

**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

- 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.

developing country Parties and further enhance capacity-building efforts. Current priority areas are:

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](mailto: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:**

Northern Uganda Regional Development Forum – NURDEF(West Nile, Acholi and Lango)

**Type of organization:**

*Please choose as appropriate:*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional network, coalition, or initiative | <input type="checkbox"/> University/education/training organization |
| <input 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: Gulu

Country:Uganda

**Scale of operation:**

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

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

Gulu/Uganda/Northern Uganda-Acholi, Lango and West Nile

## 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?*

- Stakeholders consultations conducted.
- Field surveys of the potential sites
- Training Program Conducted for Public institutions in Northern Uganda.
- Development of fuel efficiency policy commences
- Registration of participating enterprises done and inception workshop conducted
- 12,000 improved cook stoves distributed /constructed
- Energy Efficiency Awareness Materials Disseminated to Targeted Consumers
- Monitor solar PV activities in Northern Uganda

*the enabling conditions?*

1. Climate change has increasingly been recognised as a current and existential threat globally. 2 The Government of Uganda through its third National Development Plan (NDP III) recognises climate change as one of the risks to achieving sustainable development and devotes a programme (NDPIII Programme 9) to address it. There are government experts for environment, fisheries and production at the sub-counties and districts to support the implementation of the project.

*the key institutional barriers?*

Little resource allocation to implement critical activities; understaffing limits reach and impact; limited research to inform intervention; limited knowledge and awareness of the local councils about the dangers of environmental degradation and improper farming methods.

*the capacity gaps and capacity-building needs?*

Lack of environmental activists at community levels; lack of capacity of existing government staff to provide all-round technical information on climate change; inability to convene and conduct sensitization and awareness creation due to funding constraints; limited expertise in innovating appropriate energy saving technologies; limited resource capacities to acquire and use energy saving technologies; limited capacity for communities to invest in Post harvest handling equipment and supplies

*the knowledge and skills priorities?*

Implement research to inform interventions; support capacity building to enhance the skills and knowledge of government staff to credibly conduct community level sensitization based on updated information on climate change; Support local Universities and Technical Vocational schools to become centers of excellence for development of appropriate energy saving technologies; Train community level environmental activists; support community level actions aimed at environmental protection and conservation

**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:*

*Link to sub-national entities to create synergies and respond to cross-regional challenges; convene multi-stakeholders consultations and dialogues to address sub-national emerging environmental issues*

*At the national level:*

Work with Greater North Parliamentary Forum and the MDAs to further awareness and reach of wider communities with messages aimed at creating collective responses to environmental challenges

*At the regional level:*

Conduct multi-stakeholders consultations and dialogue to harmonise approaches and further diagnosis of environmental challenges; Work towards formulation of common by-laws and ordinances; support sub-regional and regional Councils of Local governments to convene and articulate critical issues on environment.

**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*

A multi-stakeholders approach that convenes to dialogue and conduct collective diagnosis enable players to make commitments and draw up plans of actions that are effective; Building a human resource base in communities is effective in enhancing grassroots mobilization and prompting community level actions for deeper ownership; periodic reviews and evaluations of performance of interventions hold responsible persons regularly accountable and breeds competitiveness.

**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)*

Northern Uganda Regional Forum – 5Years Investment Plan; nurdef.org; Northern Uganda Regional Development Forum- 15 years Development Strategy