



July 2020

PCCB Network Inaugural Meeting

Summary Report



United Nations Climate Change
PCCB Network



The PCCB Network has been characterize by different stakeholders as a network of networks, a capacity multiplier, and a coordination hub. The strength of the PCCB Network lies in its diversity and that is what will guide tour work in the coming months and years.

Marzena Chodor, PCCB Co-Chair, Lead of the PCCB Working Group 3

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List of acronyms

In alphabetical order

ACE	Action for Climate Empowerment
APIKI	Indonesia Experts/Practitioners Network for Climate Change and Forestry
CB	Capacity-building
CDKN	Climate and Development Knowledge Network
COP	UNFCCC Conference of the Parties
D2O	Design2Occupancy
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GAP	Gender Action Plan
GYDI	Global Youth Development Initiative
ICCCAD	International Centre for Climate Change and Development
IDRC	International Development Research Centre
IGES	Institute for Global Environmental Strategies
LEDS LAC	Latin American Regional Platform on Low Emission Strategies
NAP	National Adaptation Plan
NDC	Nationally determined contributions
PCCB	Paris Committee on Capacity-building
Q&A	Questions and answers
SBI	Sessions of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies for Implementation
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNEP-DTU	United Nations Environment Programme-Technical University of Denmark
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
WG	Working group
WRI	World Resources Institute

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Meeting information

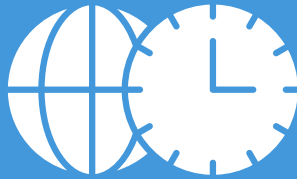
Hosted by the PCCB
and UNFCCC Secretariat

Date



26 June

Time



14:30-16:30 CET

Venue



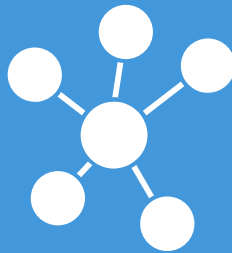
Virtual-MS Teams

Attended by



73
representative

From



53 member
organization

Located in



35
countries

Featured



6 member
testimonials

Enriched by



20+
interventions

Joined by



9 PCCB
members

Background

The PCCB Network is established by the PCCB to become a leveraging platform to enhance coherence and coordination of climate-related capacity-building initiatives and activities, foster the engagement of relevant stakeholders in such efforts, draw expertise from a broad range of members in identifying gaps and needs of developing countries, and facilitate access to information and knowledge on capacity-building to support climate action.

The idea of the PCCB Network as a strategic vehicle for engaging capacity-building stakeholders at local, national, regional, and global levels was introduced in the PCCB Strategic Plan for Stakeholder Engagement, Communications, and Resource Mobilization*, endorsed by the PCCB at its third meeting in June 2019.

Following this endorsement, a draft concept note for the PCCB Network was prepared intersessionally and discussed during an open consultation session for Parties and non-Party stakeholders, held by the PCCB during the second Capacity-building Hub at COP 25. The outcomes of the consultation fed into the further development of the PCCB Network which was launched in April 2020.

Following a step-wise approach, the PCCB Network has been launched in a pilot phase with a view to it being reviewed and evaluated by the PCCB before its full development in the coming years. The work of the network is guided by a task force consisting of the leads of the PCCB's four working groups, supported by the UNFCCC Capacity-building team.

The first meeting of the PCCB Network was planned to take place back to back with the fourth meeting of the PCCB during the fifty-second sessions of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies for Implementation. With the postponement of the SBI to a later date, the PCCB meeting took place virtually, and so did the PCCB Network meeting.



Besides enhancing coherence and coordination across the capacity-building related work of bodies under the Convention, the PCCB also seeks to foster greater coherence and coordination of efforts outside the Convention, including efforts of those involved in capacity-building for climate action under the 2030 agenda and Paris Agreement.

Roberta Ianna, PCCB member, Lead of the WG1

Objectives

The objectives of the inaugural meeting of the PCCB Network were three-fold:

- 1** To inform members of the PCCB Network about the latest decisions made at the fourth meeting of the PCCB regarding the work of the network and outline the way forward
- 2** To provide a space for members of the PCCB Network to meet and interact, to get acquainted with the work of the PCCB as well as with other network members, and to share views on their priorities in joining the network
- 3** To gather inputs and gauge the interest of members around possible activities of the PCCB Network in its pilot phase

Agenda

The discussions during the meeting were structured around the work of the PCCB's four working groups, and moderated by the working group leads. Each part of the agenda was coupled with interventions by network members who have had previous engagements with the PCCB and/or played an active role in the work of the PCCB Network since its launch. The agenda was designed to accommodate as many interactions and as much engagement as possible through different modalities—polling, oral interventions, and written comments- while ensuring that the objectives of the meeting are met.

