



**Paris Committee on Capacity-building**

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**Draft concept note for the Paris Committee Capacity-building regional thematic dialogues in 2023**

*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) Consider the draft concept note for the PCCB regional thematic dialogues in 2023, as contained in the annex; and
- b) Agree on appropriate next steps with regard to the planning and organization of the thematic dialogues.

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

**A. Planning and organization of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building regional thematic dialogues in 2023**

1. The PCCB may wish to consider and discuss the draft concept note for the PCCB regional thematic dialogues in 2023, contained in the annex, with a view to finalize intersessionally the thematic focuses, modalities of the regional thematic dialogues and timeline of action for the implementation of these regional thematic dialogues at the UNFCCC regional climate weeks.
2. In terms of concrete actions at the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the PCCB may wish to consider:
  - (a) Appointing its working group 3 on awareness-raising, communications and stakeholder engagement<sup>1</sup> to pursue and guide work related to the regional thematic dialogues intersessionally. Discussions during the intersessional period could take place via conference calls or other virtual means;
  - (b) Selecting resource persons for the regional thematic dialogues from among the Parties and non-Party stakeholders who responded to the call for submissions on the 2023 PCCB focus area as well as from the PCCB Network;
  - (c) Focusing the dialogues on some of the key areas of capacity-building gaps and needs identified in the synthesis of submissions received on the 2023 focus area.<sup>2</sup>
3. The Committee may further wish to agree that final decisions on the themes and dates of the regional thematic dialogues be taken by all members of the PCCB on a no-objection basis and after the full consideration of any views, ideas and suggestions concerning the organization of the dialogues that might be shared by observers at the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PCCB.

<sup>1</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/pccb/pccb-working-groups#WG3>.

<sup>2</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/628026>.

## II. Background

4. The 2023 PCCB focus area, “capacity-building support for adaptation, with a focus on addressing gaps and needs related to formulating and implementing national adaptation plans (NAPs)”, was selected following an invitation from the Adaptation Committee (AC) for the other constituted bodies to jointly catalyse enhanced support in that regard, and activities conducted under the lens of this focus area will be implemented in close coordination and collaboration with the AC, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and other relevant stakeholders working on capacity-building for adaptation and especially for NAPs. Subsequently, in January and February 2023, the PCCB launched a call for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders on the annual PCCB focus area and prepared a synthesis of the submissions received.

5. As set out in the 2021–2024 workplan,<sup>3</sup> priority area C focuses on promoting awareness-raising, knowledge- and information-sharing and stakeholder engagement with bodies and relevant actors under and outside the Convention. In this context, to foster exchange on capacity-building at the national and regional level, the PCCB has been organizing its yearly regional thematic dialogues at the UNFCCC regional climate weeks (workplan activity C.4.1.) in alignment with its annual focus area.

6. Through these dialogues, the PCCB also seeks to provide a space for members of the PCCB Network and other relevant capacity-building stakeholders to share their experiences and exchange knowledge, case studies, and best practices related to the annual focus area as well as regional priorities identified through the synthesis of submissions received from Parties and non-Party stakeholders on the annual focus area.

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<sup>3</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/267207>.

## Annex

### **Draft concept note for the Paris Committee on Capacity-building regional thematic dialogues in 2023**

#### **I. Background**

1. One of the activities of the PCCB at the regional level (as per activity C.4.1. in the PCCB 2021–2024 workplan) is the regional thematic dialogues, a series of capacity-building-related sessions thematically aligned with the annual focus area of the PCCB and incorporating regional priorities, held at the UNFCCC regional climate weeks.
2. This draft concept note for the PCCB regional thematic dialogues in 2023 will be updated following its consideration by the PCCB at its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and the final note will then be published on the PCCB regional activities web pages.<sup>4</sup>

#### **II. Objectives**

3. The regional thematic dialogues aim to:
  - (a) Showcase regional case studies, tools and best practices related to capacity-building support for formulating and implementing NAPs;
  - (b) Identify key challenges related to the provision of capacity-building support for NAPs at the regional level and ways to improve existing capacity-building efforts;
  - (c) Explore the role and potential of regional collaboration on capacity-building for NAPs;
  - (d) Provide interested members of the PCCB Network with a platform to engage and collaborate on a regional and thematic basis and share their experiences and best practices related to climate change capacity-building.

