



Paris Committee on Capacity-building

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**Seventh meeting
Bonn, 12–14 June 2023**

**Evaluation of progress of the informal coordination group for
capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement**

Recommended actions by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building

The Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) will be invited, during its 7th meeting, to:

- a) Discuss how to conduct the upcoming evaluation of the progress made by the informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement (ICG), including the potential timeline, elements and sources of information for the evaluation contained in the annex to this background note;
- b) Agree on the approach and timeline for the evaluation of the ICG.

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

1. The PCCB is invited to discuss how to conduct the upcoming evaluation of the progress made by the ICG since its establishment in early 2021, and to agree on the approach to and the timeline for conducting the evaluation.
2. In discussing this matter, the PCCB may wish to consider the potential timeline, elements and sources of information for evaluating the ICG that are outlined in the annex to this background note.

II. Background

3. The aim of the PCCB, established by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-first session,¹ is to address gaps and needs, both current and emerging, in implementing capacity-building in developing country Parties and further enhancing capacity-building efforts, including with regard to coherence and coordination in capacity-building activities under the Convention. Parties at COP 25 restated the importance of the work of the PCCB on coherence and coordination by identifying it as a priority area for the second workplan of the PCCB (2021–2024).²
4. In early 2021, the PCCB established the ICG to provide a conducive space for representatives of constituted bodies, operating entities and relevant processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement to coordinate climate change related capacity-building plans and activities, and allow for better sharing of information, coherence, and identification of opportunities.

¹ Decision 1/CP.21, para. 71.

² Decision 9/CP.25, para. 9(a).

5. Tasks set under the 2021–2024 workplan of the PCCB are regular coordination through meetings of the ICG, which take place on the margins of sessions of the subsidiary bodies and the COP,³ and an evaluation of the ICG to be conducted in 2023.⁴

6. The ICG is managed by working group 1 of the PCCB and further consists of nominated representatives of the Action for Climate Empowerment process, Adaptation Committee, Adaptation Fund Board secretariat, Climate Technology Centre and Network, Consultative Group of Experts, enhanced Lima work programme on gender, Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, Global Environment Facility secretariat, Green Climate Fund secretariat, Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures, Least Developed Countries Expert Group, Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, Standing Committee on Finance and Technology Executive Committee.⁵

³ The agendas and summary reports of the four meetings of the ICG held to date are available at <https://unfccc.int/PCCB-ICG>

⁴ Activity A.1.1 in the 2021–2024 workplan of the PCCB, available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/267207>.

⁵ The list of members of the ICG is available at <https://unfccc.int/PCCB-ICG>.

Annex

Potential timeline, elements and sources of information for evaluating the progress of the informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement

1. As stipulated in the 2021–2024 workplan of the PCCB, the evaluation of the ICG is to be undertaken and completed in 2023. The PCCB may wish to consider conducting the evaluation during August and September with a view to ensuring the timely documentation of the evaluation outcomes and their presentation at the 6th meeting of the ICG to be held in conjunction with COP 28.
2. In terms of the scope of the evaluation, the PCCB may wish to consider the following possible elements:
 - (a) Timeliness, quality and added value of outputs, including how they were received by the bodies, entities and processes represented in the ICG, Parties and non-Party stakeholders;
 - (b) The level, nature and effectiveness of members' engagement;
 - (c) Assessment of whether the working modalities of the ICG, including its member composition and the number and frequency of its meetings, have adequately served the objective of the group;
 - (d) Identification of any gaps in the work of the ICG, taking into account emerging priorities and mandates relating to capacity-building.
3. Regarding potential sources the evaluation could draw on, the PCCB may wish to consider the following:
 - (a) ICG members' responses to a survey that could be shared as part of the evaluation;
 - (b) Direct and indirect outcomes of the ICG;
 - (c) Meeting documents, including agendas, summary reports and other background documents;
 - (d) Annual technical progress reports of the PCCB;
 - (e) Relevant decisions of the COP and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement referring to the ICG;
 - (f) The 2021–2024 workplan of the PCCB.