



Paris Committee on Capacity-building

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Background note on the Capacity-building Hub at COP 25

Recommended actions by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building

The Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) will be invited to:

- a) Agree on the modes of engagement of the PCCB members throughout the capacity-building hub;
- b) Agree on the capacity-building hub time frame of 4-11 December 2019;
- c) Suggest possible partners and themes for the topical days;
- d) Agree on the already proposed focus days and new session modalities for the Capacity-building Hub;
- e) Endorse the concept note for the Capacity-building Hub at COP 25.

I. Possible actions for consideration by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building

A. Active engagement of the PCCB members as facilitators and moderators throughout the Capacity-building Hub

1. In consideration of the usefulness of the capacity-building hub at COP 24, where PCCB members' engagement proved to be effective and fruitful while raising the visibility of the Committee, the PCCB may wish to agree to actively engage throughout the duration of the capacity-building hub as speakers, facilitators and moderators.

B. Capacity-building hub time frame of 4–11 December 2019

2. The PCCB may wish to agree on the time frame of 4 to 11 December 2019 for the capacity-building hub taking place at COP 25 in Santiago, Chile, in accordance with the time frame used for the 1st Capacity-building Hub.

C. Possible themes and partners for the topical days at the COP 25 Capacity-building Hub

3. After revising the proposal and concept note for the Capacity-building Hub at COP 25, the PCCB may wish to agree on themes for the focus days that will take place at the Capacity-building Hub, as well as some possible partners from their network who could be interested in organizing and designing the programme of the focus days in close cooperation with the UNFCCC secretariat.

D. Proposed focus days and new modalities of sessions for the Capacity-building Hub

4. As part of the implementation of the “PCCB’s strategic plan for stakeholder engagement, communications and resource mobilization”, the UNFCCC secretariat has gathered some expressions of interest from key stakeholders and partners who are interested in organizing the following focus days during the coming Capacity-building Hub:

(a) Capacity-building Day: based on the success and involvement of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), a day that focuses on Capacity-building could be considered as one of the focus days at the Hub. Other potential partners could be UN Environment, IPCC, and some other organizations covering issues on mitigation and adaptation capacity gaps;

(b) Knowledge to Action Day: as part of the ongoing work on strengthening engagement of universities and research institutions in building capacity for the preparation and implementation of national adaptation plans (NAPs) and nationally determined contributions (NDCs), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) is interested in collaborating with the PCCB and the UNFCCC secretariat in a day dedicated to this topic;

(c) Transparency Day: as a way to strengthen current partnerships with the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) and the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency, a focus day showcasing transparency capacity-building projects, including measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) would be considered;

5. In light of the PCCB’s workplan and mandates, and based in previous partnerships and engagement with stakeholders during the 1st Capacity-building Hub, two additional focus days are proposed:

(a) Local Governments and Cities Day possible partners: ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, UN Habitat, Bloomberg, UCLG Africa and/or United Nations University-Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS);

(b) Means of Implementation Day possible partners: Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), Technology Executive Committee, Climate Technology Centre and Network, Global Environment Facility, Green Climate Fund and Adaptation Fund;

6. In addition, based on the lessons learned from the previous Capacity-building Hub and aiming to foster the coherence and coordination in capacity-building activities and to share tools and methodologies for implementing capacity-building, the PCCB may wish to consider arranging the Hub at COP 25 in different focus days and/or blocks which could be arranged in the following modalities:

(a) Full day dedicated to one specific overarching topic where partners, in close cooperation with the PCCB and the UNFCCC secretariat, will organize several events/sessions within the topic with a clear capacity-building focus and strong alignment with the PCCB’s focus area and with the daily theme;

(b) Focused blocks where partners, in close cooperation with the PCCB and the UNFCCC secretariat, will organize a half day event and/or 2–3 sessions during one day, based on a specific topic and considering the linkages between the theme and capacity-building;

(c) Standalone sessions with a flexible format and a duration of maximum 2 hours of any format and duration, where stakeholders/partners can showcase innovative capacity-building activities and/or tools or organize presentations, hands-on trainings and/or seminars;

(d) Ad hoc inclusion on site during the Capacity-building Hub, subject to availability of time slots;

7. Based on the experience of the Capacity-building Hub at COP 24, the PCCB may wish to agree that the format of the sessions, activities and presentations will be flexible and at the discretion of the organizers;

8. In view of the information proposed above, the PCCB may wish to agree on the proposed modalities for the organization of the Capacity-building Hub at COP25.

E. Concept note for the COP 25 Capacity-building Hub

9. The PCCB may wish to endorse the concept note contained in the annex.

Annex

Concept Note

Introduction

During the Conference of the Parties on its 24th session, held in Katowice from 2 to 15 December 2018, through decision 15/CP.24, the COP welcomed the collaboration of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building with non-Party stakeholders, including through its Capacity-building Hub and the use of social media tools.

