

Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB)
Call for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders:
2022 PCCB focus area

‘Building capacity to facilitate the coherent implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of national development plans and sustainable recovery’

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](#).

Topics 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.

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 2022, including a focus area day at the 4th Capacity-building Hub at COP 27, and envisaged regional activities and webinars. The inputs will also inform the design and preparations of the 11th Durban Forum on capacity-building to be held during the Bonn Climate Change Conference in June 2022. Responding to the request of the COP for the SBI to align the theme of the Durban Forum on capacity-building with the annual focus area of the PCCB, the PCCB has been working to ensure alignment between discussions at the annual Durban Forum and the work of the PCCB related to its annual focus area.

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 implementing NDCs and national development plans in developing countries in a coherent manner, while supporting a sustainable recovery*

Further information:

You are welcome to provide any other information that your organization thinks would highlight suggestions made in response to this call for submissions.

Address for submission: pccb@unfccc.int

Deadline for submissions: 25 February 2022

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

Organization or entity name:

Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia

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: Monrovia

Country: Liberia

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):

Monrovia

The annual PCCB focus area

At its fifth meeting in June 2021, the PCCB agreed on the following focus area for 2022:

‘Building capacity to facilitate the coherent implementation of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) in the context of national development plans and sustainable recovery’

The Paris Agreement aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change through the implementation of NDCs and national development plans, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty. This presents ample opportunities for synergies and the PCCB, with its strong mandate to engage with other bodies under and outside the Convention, is well positioned to promote coherence in achieving climate and development objectives.

Building closely on the PCCB’s 2021 focus area on building capacity to facilitate coherent implementation of NDCs in the context of national development plans, the 2022 focus area is dedicated to the question of how this process can support a sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated multiple crises, and solutions for economic recovery efforts need to be responsive to the climate emergency and facilitate a transition to a greener, fairer, and more sustainable world, and capacity-building is a key enabler for this.

The [PCCB’s work on its 2021 focus area](#) contributed to an enhanced understanding of the key barriers and capacity-building needs and gaps hindering the coherent implementation of NDCs and national development plans, as well as of existing solutions. Through this call for submissions, **the PCCB seeks to contribute to a better understanding of how the coherent implementation of NDCs and national development plans can be aligned with and support a sustainable recovery.** What good practices and lessons learned exist with regard to aligning NDC implementation and national development planning with recovery efforts that are focused on sustainability and what are the major capacity-building needs and gaps in this area?

To facilitate coherent NDC implementation and planning in developing countries that are aligned with and support a sustainable recovery, in your experience, what are:

the key interventions?

To establish and strengthen Liberia’s NDC Implementation Unit for effective coordination of NDC Implementation across nine(9) NDC priority sectors, 2. To strengthen sectoral capacity and knowledge on Measurement, Reporting and Verification(MRV) 3. To develop NDC Tracking tools and train sector experts on the use and application of the NDC Tracking tools 4. Increase public awareness and education through the creation of an effective NDC blog to be hosted by the Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia 5. Assessing Sustainable Development Impacts of the NDC

the enabling conditions?

To source funding for the creation of the NDC Implementation Unit 2. To operationalize Liberia’s MRV System and train key national experts on understanding the use and application of the system 3. To identify and contextualize available NDC tools that will support NDC Tracking 4. To effectively communicate NDC sector outcomes through diverse public education and awareness raising platforms 5. To assess policies that align with sectors targets and national development goals that promote the UN SDGs.

the key institutional barriers?

1. Inadequate financial resources for capacity building within the context of NDC Implementation
2. Limited Technical Capacity within the NDC sectors with relevant expertise in GHG inventory,

data collection, analysis 3. Cost of maintaining the NDC Implementation unit 4. Inadequate policy and regulatory framework for the NDC Implementation

the capacity gaps and capacity-building needs?

The following are identified capacity gaps: 1. Lack of support for the establishment of the remaining four(4) NDC sector hubs as per Liberia's updated NDC- Fisheries, Coastal Zones, Health, and Industry, 2. Insufficient, reliant and quality sector data 3. Inadequate understanding of the NDC sector targets 4. Limited technical knowledge on the operationalization of MRV System 5. Limited policy and regulatory frameworks to drive NDC implementation The following are now the capacity building needs: 1. To establish four(4) NDC hubs for new priority sectors in Liberia's Updated NDC(Fisheries, Coastal Zones, Health, and Industry 2. Build the capacity of the NDC sector hubs to gather, analyse and report fragmented data 3. To support public awareness and education on understanding NDC sector targets 4. To build synergy and capacity amongst NDC sector hubs to fully operationalize the MRV system 5. To conduct policy assessment of existing sector policies and align them with NDC sector targets as well as seek possible legislations for enactment(Example: National Energy Policy, The Need for A National Transport Policy, National Waste Management Policy, etc.)

the knowledge and skills priorities?

1. Practical Knowledge on GHG inventory calculation and management and MRV System
2. Practical application of NDC Tracking tools

How can existing capacity-building efforts be improved and what kind of new or additional capacity-building efforts are needed to ensure that coherent NDC implementation and planning in developing countries are aligned with and support a sustainable recovery? Who should be the target recipients of such capacity-building?

At the subnational level:

The NDC sector experts within the nine(9) NDC sectors- A total of 135 sector experts

At the national level:

NDC Implementation Unit(6 persons), the NDC Nine Priority sector technicians(27 persons)

At the regional level:

Information sharing and learning amongst NDC coordinators and facilitators at the regional level.

Good case studies, best practices, tools and methodologies, lessons learned, or examples of support:

Please describe any that build capacity to facilitate coherent NDC implementation and planning in developing countries that are aligned with and support a sustainable recovery

The Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency(CBIT) which was focused on strengthening and building national capacity to implement transparency elements of the Paris Agreement helped build the capacity of national experts in GHG inventory calculation, analysis and reporting in the Energy, Waste, Transport, AFOLU, IPPU, Forestry and Agriculture sector across five of the nine NDC priority sectors. The CBIT Project established 5 NDC hubs- Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Monrovia City Corporation, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry Development Authority. Additionally, the project trained national experts on understanding the relevance of GHG in MRV processes as well as private sector understanding of GHG/MRV processes.

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)*

[Liberia's Updated NDC RL FINAL \(002\).pdf \(unfccc.int\)](#)

[Building and strengthening Liberia's national capacity to implement the transparency elements of the Paris Climate Agreement | CBIT Global Coordination Platform \(cbitplatform.org\)](#)

[Liberia | NDC Partnership](#)