

Decision -/CP.29

Terms of reference for the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 2/CP.7 and 1/CP.21,

1. *Reaffirms* its decision to conduct the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries established under decision 2/CP.7 under the Convention;¹
2. *Adopts* the terms of reference for the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention,² as contained in the annex;
3. *Invites* Parties, constituted bodies under the Convention, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, representatives of relevant processes under the Convention and other non-Party stakeholders to submit via the submission portal³ by 28 February 2025 views on the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries based on the terms of reference contained in the annex;
4. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a technical report, based on the submissions referred to in paragraph 3 above and the information sources referred to in paragraph 5 of the annex, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its sixty-second session (June 2025);
5. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its sixty-second session, to initiate the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the annex, taking into account the submissions referred to in paragraph 3 above and the technical report referred to in paragraph 4 above;
6. *Further requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to complete its work on the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention at its sixty-third session (November 2025) with a view to recommending a draft decision on the matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session (November 2025).

¹ See decision 10/CP.25, para. 15.

² Developed as per decision 10/CP.25, para. 14.

³ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

Annex

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I. Mandate

1. At its twenty-fifth session, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its sixtieth session, to initiate the development of the terms of reference for the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries established under decision 2/CP.7 under the Convention for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session (November 2024).¹

II. Objective

2. The objective of the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention is to take stock of the progress in and assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the implementation of the framework in developing countries under the Convention taking into account recent developments under the Convention.

III. Review elements

3. The review elements are as follows:

(a) To take stock of progress in and assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention;

(b) To examine possible capacity gaps and challenges in addressing the implementation of priority areas² as contained in the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention, taking into account emerging needs and priorities for capacity-building;

(c) To identify lessons learned and best practices in the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention and explore ways to further enhance the implementation of capacity-building activities;

(d) To recommend ways and means to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention, taking into account recent developments in capacity-building under the Convention and the need for coherence and avoiding duplication in institutional arrangements related to capacity-building.

IV. Modalities of work

4. The fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention should draw upon the relevant reports prepared by the secretariat for consideration at SBI 62 and any additional relevant information contained in the information sources listed in chapter V below, and take into account the objective and review elements in chapters II and III above respectively.

¹ Decision 10/CP.25, para. 14.

² Decision 2/CP.7, annex, para. 17.

V. Information sources

5. Information sources that could be drawn on in the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention are, inter alia:

- (a) Submissions from Parties and observers;
 - (b) Findings from the previous comprehensive reviews of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries;
 - (c) Annual synthesis reports on the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries prepared by the secretariat;
 - (d) National reports submitted by Parties under the Convention, as applicable;
 - (e) Annual reports of the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;
 - (f) Summary reports on the meetings of the Durban Forum;
 - (g) Annual technical progress reports of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building;
 - (h) Reports of relevant bodies serving the Convention;
 - (i) Views expressed by Parties during SBI 62 and 63 (November 2025);
 - (j) Other relevant documents prepared by the secretariat.
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