



## Paris Committee on Capacity-building

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### Coordination of the PCCB Network post-pilot phase

#### *Recommended actions by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building*

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

- a) Agree on the working modalities of the PCCB for guiding the coordination of the PCCB Network post-pilot phase;
- b) Consider and discuss the key findings from the evaluation report of the pilot phase of the PCCB Network as contained in the annex;
- c) Agree on relevant elements of and appropriate next steps in coordinating the PCCB Network post-pilot phase, including possible recommendations.

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

### **A. Working modalities of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for guiding the coordination of the PCCB Network post-pilot phase**

1. Following the decision at its 3rd meeting to develop and launch the PCCB Network, the PCCB established a task force to provide guidance on implementing and evaluating the pilot phase of the PCCB Network. In conclusion to the pilot phase and the task force accomplishing its purpose, the PCCB made the intersessional decision to dissolve the task force and integrate the PCCB Network into the activities of working group 3. The PCCB is invited to agree on appointing working group 3 to guide and oversee the coordination and development of the PCCB Network post-pilot phase.

2. The PCCB is invited to maintain broadly the same working modalities for the coordination of the post-pilot phase of the PCCB Network with working group 3 guiding, overseeing and monitoring the PCCB Network, including the uptake of additional activities proposed by PCCB Network members.

3. The PCCB is invited to request that working group 3 provide, with the support of the secretariat, yearly reports on the status and effectiveness of the work of the PCCB Network. The PCCB may also encourage members of working group 3 and interested members of the PCCB to actively engage in PCCB Network activities, particularly meetings and webinars.

## **B. Consider and discuss the key findings from the evaluation report of the pilot phase of the PCCB Network**

4. The PCCB is invited to discuss the key findings from the evaluation report of the pilot phase of the PCCB Network, as contained in the annex, and provide recommendations for the further development of the PCCB Network.

## **C. Relevant elements of and appropriate next steps towards coordinating the PCCB Network post-pilot phase**

5. The PCCB may wish to consider and, as appropriate, agree on the following next steps to coordinate the PCCB Network post-pilot phase:

(a) Continue prioritizing PCCB Network activities that are closely linked to the activities and expected results under the 2021-2024 workplan of the PCCB;

(b) Continue strengthening ownership among PCCB Network members through a participatory and member-led approach to PCCB Network activities;

(c) Determine the PCCB Network member retention rate and explore opportunities to improve retention and foster long-term engagement;

(d) Create and distribute content in multiple languages and encourage meet-ups and exchanges to bridge linguistic gaps and ensure that all members can effectively participate in the Network's activities;

(e) Continue drawing from the expertise of PCCB Network members through the PCCB thematic dialogue series at the UNFCCC regional climate weeks;

(f) Consider holding a PCCB Network flagship event at every Capacity-building Hub at the sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP);

(g) Continue to monitor and evaluate progress, and report on the implementation of work of the PCCB Network under the strategies for communications and stakeholder engagement.<sup>1</sup>

## **II. Background**

6. The one-year pilot phase of the PCCB Network was launched in March 2020. Owing to the circumstances relating to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, the PCCB agreed at its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to extend the pilot phase of the PCCB Network until December 2021. An internal task force consisting of the leads of the four PCCB working groups was appointed to provide guidance on implementing and evaluating the pilot phase, including recommendations on necessary adjustments to the implementation timeline and the uptake of additional activities proposed by PCCB Network members.

7. The PCCB, at its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting in June 2022, decided on the draft evaluation framework for the pilot phase of the PCCB Network<sup>2</sup> for evaluating the activities of the PCCB Network and progress related to the Network's activation, reach and growth in its pilot phase from March 2020 to December 2021.

8. The implementation of the evaluation framework allowed for the inference of lessons learned from the pilot phase, as well as recommendations for the way forward, which were captured in the report of the evaluation of the pilot phase of the PCCB Network.<sup>3</sup> The outcomes of the evaluation were presented in November 2022 at the 4<sup>th</sup> Capacity-building Hub at COP 28 and the full report was published in December 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/279255>.

<sup>2</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/492796>.

<sup>3</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/624545>.

## Annex

# Key findings from the evaluation report of the pilot phase of the PCCB Network

## I. Background

1. The evaluation report of the pilot phase of the PCCB Network sought to provide an overview of the PCCB Network's growth, reach and progress during its pilot phase from March 2020 to December 2021.

