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SBI item 19 - Matters relating to capacity-building

Oral report by the Co-Chair of the Paris Committee on Capacitybuilding

Thank you, Madam Chair,

Distinguished delegates,

On behalf of the PCCB, I am pleased to report to you on the work and achievements of the PCCB in our latest reporting period of September 2021 to July 2022 under the three priority areas in our workplan for 2021 to 2024.

Under priority area a) 'Enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building under the Convention', we, inter alia, effectively facilitated the informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement (or short 'ICG').

The ICG provides 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.

The ICG successfully met twice in the reporting period and the PCCB regularly updated and published a comprehensive overview of forthcoming capacity-building activities of constituted bodies, processes and operating entities in the ICG to facilitate coordination and inform the public.

Furthermore, serving the Paris Agreement, the PCCB prepared a synthesis report on matters related to capacity-building for the technical assessment component of the first global stocktake under the Paris Agreement.

Under priority area b) 'Identifying capacity gaps and needs, both current and emerging, and recommending ways to address them', the PCCB launched a 'Toolkit to assess capacity gaps and needs to implement the Paris Agreement'.

We also continued to co-host with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights our free online training 'An introduction to climate change and human rights' which has been successfully completed by more than 3000 people so far.

Furthermore, the PCCB developed a 'Technical Paper on enhancing the ownership of developing counties of building and maintaining capacity for climate action', which we are pleased to launch on Wednesday, 9 November, at the 4th Capacity-building Hub here at COP 27.

Under priority area c) 'Promoting awareness-raising, knowledge- and informationsharing, and stakeholder engagement with bodies and relevant actors under and outside the Convention', the PCCB, inter alia, organized the week-long '3rd Capacitybuilding Hub' at COP 26 in Glasgow, and has been preparing for the '4th Capacity-building Hub' that runs from 9 to 16 November here at COP 27 with over 50 capacity-building focused events. We warmly invite all interested stakeholders to join the events at our hub.

We also completed our regional event series 'You(th) in Capacity-building' at the UNFCCC regional climate week in the MENA region in 2022 and launched a new regional event series at the 2022 regional climate week in the Latin America and the Caribbean region, focused on 'Building capacity for the horizontal and vertical integration of NDCs'.

The PCCB continued to facilitate the work of our PCCB Network launched in 2020 as a voluntary association of capacity-building stakeholders which has since grown to over 300 members.

Across our workplan, we continued to implement our **gender mainstreaming standard** and to integrate other **cross-cutting issues**, such as indigenous peoples' knowledge, human rights, youth and elements of Action for Climate Empowerment.

Finally, in response to a request from COP 25 to report on progress, outcomes, impacts and effectiveness of the activities in our workplan, we have developed a **monitoring and evaluation framework** and applied it for the first time in our annual technical progress report for 2022.

Madam Chair, distinguished delegates,

Please allow me to express my sincere gratitude to my fellow co-chair and all members of the PCCB and to our Party and non-Party observers and stakeholders for their valuable contributions to the work of the PCCB during the past year.

Thank you.