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COP 25 stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition

Input by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building

Dear Mr. Kurtyka and Ms. Schmidt-Zaldivar,

On behalf of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB), we would like to thank you for seeking the inputs of the PCCB concerning the stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition to be convened at the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties in Madrid, Spain, in December 2019. The input is contained in the enclosure to this letter support those provided in 2018.

We would like to assure you of our fullest cooperation and commitment to work closely with the COP presidencies, and with other relevant bodies under the Convention, as well as organizations and stakeholders, in achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

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Input by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building on work relevant to pre-2020 implementation and ambition

I. *Introduction*

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by its decision 1/CP.24, reiterated its decision taken at COP 23 to convene a stock take on pre-2020 implementation and ambition at COP 25. Further, the COP decided to consider, inter alia, the inputs of the constituted bodies under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol. In line with this decision the PCCB provided an [input](#) to the stock take held at COP 24.
2. Capacity-building is a critical means of implementation that underpins a country's ability to address climate change and its impacts.
3. Established in 2015, the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) aims to address gaps and needs, both current and emerging, in implementing capacity-building in developing countries and further enhance capacity-building efforts, including on coherence and coordination in capacity-building activities under the Convention.
4. While the focus area of the PCCB for the years 2017- 2019 centered around capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions, other work undertaken by the Committee directly supports pre-2020 implementation and ambition.
5. The PCCB, throughout 2019, has further strengthened its collaboration with other constituted bodies as well as its involvement in the Action for Climate Empowerment process and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action. To further enhance coherence and coordination the theme of the 8th Durban Forum for capacity building has been aligned with the focus area of the PCCB.

II. *Relevant PCCB Activities in 2019*

A. *Recommendations to the COP*

6. *Building on the work carried out in the past one year, the PCCB made [recommendations](#) for consideration at COP 25 in the below five areas:*
 - *Capacity gaps and needs related to the implementation of nationally determined contributions.*

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- *Coherence and coordination of capacity-building.*
- *Strengthening and retaining capacity at the local and national level.*
- *Building capacity to integrate gender into climate action.*
- *Building capacity to integrate human rights into climate action.*

B. *Events*

1. Capacity Building Hub

7. The first ever Capacity Building hub was hosted by the PCCB during COP 24 In Katowice Poland. The hub was held from 5-12 December 2018 as a dedicated space to present a series of events featuring presentations, networking opportunities and showcasing hands-on training of tools to strengthen collaboration and outreach efforts on capacity-building activities at COP 24. More than 130 experts from approximately 90 institutions, networks, organizations, Parties, constituted bodies and the secretariat were involved in the organization of around 40 events, all with a clear focus on capacity-building. Topics included the role of cities, local governments and communities in climate action; climate finance; measurement, reporting and verification; approaches for communicating climate change issues; gender-responsive climate action; indigenous peoples' knowledge; just transition; NDCs; private sector engagement; and urban and rural linkages. The second Capacity Building Hub is planned to take place at COP 25.¹

2. Capacity-building Knowledge to Action Days.

8. The PCCB in partnership with several UN entities, research institutions and NGOs organized two Capacity-building Knowledge to Action Days² during the UNFCCC regional climate weeks in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Asia-Pacific. These full-day workshops provided a space for representatives of universities and research institutions to exchange views and experiences on addressing capacity-building gaps and needs with relevant stakeholders involved in the preparation and implementation of national adaptation plans and nationally determined contributions, intending to accelerate climate

¹ <https://unfccc.int/2nd-capacity-building-hub>

² <https://unfccc.int/pccb/capacity-building-knowledge-to-action-days-in-regional-climate-weeks>

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action and increase ambition. The results from these two events will be presented at the second Capacity-building Hub hosted by the PCCB at COP 25.

C. Documents

1. Coherence and coordination related to capacity-building activities under the convention

9. Climate-related capacity-building must be approached more systematically and coherently to ensure that capacity-building initiatives are targeted, consistent and continuous, as well as bring about long-term effects. The PCCB prepared a [technical paper](#) that analyses coherence and coordination practices related to capacity-building activities of constituted bodies and operating entities and in other relevant processes under and outside the Convention. The report recommended that PCCB should organize a workshop on coherence and coordination to coordinate with constituted bodies, operating entities, and relevant processes under the Convention, aiming to develop a forward-looking overview of work plans by bodies for 2020-2022.

2. National-level pilot exercise on capacity gaps and needs

10. The PCCB conducted a pilot exercise to identify and assess capacity gaps and needs related to the implementation of nationally determined contributions. The outcomes of this pilot exercise are captured in a [technical paper](#) which compiles the submissions from the six PCCB members who assessed gaps and needs in their countries or region and complements the national-level assessments of capacity gaps and needs with insights gained through desk research and interviews.

3. Strategic Plan for Stakeholder Engagement, Communication, and Resource Mobilization

11. The PCCB published its [Strategic Plan for Stakeholder Engagement, Communication, and Resource Mobilization](#) to enhance the implementation of its rolling workplan and foster a shared vision of priorities. An important tool in accomplishing this strategic plan, is the work the Committee has initiated to develop the concept of a PCCB **Network**, a leveraging platform to foster coherence and coordination in capacity-building efforts. The foreseen goal of the **PCCB Network** would be to foster synergies in capacity-building efforts for the implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, through the engagement of stakeholders under and outside the Convention.

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D. *Workshops*

1. Building capacity for integrating gender considerations into climate action

12. A technical workshop on gender capacity-building for the constituted bodies was held by the PCCB in the margins of COP 24. A [report](#) was published summarizing the outcomes of the technical workshop across three focus areas:

- *Gender-responsive, participatory and inclusive needs and gaps analysis;*
- *Gender analysis and budgeting; and*
- *Knowledge-sharing products and awareness-raising on integrating gender consideration*

2. Building Capacity for integrating human rights into climate action

13. A technical workshop on building capacity for integrating human rights into climate action was held by the PCCB in June 2019, in collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. A [report](#) was prepared which captures relevant experiences and lessons learned shared by participants across the three focus areas of the workshop: just transition, integrating rights in nationally determined contributions, and indigenous peoples' rights.

14. All outputs of the work of the PCCB during 2019 are described in detail in its Annual Technical Progress Report³ and further information on the PCCB can also be accessed through our web page⁴.

³ <https://unfccc.int/documents/200078>

⁴ <https://unfccc.int/pccb>