



Paris Committee on Capacity-building

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Seventh meeting
Bonn, 12–14 June 2023

Draft call for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders on tools and methodologies for assessing and addressing capacity gaps and needs related to accessing climate finance

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) Consider the draft call for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders on tools and methodologies for assessing and addressing capacity gaps and needs related to accessing climate finance ('the call for submissions') contained in the annex;
- b) Agree on the appropriate next steps with regard to the call for submissions.

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

1. The PCCB is invited to consider the draft call for submissions contained in the annex.
2. The PCCB may wish to consider the following proposed steps regarding the call for submissions and subsequent work related to this activity:
 - (a) Agree on a time frame within 2023 for the call for submissions;
 - (b) Analyse submissions received and prepare and disseminate an overview of relevant tools and methodologies submitted in the first quarter of 2024;
 - (c) Use the overview document as an input for the technical session on tools and methodologies to be held at the 6th Capacity-building Hub at COP 29;
 - (d) Forward relevant tools and methodologies to the secretariat for publication on the capacity-building portal;
 - (e) Add relevant resources to the list of resources accompanying the PCCB toolkit to assess capacity gaps and needs to implement the Paris Agreement.

II. Background

3. Identifying capacity gaps and needs, both current and emerging, and recommending ways to address them has been a core part of the mandate of the PCCB since its establishment and was made one of three priority areas of the PCCB under its 2021–2024 workplan by the COP.¹ Under

¹ Decision 9/CP.25.

this priority area, COP 25 mandated the PCCB, inter alia, to continue efforts to gather and promote the development and dissemination of tools and methodologies for implementing capacity-building activities.²

4. To implement this mandate, the PCCB decided to launch two calls for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders on existing tools and methodologies for implementing capacity-building activities that enable countries to achieve the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement, one in 2021 and one in 2023.³

5. The findings from the first call for submissions were synthesized and disseminated by the PCCB in 2022.⁴ For the second call for submissions in 2023, the PCCB agreed intersessionally to focus on gathering tools and methodologies for assessing and addressing capacity gaps and needs related to accessing climate finance. The topic of the call was agreed on to:

(a) Facilitate a more targeted gathering of tools and methodologies compared with the first call in 2021, which covered all areas of the Paris Agreement;

(b) Focus the attention of the Committee on a topic that was emphasized in Article 11.1 of the Paris Agreement;

(c) Enable the PCCB to offer support to developing countries in a critical area of capacity gaps and needs.

2. In addition, the agreed focus of the call for submissions enables the PCCB to combine the call with its efforts by to update and expand the list of resources accompanying the PCCB toolkit to assess capacity gaps and needs to implement the Paris Agreement to ensure the toolkit remains an up-to-date resource for Parties and other capacity-building stakeholders.

6. The results of the call for submissions will feed into upcoming deliverables under Activity B.2 in the 2021–2024 workplan of the PCCB, including an analysis and synthesis of the submissions and a technical session at the 6th Capacity-building Hub at COP 29.

² Decision 9/CP.25, annex.

³ Activity B.2 in the 2021–2024 workplan, available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/267207>.

⁴ See <https://unfccc.int/documents/611268>.

Annex

Draft call for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders on tools and methodologies for assessing and addressing capacity gaps and needs related to accessing climate finance

Background

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To learn more about the work of the PCCB, you can access its annual reports and other relevant documents online.³

Topic for submissions

As part of addressing the above-mentioned mandate, the PCCB agreed to issue in 2023 a call for submissions on tools and methodologies for assessing and addressing capacity gaps and needs related to accessing climate finance.

Capacity gaps and needs can be at the individual, institutional or systemic level.

Climate finance refers to local, national or transnational financing – drawn from public, private or alternative sources – that seeks to support mitigation and adaptation actions that will address climate change.

Who can submit?

The call is open to all UNFCCC Parties, UNFCCC bodies, entities and processes, and UNFCCC non-Party stakeholders, including public and private sector entities, government and non-government organizations, philanthropic organizations, academic and research organizations and regional and international organizations and initiatives.

Deadline for submissions

To be confirmed.

How will the inputs be used?

The inputs will feed into the 2021–2024 workplan⁴ activities of the PCCB for 2024, including an analysis and synthesis of the submissions and a technical session at the 6th Capacity-building Hub at COP 29. Relevant tools, methodologies and other resources submitted will be widely disseminated by the PCCB and will be integrated into the list of resources accompanying the PCCB toolkit to assess capacity gaps and needs to implement the Paris Agreement.⁵

¹ Decision 9/CP.25.

² Decision 9/CP.25, annex.

³ Available at: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/paris-committee-on-capacity-building-pccb/documents-paris-committee-on-capacity-building>.

⁴ Available at

<https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Workplan%20of%20the%20Paris%20Committee%20on%20Capacity%202021-4.pdf>.

⁵ Available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/paris-committee-on-capacity-building-pccb/areas-of-work/capacity-building-portal/pccb-toolkit-to-assess-capacity-gaps-and-needs-to-implement-the-paris-agreement>.

Submission form

Please complete the template⁶ with concise and evidence-based information, reference all relevant sources and send the completed form to pccb@unfccc.int. Please note that a submission form should contain one tool, methodology or resource only. If you wish to submit several resources, please use a separate submission form for each.

The template has two parts:

1. Details about your organization;
2. Details about the tool, methodology or resource you are submitting.

Further information

Comments, suggestions and any other information in response to this call for submissions are welcome and should be sent to pccb@unfccc.int.

Submission form template

Please complete the fields that are relevant to the work of your organization.

PART I:

1. Name of organization or entity
2. Type of organization
3. Location

PART II:

1. Title/name of resource
2. Year of publication
3. Resource developer(s) and/or owner(s) (i.e. institution)
4. Target group(s)/audience(s)
5. Type of resource
 - Tool(kit) or methodology (incl. handbooks, manuals and guides)
 - Other:
 - Technical assistance/support offers
 - E-courses/training
 - Other relevant online resources (e.g. webinar recordings, portals, platforms or databases that help assess or address capacity gaps relating to climate finance access)
 - Case studies and technical reports/publications (showcasing lessons learned and good practices)
6. Short description of the scope and objectives of the resource and how it can be used to assess or address capacity gaps related to accessing climate finance
7. Geographical scope of resource
 - Global
 - Regional
 - Asia and the Pacific
 - Africa
 - Middle East and North Africa
 - Latin America and Caribbean
 - Other (please specify)
 - National (please specify)
 - Subnational/local (please specify)
8. Information on the context in which the resource has already been used/applied and by which stakeholder(s) (if available)
9. Type of access (open or limited access; free or paid)
10. Link to resource (if none is available, please attach a pdf copy of the resource to the submission email)

⁶ The template below is a draft containing the proposed fields for completion under Parts I and II of the submission form. The actual submission form will be created once the fields have been agreed by the PCCB.