

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:

Climate Change Management Department, Zimbabwe

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 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) : Government |

Organization Location

City: Harare

Country:Zimbabwe

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):

Zimbabwe

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?

Technical and Financial resource mobilization for NDCs and National Development Plans implementation; Capacity building and awareness raising targeting key stakeholders; implementation of NDCs, LEDS and other climate-related documents; Harnessing political buy-in for effective implementation and support from the political space; lobby for substantial allocation of resources from the national budget; mainstream climate change in development planning at national and sub-national levels

the enabling conditions?

Political will at highest level; have focal points in all key socio-economic sectors; formulation of bankable projects to mobilise more resources; support the ace National Focal Point in implementing capacity building programmes at national and sub-national levels; Put in place a robust policy and institutional framework to support capacity building efforts

the key institutional barriers?

Low levels of awareness on NDCs and National Development Plans as well as climate change in general; lack of technical capacity and proper institutional arrangements for NDCs implementation at national and sub-national levels; insufficient financial resources for implementation of NDCs and National Development Plans; unfavourable policy and institutional environment; the Covid-19 pandemic; unfavourable socio-economic conditions; resistance from the general public

the capacity gaps and capacity-building needs?

Lack of a data archiving system which creates transparency and improves credibility and also provide a clear starting point for future reporting to the UNFCCC; lack of systematic GHG inventory quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) and verification plan; insufficient financial resources to cover all the key sectors the country should be reporting on; There is need for technical and financial support to develop a National Capacity Building Framework and Plan that covers mitigation, adaptation, finance and technology targeting major climate change sector players; Strengthen policies and institutional capacities for implementation of NDCs, National Development Plans and other climate-related plans and strategies

the knowledge and skills priorities?

Development of bankable project proposals to mobilise financial resources from international finance mechanisms for implementation of NDCs and National Development Plans; Capacity building for transparent reporting to the UNFCCC; Awareness raising for behavior change; Strengthening participation of relevant stakeholders including non-state actors including academia and research centres in NDCs and National Development Strategy implementation

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:

Target sub-national Government Officers, parastatals, civil society organisations and the private sector; raise awareness on climate change issues and identify entry points to mainstream climate change in planning and budgetary frameworks at sub-national levels; appoint climate change champions to push forward the climate change agenda at sub-national levels

At the national level:

Appoint NDC focal points from all sectors and hold meetings periodically; Mobilise financial and technical resources for capacity building programmes at national and sub-national levels; Raise awareness about NDCs and national development plans; support ACE NFPs to implement ACE and capacity building programmes at national and sub-national levels

At the regional level:

Conduct regional experience sharing workshops/ seminars; Mobilise resources for regional capacity building programmes; support ACE NFPs from the region to attend the UNFCCC Conference of Parties and follow capacity building and ACE agenda items

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

Mobilisation of resources from the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) Platform; Having focal points in all ministries and organisations who will push forward the agenda of NDC implementation; Capacity building information sharing sessions

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)

www.climatechange.org.zw

<https://www.cbitplatform.org/>

<https://unccelearn.org/>

<https://www.uncclean.org/>