



Paris Committee on Capacity-building

Second meeting

Bonn, Germany, 3–5 May 2018

Report

Attendance

Ms. Marzena Chodor (Co-Chair)
Mr. Crispin d'Auvergne
Ms. Jeniffer Hanna
Mr. Mahawan Karuniasa
Mr. Mfumu Richard Lungu
Mr. Kakhberi ('Kakha') Mdivani
Ms. Rita Mishaan (Co-Chair)
Mr. Mohamed Nbou
Ms. Renilde Ndayishimiye
Mr. Matti Nummelin
Ms. Vedis Vik

Absent with apologies: Ms. Yongxiang Zhang

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The 2nd meeting of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) was opened at 9 a.m. on Thursday, 3 May 2018 by the outgoing Co-Chair of the PCCB, Mr. Matti Nummelin. An opening statement was delivered by Mr. Daniele Violetti, Director, Finance, Technology and Capacity-building, UNFCCC secretariat.

2. Election of officers

2. The PCCB elected Ms. Marzena Chodor and Ms. Rita Mishaan as its Co-Chairs, to serve until the third meeting of the PCCB in 2019. The newly elected Co-Chairs provided short statements and thanked the outgoing Co-Chairs Mr. Nbou and Mr. Nummelin for their leadership as the first Co-Chairs of the PCCB.

3. Organizational matters

(a) *Adoption of the agenda*

3. The PCCB adopted the draft agenda contained in document PCCB/2018/2/1 as proposed.

(b) *Organization of the work of the meeting*

4. The PCCB took note of the proposed tentative schedule as well as the order of work for the meeting, as outlined in the annex to document PCCB/2018/2/2.

5. The Co-Chairs announced that, to continue to ensure the overall transparency of and broad participation in the proceedings of the Committee, the secretariat had made an effort to ensure broadcasting of the meeting via Skype. As there was no objection from members, the meeting was broadcast in this manner, except when otherwise decided by the PCCB.¹ The recordings of the meeting are available on the PCCB website.²

¹ The PCCB decided to have a members-only session in the morning of the last day. That session was closed to observers and was not webcast.

² <http://unfccc.int/node/10006>.

6. Subsequently, the Co-Chairs welcomed the observers attending the meeting, which included Party representatives, representatives of intergovernmental organizations, as well as of constituencies of admitted non-governmental organizations.

7. The Co-Chairs noted that representatives of the Adaptation Committee (AC), Global Environment Facility (GEF), Green Climate Fund (GCF), Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) and Technology Executive Committee (TEC) had been invited to the second meeting of the PCCB, as agreed by the PCCB at its first meeting. The PCCB also noted the presence of representatives of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), which it had agreed to invite to participate in its second meeting. Furthermore, the PCCB noted the presence of representatives of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) and the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (Excom) and the secretariat of the Adaptation Fund Board (AFB), which were invited by the PCCB to participate in and provide inputs to the second meeting of the PCCB as observers.

4. Implementation of the rolling workplan of the PCCB for 2017–2019

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8. The PCCB took note of documents PCCB/2018/2/3 on the linkages with the constituted bodies under the Convention, PCCB/2018/2/4 on the further development of the web-based capacity-building portal, and PCCB/2018/2/5 on the outcomes of the activities undertaken by the working groups of the PCCB to implement the rolling workplan for 2017–2019. The agenda item was introduced and discussed in a plenary setting on 3 and 4 May and at the closed session on 5 May. The outcomes of the discussions were presented to the PCCB for its consideration during the plenary session under agenda item 8(a) Other Matters – Report of the meeting.³

9. Discussions on this agenda item were divided into three segments:

(a) Report of the activities undertaken so far by the four working groups of the PCCB to implement the rolling workplan for 2017–2019;

(b) Structured dialogue between the PCCB members and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and other constituted bodies;

(c) Planned next steps and activities of the four working groups of the PCCB in the remainder of 2018.

