

Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB)
Call for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders:
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’

Background

The PCCB aims to address gaps and needs, both current and emerging, in implementing capacity-building in developing country Parties and further enhance capacity-building efforts. Current priority areas are:

- a) Enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building under the Convention;
- b) Identifying capacity gaps and needs, both current and emerging, and recommending ways to address them;
- c) Promoting awareness-raising, knowledge- and information-sharing and stakeholder engagement.

To learn more about the work of the PCCB, you can access its annual reports and other documents [here](#).

Topic for submissions

The PCCB annually focuses on an area related to enhanced technical exchange on capacity-building. It determined, in its 2021-2024 workplan, to make calls for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders on the annual PCCB focus area.

The PCCB focus area for 2023 is:

‘Capacity-building support for adaptation, with a focus on addressing gaps and needs related to formulating and implementing national adaptation plans (NAPs)’

The focus area was agreed after the PCCB participated in a coherence and collaboration dialogue with constituted bodies held by the Adaptation Committee (AC) on 14 June 2022, aiming at jointly catalyzing enhanced support in that regard.

Through its 2023 focus area the PCCB aims to contribute to a better understanding of existing and emerging capacity gaps and needs as well as challenges, case studies, good practices, tools and lessons learned with regard to capacity-building support for adaptation, especially as it relates to addressing gaps and needs of developing countries in formulating and implementing their NAPs. In implementing its 2023 focus area and as part of its mandate to enhance the coherence and coordination of capacity-building efforts under the Convention and Paris Agreement, the PCCB will liaise closely with the AC and aims to directly engage the AC, LEG and other relevant bodies and entities in its work, with a view to effectively building on their previous, relevant efforts as well as informing and contributing to their ongoing and future work in this area.

Who can submit?

The call is open to all UNFCCC Parties and non-Party stakeholders, such as public and private sector entities, government and non-government organizations, philanthropic organizations, academic and research organizations, international and regional organizations or initiatives, and UNFCCC constituted bodies.

How will the inputs be used?

The inputs will feed into the PCCB's workplan activities in 2023, including a focus area day at the 5th Capacity-building Hub at COP 28, and envisaged regional activities and webinars. The inputs will also inform the design and preparations of the 12th Durban Forum on capacity-building to be held during the Bonn Climate Change

Conference in June 2023. The PCCB supports the SBI in aligning the theme of the Durban Forum on capacity-building with the annual focus area of the PCCB at the request of the COP.

Submissions form

We thank you in advance for filling out this template with concise, evidence-based information and for referencing all relevant sources. There are 2 sections in this template:

- *Details about your organization*
- *Guiding questions about capacity-building support for adaptation, with a focus on addressing gaps and needs related to formulating and implementing national adaptation plans (NAPs)*

Further information:

You are welcome to provide any other information and suggestions that your organization/entity would like to highlight in response to this call for submissions.

Address for submission: pccb@unfccc.int

Deadline for submissions: 28 February 2023

PART I:

Please only fill out sections relevant to the work of your organization. Please note that no section is mandatory.

Organization or entity name:

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, South Africa

Type of organization:

Please choose as appropriate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Intergovernmental organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Development bank / financial institution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UN and affiliated organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-governmental organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International network, coalition, or initiative | <input type="checkbox"/> Research organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional network, coalition, or initiative | <input type="checkbox"/> University/education/training organization |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public sector entity | <input type="checkbox"/> Private sector entity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Philanthropic organization |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) _____ |

Organization Location

City: Pretoria

Country: South Africa

Scale of operation:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Global | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local | <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National | <input type="checkbox"/> Transboundary |

City(ies)/Country(ies) of operation (if appropriate):

South Africa has nine provinces – as the National Government the scope covers all the provinces.

PART II:

Please only fill out sections that are relevant to the work of your organization/entity:

<p>In your experience, <u>what are the key capacity gaps and needs</u> of developing countries related to formulating and implementing NAPs?</p>										
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<p><i>Gap/need identified: Access to financial support for Adaptation is imperative, Strengthening institutional, sector and stakeholder capacity.</i></p>										
<p>In your experience, what have been the key challenges with regard to the <u>provision of capacity-building support</u> in this area to date?</p>										
<p><i>Challenge: Data availability and access, as well as the analysis, interpretation of data and communication from scientists to policy makers remain a challenge, lack of capacity during the implementation phase of the NAP at provincial and level.</i></p>										
<p><i>How could this challenge be addressed? The creation of working groups involving both data analysts and policy makers, improved expectations management (i.e. laying out the needs and what can be provided), and generally open and active communication channels. Need for targeted capacity building programmes such as Training and exchange of information and workshop.</i></p>										
<p>How can <u>existing capacity-building efforts</u> be improved and what kind of new or additional capacity-building efforts are needed to ensure the effective formulation and implementation of NAPs?</p>										
<p><i>At the subnational level: Problems to coordinate NAP implementation between sectors and between national and local levels.</i></p>										
<p><i>At the national level: Continuous Awareness raising through enhancing the abilities of different types of stakeholders involved in the NAP process to improve their understanding of climate change and provide them with the required skills to integrate adaptation measures in their respective structures. Identifying entry points for mainstreaming NAPs into government policy cycles.</i></p>										
<p><i>At the regional level: Building adaptation planning on reliable data.</i></p>										
<p>Who should be the target recipients of such capacity-building, and who could provide it?</p>										

Recipients: Policy makers, organisations responsible for adaptation planning and implementation.

Providers: Data analysts, Scientists.

Case studies, good practices, tools, lessons learned, or examples of support:

Please describe any that build capacity to formulate and implement NAPs

Climate change adaptation in South Africa: a case study on the role of the health sector.
Climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu.

National Climate Change Response Database: The National Climate Change Response Database (NCCRD) is intended as a resource to collect and track interventions on climate change (adaptation and mitigation) on past, current and future climate change response efforts (policies, plans, strategies, projects and research) across South Africa.

Lets respond toolkit: Which outlines a range of resources available to assist local government in developing Climate Change Response Plans

Useful sources:

*Please give examples of additional useful sources relevant to this topic
(e.g. webpages and portals, publications, fora, organizations working on this issue)*

<https://climateanalytics.org/blog/2016/challenges-in-climate-adaptation-planning/>
<https://globalizationandhealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12992-019-0466-x>
<https://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/en/about/climate-adapt-10-case-studies-online.pdf>

<https://letsrespondtoolkit.org/>

<https://nccrd.environment.gov.za/>