Opening | Introduction

PCCB on Working Group 1 | Testimonials by UNDP

Coherence and coordination of capacity-building efforts

PCCB on Working Group 4 | Testimonials by FAO and NAP Global Network

Capacity gaps and needs

Polling | Q&A

PCCB on Working Group 2 | Testimonials by World Future Council

Cross-cutting issues in capacity-building efforts

PCCB on Working Group 3 | Testimonials by CDKN and UK COP Presidency Team

Awareness-raising, stakeholder engagement, communications

Polling | Q&A

Next steps | Closing

Summary of discussions

The outcomes of discussions are summarized in three sections, in line with the objectives of the meeting:

1



Information regarding the decisions made during the fourth meeting of the PCCB related to the PCCB Network

2



The role and relevance of the PCCB Network in supporting the PCCB's mission as well as efforts of PCCB Network members

3



Suggestions for future activities of the PCCB Network and the way forward



We look forward to working with all of you to make sure climate-related capacity-building efforts are responsive, inclusive, and sustainable. We believe the PCCB Network could facilitate dialogues on these issues and help Party and non-Party stakeholders to revisit their capacity-building efforts in this light.

Jeniffer Hanna, PCCB member, Lead of the WG2

Summary of discussions

1



PCCB Network at the 4th meeting of the PCCB

Information regarding the decisions made during PCCB 4 related to the PCCB Network

At the fourth meeting of the PCCB, held virtually from 22-25 June 2020, the PCCB Network was acknowledged by members of the PCCB and observers of the meeting as an important vehicle to support the work of the committee. In light of the postponement of the COP, the PCCB agreed to extend the pilot phase of the network until the end of 2021, to encompass potential activities by network members at COP 26. The role of the PCCB Network was particularly highlighted in the following discussions and decisions of the PCCB:

- The work of the PCCB Network shall reflect the agreed focus area of the PCCB for 2021: ‘Building capacity to facilitate the coherent implementation of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) in the context of national development plans’.
- Over the course of its new workplan [2021-2024], the PCCB will enable the participation of external experts in the work of its working groups, with the priority given to expertise available in the PCCB Network.
- The PCCB will continue to discuss the scope, approach and format of a toolkit for assessing capacity gaps and need in developing country Parties with regard to implementing the Paris Agreement, and will welcome contributions from members of the PCCB Network in the conceptualization and development of this work.
- The PCCB reiterated the importance of undertaking capacity-building efforts and engagement at the regional and national level, and the PCCB Network is viewed as an effective platform to carry out such efforts.
- The PCCB is determined to continue and expand its engagement with youth and Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) actors, and the PCCB Network shall be mobilized to serve this goal.
- With the postponement of the Capacity-building Hub in conjunction with COP26, the PCCB Network will have an important role in keeping the momentum on capacity-building and suggestions from members on possible activities are encouraged and welcome.

Summary of discussions

2



The role and relevance of the PCCB Network

The role and relevance of the PCCB Network in supporting the PCCB's mission as well as efforts of network members

The PCCB Network, aligned with the PCCB's work areas, has been launched to foster synergies in capacity-building efforts for the implementation of the Paris Agreement by providing a thriving environment for network members to engage with the PCCB and other actors in capacity-building related activities.

After highlighting the linkages of the network to the mandate of the PCCB under its priority areas by leads of the four PCCB's working groups, members of the PCCB Network were invited to share their views* on the added value of the PCCB Network to their work and the ways the network can best support capacity-building efforts by various actors. Members tackled this subject from their specific perspective linked to their context.

The discussions shed light on a number of key functions for the PCCB Network that would provide a synergetic response to the objectives and priorities of the PCCB and its network members:

- A collaboration platform
- A meeting place
- A dissemination network
- A space for peer-learning and knowledge exchange
- An enabling environment for capacity-building debates



A collaboration platform

As a part of its mission the PCCB fosters cooperation among multiple actors at the global, regional, national and subnational levels. Multiple PCCB Network members highlighted the importance of continuous and targeted engagement with other members on a thematic/sectoral/regional basis, in order to (1) support members in identifying like-minded partners and (2) foster collaborations on climate-related capacity-building. Organizing joint events, conducting scoping studies, and developing knowledge products were examples of such collaborations mentioned during the meeting.



We are willing to work with the PCCB Network members to support innovative and non-traditional approaches of enhancing capacities. We also work with local organizations, universities, and researchers, as well as champions in developing countries and further empower them to lead their own capacity-building efforts and to own them.

Shehnaaz Moosa, CDKN

* Inputs and feedback were sought from members before, during, and after the meeting through various channels: surveys, emails, polling, oral interventions, and written comments. This summary provides a synthesis of all inputs received to the extent possible.