10. During the first segment, PCCB members Mr. Nummelin, Ms. Hanna, Ms. Chodor and Ms. Mishaan presented the activities undertaken so far, respectively, by: working group one on strengthening linkages with the existing bodies established under the Convention; working group two on cross-cutting issues; working group three on enhancing the capacity-building portal; and working group four on identifying capacity needs and gaps.⁴

11. During the discussions on working group one, the Committee exchanged views on the need for the PCCB to enhance the linkages with the constituted bodies and to find ways to further strengthen the linkages established so far. The discussions on working group two highlighted the areas on which the group had focused, including gender responsiveness, human rights, indigenous peoples' knowledge, the role of cities, youth and Action for Climate Empowerment. Working group three reported on its ongoing work on drafting a capacity-building portal action plan for review by the PCCB each year. The working group also reported on its current efforts to initiate collaboration with the constituted bodies as well as promoting collaboration with other web-based capacity-building portals with a view to aggregating information on capacity-building in climate change adaptation and mitigation. The discussions related to working group four focused on ways to identify capacity-building gaps and needs for the implementation of the nationally determined contributions (NDCs). One member of the PCCB emphasized that enhancing cooperation for information sharing, including web-based portals, as well as the organization of regional events could help advance this matter. While

³ The slides capturing the outcomes of the discussions are available at <http://unfccc.int/node/10006>.

⁴ Further information on the working groups is available at <http://unfccc.int/node/66790>.

agreeing that countries are at different levels of capacity for the implementation of their NDCs, the Committee could consider having a pilot programme in selected countries for the identification of capacity-building gaps and needs and the identification of ways to address those gaps and needs.

12. At the end of this session, several observers made interventions, including a representative of the local government and municipal authorities (LGMA) constituency, who highlighted the importance of addressing capacity gaps and needs as well as cross-cutting issues related to implementing capacity-building activities at both the national and subnational levels, and a representative of the women and gender constituency, who proposed that the PCCB address the topic of sex-disaggregated data in the context of its work on assessing gaps and needs in the implementation of NDCs, and noted that the women and gender constituency is able to collaborate with the PCCB on this and other topics.⁵

13. Following the discussion on the activities of the working groups, the Co-Chairs opened the structured dialogue between the PCCB members and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and other constituted bodies. During the dialogue interventions were made by representatives of the AC, CTCN, GCF secretariat, GEF secretariat, LEG, SCF, and TEC. In addition, representatives of Excom, CGE and the AFB secretariat also provided inputs from the floor. The representatives described relevant work undertaken by their bodies or entities on capacity-building and highlighted possible areas for collaboration. Areas mentioned included cross-cutting issues, such as (1) gender and indigenous peoples' knowledge, (2) endogenous capacities and technologies, (3) capacity retention, (4) involvement of the private sector in projects and (5) the identification of capacity gaps and needs, including gaps and needs related to access to finance, measurement, reporting and verification, adaptation, and loss and damage. In addition, several representatives highlighted work related to the implementation of NDCs, in line with the PCCB's focus area for 2018. Specifically, on the capacity-building portal, the representative of Excom proposed to link the Fiji Clearing House for Risk Transfer, launched at the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), with the capacity-building portal in order to enhance the dissemination of resources available in the clearing house. The full interventions of the representatives of the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and other constituted bodies are available on the PCCB website.⁶

14. During the third segment on agenda item 4, representatives of the four working groups of the PCCB presented planned next steps and activities of the working groups for the remainder of 2018 to continue to implement the rolling workplan for 2017–2019. Working group one discussed, among other things, plans to reach out to the capacity-building focal points of the different constituted bodies to engage in a strategic discussion on the possible areas of collaboration identified during the second meeting of the PCCB and in the background document on the linkages with the constituted bodies under the Convention, prepared by the secretariat.⁷ Working group one also noted the intention to enhance its collaboration with non-state actors through participating in the Capacity-building Day at COP 24. Working group two noted plans to enhance its strategic engagement with relevant expert organizations on cross-cutting issues and to closely consider the outcomes of the 7th Durban Forum. The intention to include the issues of just transition and youth in its work, in addition to gender responsiveness, human rights, indigenous peoples' knowledge, Action for Climate Empowerment, and the role of cities, was also noted. Working group three discussed the need to mobilize partners, including other constituted bodies, with a view to increasing the amount of data and information to be disseminated through the capacity-building portal. Plans to conduct outreach activities with the support of external partners, including through Facebook and Twitter, were also highlighted. Working group four discussed plans to collaborate with stakeholder such as the NDC Partnership and the Universities Network for Climate Capacity (UNCC) to collect information on capacity gaps and needs, as well as on experiences, best practices and lessons learned. Moreover, PCCB members were invited to consider, on a pilot basis, an exercise to identify capacity-building related needs and gaps in relation to NDC implementation in their respective countries.