2. The evaluation drew on the findings and data reported in the PCCB Network annual reports as well as feedback gathered through various surveys during the pilot phase of the Network. At the same time, further granularity was added to the evaluation through semi-structured interviews with diverse members of the PCCB Network. Additionally, the evaluation framework's alignment with the implementation of work under the strategic plan for stakeholder engagement, communications and resource mobilization (2020–2021),<sup>1</sup> as well as with the communication and stakeholder engagement strategies for the PCCB for the period of the 2021–2024 workplan,<sup>2</sup> allowed for further insights into the Network's growth, reach and progress.

## II. Key findings and recommendations

3. The PCCB Network continues to serve as a key convener for strengthening collaborations across institutions, sectors and regions and contribute to building collective capacities for meaningful climate action. As the PCCB Network continues to grow, challenges may arise in coordinating and communicating effectively among members. Communication strategies, activities, tools or platforms that facilitate partnerships and networking are needed to enable effective collaborations for higher climate ambition among members of the Network. The PCCB Network is still focused on strengthening ownership among its members through a participatory and member-led approach, by ensuring that members have a say in the direction and outcomes of the Network's activities. Improvement needs to be made to ensure that all members have equal opportunities to participate in and benefit from the Network's activities and help to build a sense of ownership and commitment among all members.

4. As at October 2022, 77 per cent of members of the PCCB Network were considered active while 23 per cent were considered inactive. This suggests that the Network has a relatively high level of engagement among its members, with the majority of members regularly participating in the PCCB Network's activities. However, it is important to consider in what way the remaining 23 per cent of members are inactive: whether they have not yet had the opportunity to participate; or have engaged with the Network to some degree, but are not actively participating in every aspect and have potential for deeper engagement in the future. Both types of inactive member can be valuable to the Network, but may require different strategies to foster deeper engagement and participation. This information could be useful for identifying potential areas for improvement and increasing engagement within the Network. Additionally, further investigating the retention rate of active members within the Network would be important to determine whether members are consistently engaging over time or whether there are opportunities to improve retention and foster long-term engagement.

5. During the pilot phase, the PCCB Network conducted a results-based assessment to evaluate the performance of its activities. The assessment looked at the indicators defined on the PCCB communications and stakeholder engagement strategies included awareness-raising, efficiency and effectiveness, inclusiveness and diversity, and convening relevant stakeholders for capacity-building. The assessment revealed that the activities falling under the "technical exchanges and peer-learning activities" pillar performed exceptionally well, with 40% of activities exceeding expectations. On the other hand, 20% of activities under the "communications and outreach activities" pillar

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performed below expectations, particularly when it came to convening a variety of capacity-building stakeholders. This can be explained by the one-way nature of communication products such as videos and podcasts which limits the representation of all relevant stakeholders. 75% of activities from the "networking and engagement activities" pillar performed as expected. This suggests that the Network's efforts to foster engagement and inclusivity among its members were successful, but there is still room for improvement to further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of these activities. Overall, the results-based assessment provides valuable insights into the Network's performance during the pilot phase, highlighting areas of strength and areas where improvements can be made to further advance the PCCB Network's mission.

6. The assessment of the cross-cutting issues mainstreamed through the "technical exchanges and peer-learning activities" pillar of the Network shows that, although most issues are not addressed fully, they are all covered to some extent. One challenge highlighted through the evaluation of the pilot phase is the linguistic gaps in engagement with key stakeholder groups and ensuring that the perspectives of these groups are taken into account in the Network's activities and that their needs are effectively addressed. In its post-pilot phase, the PCCB Network should promote inclusivity and focus on identifying, sharing and implementing innovative solutions that bridge linguistic gaps.

7. Partnerships at the regional level play a pivotal role in drawing expertise from a broad range of stakeholders in identifying capacity-building gaps and needs of developing countries. The PCCB thematic dialogue series at the UNFCCC regional climate weeks were launched as a means for the Committee to facilitate access to information and knowledge on capacity-building to support climate action, amplify and draw from the expertise of PCCB Network members in the different regions and promote cross-regional collaborations.

8. The Capacity-building Hubs play a key role as a platform for PCCB Network members to connect with each other and other stakeholders, strengthening existing partnerships and knowledge-sharing. The success of the two latest Hubs and the pilot phase of the Network serve as proof of concept of the co-benefits between the Hubs and the PCCB Network. The PCCB continues to facilitate and strengthen these co-benefits as the Capacity-building Hub and the PCCB Network continue to grow and evolve. It is recommended that the PCCB Network consider organizing a flagship event as it could increase the visibility of the Network and provide an opportunity for members to network, learn from each other and connect face to face.

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