Summary of discussions

The role and relevance of the PCCB Network



A meeting place

Fostering dialogue, coordination, collaboration and coherence among relevant processes and actors is a key mandate of the PCCB, and sits at the heart of its stakeholder engagement strategy. The notion of the PCCB Network as an ‘agora’ for capacity-building providers was suggested by one of the members during the meeting, and picked up by others throughout. Network members emphasized the provision of meeting and networking spaces as a significant added value that the PCCB Network could offer. As asserted by members, the network could be a connecting hub that (1) links up the PCCB and network members with complementary skills, and (2) facilitates discussions and learning by enabling multi-stakeholder engagement. Hosting capacity-building marketplaces, utilizing digital means and social media networks such as LinkedIn, and facilitating e-discussions among different stakeholders [i.e. researchers and policy-makers] were other examples suggested by members.



We particularly would like to see the PCCB Network as an agora. I am using this word in the sense that the PCCB can provide a space for capacity building providers to continuously meet and exchange knowledge and information through formal and informal ways.

Damiano Borgogno, UNDP



A dissemination network

As per its mission, the PCCB facilitates access to information and knowledge for enhancing climate action in developing countries through its communication tools and platforms. The idea of the PCCB Network as a ‘network of networks’ -which was discussed during the consultations at COP 25- was brought up and reemphasized during the meeting. Members expressed their interest and hope to benefit from the network’s platform for the purpose of (1) receiving capacity-building updates and information, and (2) sharing their key messages and knowledge products. Multiple members have offered their tools and platforms to boost the reach and impact of such efforts. Utilizing the UNFCCC capacity-building portal as a repository of knowledge was particularly highlighted in this respect.



The PCCB Network is a very important platform that allows us to leverage our collaborative networks and mobilize capacities to identify new partners. Apart from that, the PCCB Network has allowed us to expand our reach in disseminating our key messages through the Network.

Edurado Noboa, World Future Council

Summary of discussions

The role and relevance of the PCCB Network



FAO support to more than 50 countries in the past years has resulted in multiple lessons learned. In our experience, peer to peer knowledge and capacity exchange, especially when linking countries in the same region, represent a very effective instrument to stimulate capacity building enhancement in countries.

Mirella Salvatore, FAO



A space for peer-learning and knowledge exchange

Exploring how developing country Parties can take ownership of building and maintaining climate capacity is among key areas of the PCCB's mandate. The topics of peer-learning and knowledge exchange have been highly valued by members in this regard, with a great focus on South-South knowledge cooperation and long-term capacity-building processes. Network members suggested different modalities to enable and sustain continuous exchanges between capacity building providers, including regular meetings, virtual dialogues, case studies, and coaching programmes, among others.



The PCCB Network could offer an opportunity for the PCCB and partners to shape debate on capacity-building and bring ideas of justice and transformation closer to the principles of 'what matters' in climate-related capacity-building.

Daniel Morchain, NAP Global Network



An enabling environment for capacity-building debates

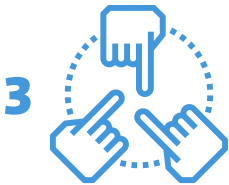
It was pointed out that the PCCB Network could benefit from the diversity of its members to shape together with the PCCB constructive debates on existing and emerging areas of capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.



As the incoming COP26 Presidency, in addition to driving momentum for the negotiations, we are committed to continuing the momentum on increasing climate ambition and action throughout 2020-21, and we are keen to work with partners to deliver this during this challenging period.

Karl McAlinden, UK COP Presidency Team

Summary of discussions



PCCB Network activities in the pilot phase

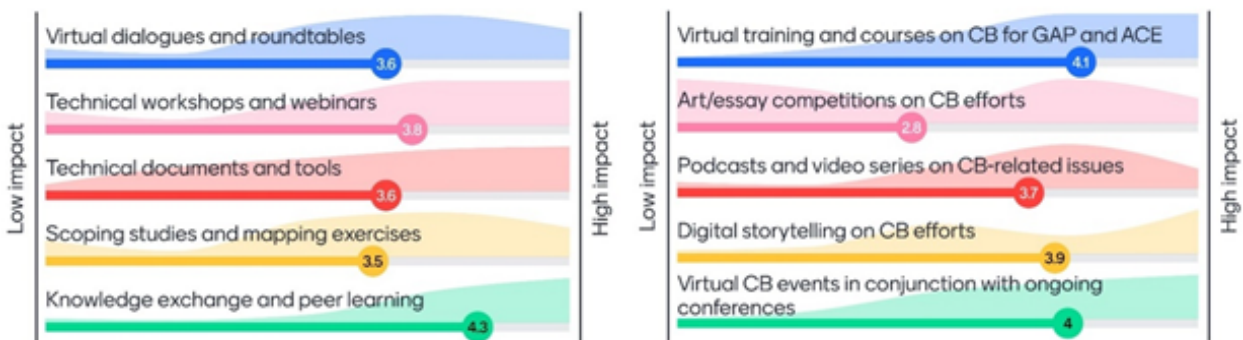
Suggestions for future activities of the network and the way forward

To ensure that the network is and will remain a fit-for-purpose platform, the PCCB has utilized different modalities to continuously engage with relevant stakeholders and seek feedback from them. Discussions during the inaugural meeting of the PCCB Network are an indication of such efforts.