⁵ The interventions are available at <http://unfccc.int/node/10006>.

⁶ <http://unfccc.int/node/10006>.

⁷ PCCB/2018/2/3.

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15. With regard to concrete activities to support the implementation of its rolling workplan for 2017–2019, the PCCB agreed:

(a) To develop strategies to enhance the implementation of its rolling workplan including: (1) an outreach/communication strategy, (2) a stakeholder engagement strategy and (3) a resource mobilization strategy in line with decision 16/CP.23, paragraph 6;

(b) To establish a vision and action plan for each working group within a well-defined time frame;

(c) To open its working groups to the participation of technical experts, subject to invitation by the PCCB;

(d) To collaborate with the Marrakech Partnership in the context of capacity-building and climate action;

(e) To continue its collaboration with non-Party stakeholders, including in the context of the organization of the Capacity-building Day at COP 24;

(f) To identify options to strengthen the Durban Forum, including through regional dialogues building on the efforts of experts on the ground;

(g) To address the issue of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in its rolling workplan for 2017–2019 in the context of activities of the working groups, in line with decision 4/CP.22, paragraph 5;

(h) To continue to provide guidance to the secretariat to enhance the capacity-building portal by implementing the action plan of working group three, subject to the availability of financial resources;

(i) To invite PCCB members, on a voluntary basis, to provide information, where available, on the efforts being undertaken in their respective countries by various stakeholders, to identify capacity-building related needs and gaps in relation to the implementation of NDCs, to inform the work of the PCCB on capacity-building needs and gaps.

16. Furthermore, the PCCB agreed on the following recommendations for the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to forward to the COP for its consideration, and to include these recommendations in the 2018 technical progress report of the PCCB.

(a) The COP may wish:

(i) To take note that the 2019 focus area or theme will be the same as for 2018, as agreed by the PCCB;

(ii) To note that the representatives of the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and the constituted bodies established under the Convention will be invited to participate in the third meeting of the PCCB;

(iii) To request the SBI to continue to ensure the thematic alignment of the Durban Forum on capacity-building with the focus area or theme of the PCCB;

(iv) To invite Parties, representatives of the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and the constituted bodies, United Nations organizations, observers and other stakeholders to collaborate with the PCCB in implementing its rolling workplan for 2017–2019;

(v) To invite Parties, representatives of the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and the constituted bodies, United Nations organizations, observers and other stakeholders to support developing countries in the assessment of their capacity-building gaps and needs for the implementation of the NDCs, and potential ways to address those;

(vi) To consider the need for additional resources to support the work of the PCCB in the light of the aim of the PCCB, established by decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 71, taking into account the invitation to Parties and relevant institutions as per decision 16/CP.23, paragraph 6.

Next steps

17. The PCCB will advance work on the issues outlined in paragraph 15 above intersessionally.

18. The PCCB agreed to establish a vision and action plan for each of the four working groups by 15 June 2018.

19. Furthermore, the PCCB agreed that the four working groups will send to the secretariat by 31 July 2018 reports on their activities undertaken following the conclusion of the second meeting of the PCCB to ensure the inclusion of this information in the 2018 technical progress report of the PCCB.