#### **III. Potential resource persons and target audience**

4. In order to foster exchange on capacity-building at the national and regional level, the PCCB seeks to primarily engage with:
  - (a) Parties and non-Party stakeholders that responded to the PCCB call for submissions on the annual PCCB focus area;
  - (b) PCCB Network members;
  - (c) Relevant capacity-building stakeholders in the region.
5. The regional thematic dialogues aim to gather actors with an interest in the theme or in climate change related capacity-building more broadly, including members of the PCCB Network, Parties, development agencies, non-governmental organizations, private sector entities, academia and research institutions and individuals.
6. The PCCB seeks to ensure gender balance and the inclusion of vulnerable groups, such as young persons and indigenous peoples, by assigning representatives of those groups as speakers and resource persons at the dialogues and conducting targeted outreach to ensure a diverse audience.
7. In view of the thematic alignment of the dialogues with the 2023 focus area, the PCCB seeks to also engage with relevant UNFCCC bodies and processes, such as the AC, Adaptation Fund (AF), Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, the LEG, and the Technology Executive Committee.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://unfccc.int/pccb/regional-activities>

## IV. Intended outcomes

8. This annual series of regional thematic dialogues is a key component of the outreach conducted by the PCCB to its regional and national level stakeholders. The dialogues serve to raise awareness among participants about relevant PCCB products and activities and to share relevant findings of the Committee's work with stakeholders at the regional and/or national level. At the same time, by providing the space for a regional perspective, the dialogues aim to inform the work of the PCCB related to its annual focus area. Indeed, the findings of the events feed directly into relevant capacity-building discussions at the global level, such as at the annual Capacity-building Hub that takes place in conjunction with the COP, as well as other PCCB activities, including its annual recommendations to the COP and the CMA.

9. It is also expected that the findings of regional thematic dialogues in 2023 on capacity-building for NAPs inform and contribute to the current and future efforts of other UNFCCC bodies and processes working on capacity-building for NAPs, such as the AC, the AF, the LEG and the Nairobi work programme. The PCCB actively coordinates with these bodies and processes, including via the informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement established in 2021,<sup>5</sup> with a view to enhancing the coherence of capacity-building efforts under the UNFCCC process.

## V. Dates and modalities

10. Four regional thematic dialogues are envisaged to be held in 2023, all in conjunction with a UNFCCC regional climate week:

- (a) Africa Climate Week – Nairobi, Kenya (4–8 September 2023);
- (b) Middle East and North Africa Climate Week – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (9–12 October 2023);
- (c) Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week – Panama City, Panama (23–27 October 2023);
- (d) Asia-Pacific Climate Week – to be confirmed.

11. Each regional thematic dialogue is expected to take the format of a 60-minute interactive session with experts and practitioners from the region, including members of the PCCB Network that work on capacity-building support for NAPs. The dialogues will feature a panel discussion focusing on relevant case studies, experience and good practice from the region; this will be followed by interactive question and answer sessions that will provide the audience with the opportunity to actively engage in the discussion by asking the panellists questions. A summary report and recording of each dialogue will be made available.

## VI. Potential themes

12. In line with the annual focus area, the PCCB regional thematic dialogues in 2023 will focus on the overarching theme of “capacity-building support for NAPs”. Specific sub-themes, case studies and good practices will be identified primarily on the basis of the priority capacity-building areas found in the synthesis of submissions on the 2023 PCCB focus area. Sub-themes may vary from region to region and could include building capacities for:

- (a) Accessing financial support for NAPs;
- (b) Institutional arrangements and coordination on NAPs;
- (c) Implementation strategies for NAPs;
- (d) Risk and vulnerability assessment and risk management in the context of NAPs, including alignment of NAPs and disaster risk reduction;
- (e) Climate scenarios, science and translation to local context;
- (f) Gender equality integration and social inclusion, including the participation of civil society, communities and vulnerable groups, in NAP processes.

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<sup>5</sup> See [www.unfccc.int/pccb-icg](http://www.unfccc.int/pccb-icg).