted bodies, and relevant processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and/or provides inputs to these meetings and events, as requested by the bodies, entities and processes. Key activities in 2021 so far included:
 - o Agreements reached at PCCB 5 (June 2021) on next steps with regard to preparing the PCCB synthesis report as input into the global stocktake (as per decision 19/CMA.1, para. 24). The report is expected to be ready in February 2022.
 - o Participation of PCCB members and WIM ExCom focal points Renilde Ndayishimiye and Mahawan Karuniasa in the newly formed Expert Group on Action and Support (ASEG) under the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM).
- A full overview of recent and upcoming activities under priority area A can be found [here](#).

Work under Priority Area B (Identifying capacity gaps and needs, both current and emerging, and recommending ways to address them):

- Completing an activity started under its previous workplan, that got delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the PCCB successfully launched an [online training course](#) ‘Introduction to climate change and human rights’ on 2 June 2021, in conjunction with the 10th Durban Forum on capacity-building. The course was jointly developed with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UNFCCC secretariat, and supported by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. Targeted at the general public, the course is hosted on the One UN Climate Change Learning Partnership (UN CC:Learn) platform.
- The PCCB is also advancing on the development a toolkit to assist developing countries in assessing capacity-building gaps and needs relating to the implementation of the Paris Agreement. Developed in consultation with a range of capacity-building stakeholders, the toolkit is expected to be launched in conjunction with COP 26.
- The PCCB also developed a survey on efforts to address capacity gaps and needs targeted at ICG members. The survey results will be analyzed in the second half of 2021 with a view to disseminating information on and best practices related to addressing capacity gaps and needs in the work areas of the constituted bodies, operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and relevant processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.
- The PCCB further developed two calls for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders to be issued in June:
 - o A call for submissions on existing tools and methodologies for implementing capacity-building activities that enable countries to achieve the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement; and
 - o A call for submissions on experience, good practices and lessons learned related to enhancing the ownership of developing countries of building and maintaining capacity.
- A full overview of recent and upcoming activities under priority area B can be found [here](#).

Work under Priority Area C (Promoting awareness-raising, knowledge- and information-sharing, and stakeholder engagement with bodies and relevant actors under and outside the Convention):

- From February to March 2021, the PCCB issued a [call for submissions](#) from Parties and non-Party stakeholders on the annual PCCB focus area ‘Building capacity to facilitate the coherent implementation of NDCs in the context of national development plans’, based on which [23 submissions](#) were received, analyzed and [synthesized](#) for a discussion at PCCB5 on further focus area related work.
- In an effort to further expand the PCCB’s engagement with youth, as a key stakeholder group, the PCCB is hosting a series of side events called “[You\(th\) in Capacity-building](#)” during the virtual thematic sessions of the UNFCCC Regional Climate Weeks in 2021. The first event took place, in collaboration with members of the PCCB Network, on 11 May 2021 during the Latin America and the Caribbean climate week. Further side events are planned to be held during the Africa and Asia-Pacific climate weeks in the summer 2021.
- The [PCCB Network](#) celebrated its first anniversary in April 2021 with 249 members who have joined since its launch in April 2020. The PCCB Network published its first [annual report](#). The second meeting of the PCCB Network was held on 27 April 2021; the summary report is available on this [webpage](#).
- A full overview of recent and upcoming activities under priority area C can be found [here](#).