5. Focus area or theme of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2018

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20. The agenda item was introduced and discussed in a plenary setting on 4 May and a closed session on 5 May. The outcomes of the discussions were presented to the PCCB for its consideration during the plenary session on agenda item 8(a) Other Matters – Report of the meeting.⁸

21. Discussions on this agenda item were structured into four segments. The first segment was the 7th Durban Forum on capacity-building on 3 May which was embedded in the second meeting of the PCCB and thematically aligned with the 2018 focus area or theme of the PCCB. The 7th Durban Forum was attended by most PCCB members, including three members with an active role in the forum, namely Ms. Mishaan as co-facilitator, Mr. Karuniasa as panellist, and Mr. Nummelin as facilitator of a breakout group discussion.

22. The second segment took the form of a plenary session taking stock of the outcomes of the 7th Durban Forum on capacity-building, held on 3 May 2018, and how the outcomes could be addressed by the PCCB. The co-facilitators of the 7th Durban Forum, Ms. Mishaan and Mr. Russell Miles, reported in plenary on the key outcomes and messages of the 7th Durban Forum,⁹ and this was followed by a discussion among the PCCB members and observers on ways and opportunities for the PCCB to address the outcomes of the forum. Issues that were highlighted during interventions from the floor (made by, inter alia, representatives of the Trade Union Non-Government Organizations and women and gender constituencies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Seychelles and UNCC) included: the importance of capacity-building on cross-cutting issues; the added value of integrating just transition and youth in the work of the PCCB on cross-cutting issues; and the role of universities in contributing to capacity-building and climate policy.

23. The third segment featured an exchange of views on the 2018 focus area or theme between the PCCB and the representatives of the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and other constituted bodies and observer organizations. The PCCB members engaged with representatives of Excom, the GEF secretariat, the GCF secretariat, CTCN, TEC, LEG, the AFB secretariat and other observers present on possible areas for collaboration in the context of the 2018 focus area or theme of the PCCB. The representatives reiterated the preparedness of their bodies or entities to collaborate with the PCCB. Moreover, the PCCB members appreciated the wealth of information shared by the representatives of the other bodies and entities on possible areas for collaboration, and discussed the need for the PCCB to agree on specific inputs to be requested from these representatives going forward. The PCCB members noted, inter alia, the mandate of the PCCB to assess how to increase synergies through cooperation and avoid duplication among existing bodies under the Convention that implement capacity-building activities, including through collaborating with institutions under and outside the Convention,¹⁰ and the need for a specific request to the representatives of the bodies and entities to provide concrete views related to this mandate. A representative of the African Union made an intervention from the floor, proposing that the PCCB may also

⁸ Available at <http://unfccc.int/node/10006>.

⁹ The outcomes of the 7th Durban Forum on capacity-building are contained in the summary report of the forum available at <http://unfccc.int/node/29036>.

¹⁰ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 73(a).

consider the views and perspectives of United Nations organizations and other international organizations in the context of the work on the annual focus area or theme of the PCCB.

24. Discussions on the 2018 focus area or theme of the PCCB concluded during the fourth segment, which featured a plenary discussion on the outcomes of the work on the 2018 focus area or theme of the PCCB and possible recommendations of the PCCB to the COP. During this discussion, the PCCB members particularly highlighted the need to collaborate and establish partnerships with public and private sector actors and initiatives, including with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the NDC Partnership, the Marrakech Partnership and United Nations organizations.

Outcomes

25. Based on the discussions held on this agenda item during its second meeting, the PCCB agreed:

(a) In order to better collect and analyse information, and diffuse lessons learned and experiences, to enhance its collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the constituted bodies of the Convention, and other organizations and initiatives promoting capacity-building support for the implementation of NDCs;

(b) To recognize and continue to address capacity-building gaps related to cross-cutting issues, such as human rights, just transition, gender responsiveness and indigenous peoples' knowledge, in the context of the implementation of NDCs;

(c) To pursue the organization of activities (e.g. a side event at COP 24 or a workshop intersessionally) on the issue of human rights and climate change, in order to better understand capacity gaps and to identify actions to fill those gaps;

(d) To create an area in the capacity-building portal dedicated to the integration of cross-cutting issues into climate change plans, such as Action for Climate Empowerment, gender responsiveness, indigenous peoples' knowledge, and human rights, subject to availability of resources.

