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Capacity-building under the Convention

**Submission from Australia, Canada, Japan and
the United States of America**

1. On 5 June 2015, the secretariat received a submission from Australia, Canada, Japan and the United States of America.
2. This submission is attached and reproduced* in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.¹

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Submission from Australia, Canada, Japan and the United States of America

Submission by Australia, Canada, Japan, and the United States on elements for a draft decision

Conference room paper for SBI agenda item 9(a)

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 4/CP.12 and 1/CP.16,

Also recalling its decision 2/CP.7 to conduct a comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries every five years, and decision 13/CP.17, to initiate the third comprehensive review of the framework at the forty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation with a view to completing the review at the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties,

Emphasizing that capacity-building is important in enabling Parties to address the challenges of climate change,

Reaffirming that capacity-building should be a continuous, progressive and iterative process that is participatory, country-driven, and consistent with national priorities and circumstances,

Acknowledging that capacity-building is cross-cutting in nature and an integral part of enhanced action on mitigation, adaptation, and technology development and transfer,

Noting that the preparation of national communications, biennial reports, biennial update reports, intended nationally determined contributions, national adaptation programmes of action, NAPs, NAMAs, and a range of other activities, have contributed to the development of individual level capacity within and across national institutions,

Recognizing the important role that the Durban Forum plays in enhancing the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building,

Also recognizing the role of the Capacity Building Portal in providing information on the capacity-building activities and support provided at the global, regional and country level, including identifying best practice approaches and potential gaps in the delivery of capacity-building,

Also acknowledging that, in addition, there may be specific capacity-building activities that require support to facilitate the enhanced implementation of the Convention,

1. *Agrees* on the terms of reference for the Third Comprehensive Review of the Capacity-Building Framework, as contained in the Annex;
2. *Encourages* Parties to continue to provide information through the appropriate channels, including annual submissions on the implementation of capacity-building, national communications, biennial reports, and biennial update reports, on the progress made in enhancing capacity to address climate change;
3. *Urges* relevant bodies under the Convention to continue to provide capacity-building activities in their work, as appropriate;
4. *Decides* that the fifth meeting of the Durban Forum, to be held during the 43rd session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, will explore potential ways for enhancing capacity building by sharing information and experiences with:
 - (a) Promoting ownership and country driven capacity building;

- (b) Creating an enabling environment;
 - (c) Mainstreaming of climate change into national sectoral development policies;
 - (d) Strengthening the leadership of governments to build capacity within their own country contexts;
 - (e) Improving knowledge management;
 - (f) Scaling up capacity built from individual, institutional to systemic levels;
 - (g) Ensuring sustainability and maintenance of capacity built;
 - (h) Maintenance of institutional memory of capacity;
 - (i) Managing results of capacity building;
 - (j) Ensuring accountability;
5. *Invites* UN agencies and multilateral organizations to provide information to the UNFCCC for the Capacity-Building Portal;
6. *Requests* Parties to make submissions on possible ways to enhance the coverage of information included in the Capacity-Building Portal, to be included in their annual submissions.

Annex

[Placeholder for terms of reference for the 3rd Comprehensive Review of the Capacity-Building Framework]
