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Oral Report by

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- On behalf of my Co-Chair Ms. Rita Mishaan and all the members of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to briefly introduce our second annual technical progress report to the SBI.
- It has been an exciting year for the PCCB, with the second meeting of the Committee having taken place in conjunction with the forty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Bodies in May 2018, and with plenty of work undertaken intersessionally prior to and after this second meeting.
- The 2018 annual technical progress report shows the significant progress made by the PCCB in many areas of our work.
- The report also contains **recommendations** for consideration by the COP, derived from the PCCB's analysis of climate capacity-building issues, its regular dialogues with the constituted bodies and other stakeholders, and the outcomes of the 7th Durban Forum on capacity-building held in conjunction with the forty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Bodies in May 2018.
- Given the successful thematic alignment of the 7th Durban Forum on capacity-building held in 2018 with the annual focus area of the PCCB, the PCCB recommends that the COP ensure the **thematic alignment of the 2019 Durban Forum** on capacity-building with the 2019 focus area of the PCCB on capacity-building activities for the implementation of NDCs in the context of the Paris Agreement.
- In this context, the COP may also wish to take note of the agreement by the PCCB to continue the **2018 focus area or theme throughout 2019**.
- In terms of progress made intersessionally, we would like to use this opportunity to highlight a number of activities undertaken by the Committee in 2018.

- The PCCB has increased its **engagement** with other constituted bodies and other actors and processes under and outside the Convention. One example is the participation of PCCB Co-Chair Rita Mishaan in the **Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week** in Montevideo as part the PCCB’s collaboration with the Marrakech Partnership on Global Climate Action. Contributions were made at several events, including the CTCN regional forum, a NDC workshop and the high-level segment of the climate week.
- Related to the sharing of knowledge and information on capacity-building, the PCCB, through its working group on enhancing the **capacity-building portal**, also made significant progress in providing guidance to the secretariat on the maintenance and further development of the portal.
- In addition, our Committee is organizing a **PCCB Capacity-building Hub - Series of Events** at COP 24, which will be officially opened on 5 December and will run up to 12 December.
- Moreover, the PCCB is officially launching a **dedicated capacity-building network on Facebook** during the opening of the Capacity-building Hub.
- Through the launch of the hub and the greater engagement via social media, the PCCB aims to scale up best practices, and in this way, contribute to enhancing climate action.
- Progress has also been made on addressing **cross-cutting issues**. Activities to highlight here are:
 - Firstly, the organization of a **PCCB Gender 101 Webinar** for the Chairs and members of the constituted bodies in October 2018, and, as a follow-up to this activity, the organization of a **technical workshop** on integrating gender considerations in the capacity-building work of constituted bodies, to be held on December 12 at COP 24.
 - Second, the organization of a **side event** in collaboration with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and Mary Robinson Foundation, on

capacity-building for integrating human rights in climate action on 7 December at COP 24.

- And third, related to the cross-cutting issue of the role of cities and in my role as PCCB Co-Chair, I recently joined the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa Climate Task Force.
- Last but not least, we would like to highlight an ongoing **pilot exercise** at the national level to assess capacity gaps and needs in implementing NDCs. The PCCB launched this exercise at its second meeting and the information gathered during the pilot exercise is expected to feed into a compilation and synthesis report of the PCCB on capacity gaps and needs related to NDC implementation.
- Mr. Chair, on behalf of my co-chair, please allow me to express our appreciation for the hard work of all members of the PCCB, to Parties and to other stakeholders for their constructive participation in the work of the PCCB, and to the other constituted bodies established under the Convention for their continued collaboration and cooperation.
- The PCCB has a unique mandate to help countries identify needs and gaps in capacity-building and to promote active engagement with a wide range of stakeholders to increase the impact of capacity-building. This includes **boosting collaboration and coherence** between the actions of different actors. We look forward to continuing and further strengthening this work.
- Thank you.