Next steps

26. The PCCB will advance work on the issues outlined in paragraph 25 above intersessionally.

6. Focus area or theme of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2019

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27. The PCCB took note of document PCCB/2017/2/6 on the 2019 focus area or theme of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building. The agenda item was introduced and discussed in one plenary session. The outcomes of the discussions were presented to the PCCB for its consideration during the plenary session on agenda item 8(a) Other Matters – Report of the meeting.¹¹

Outcomes

28. The PCCB agreed to continue the focus area or theme on “capacity-building activities for the implementation of NDCs in the context of the Paris Agreement” in 2019.

29. In line with this agreement, the PCCB agreed to issuing an invitation to the following bodies to be represented in the third meeting of the PCCB in 2019: AC, GCF, GEF, LEG, SCF, and TEC.

30. Furthermore, the PCCB agreed that representatives of other bodies established under the Convention and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism will be invited to identify representatives to collaborate, as appropriate, on specific activities related to the work of the PCCB, and particularly to encourage a representative of the CTCN to participate in the third meeting of the PCCB.

¹¹ Available at <http://unfccc.int/node/10006>.

Next steps

31. The PCCB will include the agreements reached on the issue of the 2019 focus area or theme in its 2018 technical progress report. Work will be pursued in line with the agreement reached by the PCCB as outlined in paragraph 27 above.

7. Annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to the Conference of the Parties

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32. The PCCB took note of document PCCB/2018/2/7 on the 2018 technical progress report of the PCCB to the COP. The agenda item was introduced and discussed in one plenary discussion. One intervention was made by the LGMA constituency, highlighting an Action Pledge submitted on 4 May by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability to the Nairobi Work Programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change.¹² Further oral interventions from the floor included remarks by a representative from the business and industry non-government organizations constituency, who underlined the preparedness of the private sector to support the work of the PCCB, and remarks by a representative of the youth non-government organizations constituency, who emphasized the importance for the PCCB to address the issue of youth in its work on cross-cutting issues.

Outcomes

33. The PCCB agreed on the outline of its annual technical progress report as contained in document PCCB/2018/2/7, as well as on the mode of work to finalize the report intersessionally, including the drafting of and agreement on possible recommendations.¹³

Next steps

34. The draft report will be shared with PCCB members by 6 August 2018 at the latest, allowing members five working days to review it and to provide feedback. The revised report will be shared with members by 17 August 2017, allowing members five working days to review and to provide additional feedback. Subsequently, the final report will be shared with members by 30 August 2018 for approval on a non-objection basis by 5 September 2018.

8. Other matters

35. The PCCB agreed on the outcomes of the discussions under agenda items 4–7 to be included in the report of the second meeting of the PCCB.

36. The PCCB also agreed to consider and adopt the report of the second meeting of the PCCB intersessionally on a non-objection basis.

37. Furthermore, the PCCB agreed to convene in a closed-door setting at the beginning of its next meeting in the form of a “mini-retreat” in order to take stock on the work undertaken and to consult on a strategy for the meeting.

38. The next meeting of the PCCB will take place in conjunction with the fiftieth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (May 2019).

9. Closure of the meeting

39. The second meeting of the PCCB was closed on Saturday, 5 May 2018, at 2 p.m.

¹² Available at <http://unfccc.int/node/10006>.

¹³ Available at <http://unfccc.int/node/10006>.

Annex

Background documents for the second meeting of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building

<i>Title</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Agenda	PCCB/2018/2/1
Annotated agenda	PCCB/2018/2/2
Background document on the linkages with the constituted bodies under the Convention	PCCB/2018/2/3
Background paper on the further development of the web-based capacity-building portal	PCCB/2018/2/4
Compilation of the outcomes of the activities undertaken by the working groups of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to implement the rolling workplan for 2017–2019	PCCB/2018/2/5
Background document on the 2019 focus area or theme of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building	PCCB/2018/2/6
Background document on the 2018 technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to the Conference of the Parties	PCCB/2018/2/7