The PCCB invited inputs and suggestions from members regarding potential activities of the network during its pilot phase. The inputs have been submitted prior to, during, and after the inaugural meeting of the PCCB Network and will be taken into account by the PCCB in the planning of further activities during the pilot phase.

Suggestions received by members through pre-meeting surveys were compiled and presented during the meeting. Participants were asked to rank these suggestions on the basis of the potential impact such activities would have on their capacity-building efforts. The outcomes of this exercise (Figure 1) indicates a keen interest in knowledge exchange and peer-learning activities. Virtual trainings and joint events were among other highly prioritized modalities.

Figure 1- Suggestions made by members regarding activities of the network in the pilot phase related to 'coherence and coordination of capacity-building' and 'capacity gaps and needs' (left) and 'cross-cutting issues' and 'awareness raising and stakeholder engagement' (right)



In addition, members of the network were able to reflect upon and add to these activities through oral and written interventions during the meeting, and submissions of further written inputs afterwards. Six members –UNDP, FAO, NAP Global Network, World Future Council, CDKN, and the UK COP Presidency Team– provided testimonials and shared views on future activities of the network and the way forward.

Summary of discussions

PCCB Network activities in the pilot phase

Besides providing insightful views and ideas, these interventions included potential types of support that these members are willing to provide to the PCCB Network. These discussions were followed by active engagements from other members through oral and written interventions*.

Members of the PCCB involved in the committee's Network task force expressed their appreciation towards the valuable inputs provided by network members, which would enrich and inform the work of the PCCB this regard. In their reflections on suggestions made by network members during the inaugural meeting, the leads of the PCCB's four working groups acknowledged the importance of the following aspects to be embedded in the work of the PCCB Network, going forward:

- Mapping of actors on a thematic/regional basis to enable effective engagements and concrete outcomes.
- Regular meeting and continuous engagements of network members in thematic/regional groups to build lasting and impactful partnerships across sectors and regions.
- Peer-learning as an effective modality for the transmission of knowledge gained and lessons learned, particularly when done on a thematic/regional bases.
- Digital means for facilitating e-discussions and dissemination of information, including the Capacity-building Portal and social media channels, to facilitate access to capacity-building related information and knowledge products across sectors and regions.
- Fostering multi-stakeholder engagements to enable sustainable capacity-building efforts with lasting impacts.



The PCCB looks forward to further foster multi-stakeholder technical dialogues and exchanges on building and enhancing capacities for climate action at the regional and national levels through the PCCB Network.

Mahawan Karuniasa, PCCB member, Lead of the WG4

* Representatives from ICCCAD, UNECE, GYDI, APIK Indonesia Network, NCCSD, Adaptation Fund, WRI, and Ebonyi state (Nigeria) shared their thoughts through oral interventions and many others (including IDRC, Lindon Corporation, IGES, LEDS LAC, D2O, Digital Storytellers, UNEP-DTU Partnership, Wageningen University, Plan-Adapt, and Climate Chance Association) expressed their enthusiasm and interest to engage with and support the PCCB Network through written inputs.

Next steps

As agreed at the fourth meeting of the PCCB, the PCCB Network task force will continue to gather, review, and assess inputs received by members, and guide the work of the network in its pilot phase*.

An initial list of core activities is set to be published in August 2020, reflecting the objectives set by the PCCB as well as interests expressed by members of the PCCB Network. In this respect, the next steps are as follows:

- Members are encouraged and welcome to share any further thoughts and suggestions by no later than July 20.
- The PCCB will finalize the list of activities in consultation with members that expressed interest in the specific areas of work.
- A list of core activities will be published online in August 2020 for the initial period of 6 months, and will be updated on a rolling basis, contingent on emerging priorities determined by the PCCB, as well as submissions received by Network members.
- Members of the network will be able to express their interest in joining the enlisted activities or propose new ones.

All information will be made available on the PCCB [Network webpage](#). For any inquiries, the PCCB Network can be contacted at pccb-network@unfccc.int.

* For more information see the background document PCCB/2020/7.

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