The first Capacity-building Hub took place during the COP 24 (5-12 December 2018) where over 130 experts from approximately 90 institutions, networks, organizations, Parties, constituted bodies and the UNFCCC secretariat organized over 40 events and 190 activities on topics related to capacity-building such as cities, local government and communities, climate finance, communicating climate change, gender, indigenous peoples' knowledge, just transition, nationally determined contributions (NDCs), private sector, urban and rural linkages and other issues relevant to capacity-building¹. The series of events at the Capacity-building Hub COP 24 reflected the collaborative spirit of the capacity-building community, serving as an opportunity to increase the visibility of the capacity-building, network, and featuring best practices and innovative tools.

In addition, as an effort to enhance the implementation of its current rolling workplan, the "PCCB's strategic plan for stakeholder engagement, communications and resource mobilization" encourages the PCCB to catalyse a broad range of stakeholders to address capacity-building holistically and systematically, therefore expanding the impact of the PCCB to be better positioned to assist developing countries in achieving coherence and coordination at different levels of governance in tackling climate change and meeting the SDGs.

Capacity-building Hub at COP 25

The PCCB, supported by the secretariat will organize the second Capacity-building Hub during COP 25, to be held from 3-13 December in Santiago, Chile, with the aim to foster dialogue and facilitate the organization of a series of events that enhance awareness of key capacity-building issues and activities under and outside the Convention.

This year, the Capacity-building Hub will be arranged through various focus days and/or blocks, within flexible session modalities, which will be decided in close collaboration with the PCCB . Ranging from transparency, to cities, knowledge to action and agriculture, these tentative focus days will foster cooperation, raise ambition and support capacity-building actions undertaken by United Nations, civil society, private sector and other key stakeholders.

Towards the organization of the focus days, the PCCB, supported by the UNFCCC secretariat, will engage and partner with different stakeholders, actors and key institutions, aiming to join forces and facilitate modalities and sessions where participants can share and exchange specific data, lessons learned, documentation, case studies and/or other related knowledge resources.

Feeding into the "PCCB's strategic plan for stakeholder engagement, communications and resource mobilization", all event organizers involved in the Capacity-building Hub will be able to join the Capacity-building Network of Partners, where they will interact and exchange experiences and knowledge resources and events with a broad range of stakeholders such as Parties and non-Party stakeholders including , United Nations entities, national governments, academia, civil society and the private sector.

Call for Expression of Interest

The PCCB invites interested individuals/organizations, to complete the Expression of Interest for:

¹ See < <https://unfccc.int/node/182226>>.

- Partners to organize a focus day within the Capacity-building Hub
- Partners to organize focused block (half day/day) at the Capacity-building Hub
- Propose a specific session with a duration of 1-3hrs at the Capacity-building Hub
- Propose a topic for possible ad-hoc inclusion

Organizations/individuals are requested to complete the electronic Expression of Interest form. The format of the session is flexible and at the discretion of the organizers.

The PCCB, the UNFCCC secretariat, and the focus days' partners (to be selected depending on their Expression of Interest) will review all submissions received taking into consideration:

- The relevance to capacity-building and the linkages with the topic of the day, as well as the potential contributions to one or several of the themes (avoiding duplication of efforts and in coordination within the secretariat)
- The potential to generate meaningful debate during the conference
- The diversity and complementarity of experiences on capacity-building
- The need to ensure geographic and gender balance
- Innovation in proposed approaches
- Diversity and expertise of the panellists

Accepted sessions are expected to cover their own travel expenses. Please note that the Capacity-building Hub organizers will not be able to consider positively all expressions of interest and will not cover the travel expenses of participants, facilitators and/or session organizers.

Dissemination of Information

Information received from stakeholders, possible recordings of events, and interviews will be disseminated on the capacity-building complementary resource webpages² of the capacity-building portal, stakeholder and capacity-building list³, Facebook page⁴ and uploaded on the corresponding YouTube channel⁵.

The organizers will encourage partners and stakeholders involved in the organization of events and/or focus days to develop concrete outputs, insights, findings and summaries from their sessions, which will be shared and disseminated through corresponding Social Media Channels.

Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced awareness of capacity-building activities under and outside of the Convention
- Demonstration of action and raised ambition taken by United Nations, civil society and other stakeholders to support the implementation of capacity-building actions
- Strengthened knowledge exchange and dissemination of information relevant to capacity-building, such as lessons learned, best practices, tools and methodologies, which could support developing countries
- Better and closer engagement with a broader number of stakeholders and key actors working on capacity-building.
- Enhanced coordination and collaboration among capacity-building stakeholders under and outside of the Convention, contributing to greater coherence in capacity-building activities

² See <<https://unfccc.int/node/77594>>.

³ See <<https://unfccc.int/node/27417>>.

⁴ See <<https://www.facebook.com/pccb.unfccc>>.

⁵ See <<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQ4HMPJ94E3r4ZvNIqetiQ>>.