

# Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB)

## Call for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders:

### *Existing tools and methodologies for implementing capacity-building activities that enable countries to achieve the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement*

#### 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](#).

#### Topic for submissions

As part of its continuing efforts to respond to these priorities, the PCCB determined in its 2021-2024 workplan, to make calls for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders on:

*Existing tools and methodologies for implementing capacity-building activities that enable countries to achieve the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement.*

#### 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*

#### How will the inputs be used?

The inputs for implementing capacity-building activities will feed into upcoming deliverables under Activity B.2 of the 2021-2024 PCCB workplan, including a technical session at the 4th Capacity-building Hub in 2022.

#### 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: 30 November 2021

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:**

Gold Standard Foundation, on behalf of the Sustainable Development Initiative

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-governmental organization   |
| <input checked="" 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) _____               |

**Organization Location**

City: Geneva

Country:Switzerland

**Scale of operation:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global | <input 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):**

Gold Standard is based in Geneva, Switzerland. As a carbon market standard, it has projects registered in over 80 countries, primarily in developing countries.

The Sustainable Development Initiative is a partnership between Gold Standard and UNEP-DTU Partnership, based in Copenhagen, Denmark. The Sustainable Development Initiative is financially supported by the Governments of Germany, Sweden and Norway.

## Existing tools and methodologies for implementing capacity-building activities that enable countries to achieve the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement.

Having the right and necessary tools and methodologies available to efficiently design, implement, and monitor and evaluate meaningful capacity-building interventions is key to making sure that countries successfully implement the Paris Agreement and reach its goals.

The PCCB seeks information on tools and methodologies used in climate-related efforts that aim to strengthen capacities at the individual, institutional or systemic level to meet objectives or perform better, and/or that enhance the sustainability, replicability or scalability of capacity-building projects/efforts. Relevant tools and methodologies also include those supporting the design and monitoring and evaluation of capacity-building efforts.

### **What are good examples of tools and methodologies used by different actors for implementing capacity-building activities that enable countries to achieve the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement?**

- The Sustainable Development Initiative, in December 2020, published Good Practice Guidance for the Preliminary Assessment of Sustainable Development in Article 6 Actions. The purpose of this is to provide a methodology for Parties to do an upfront assessment of activities they are considering supporting under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement (as either a host or buyer country), and consider to what extent sustainable development considerations have been reflected in an activity's design.
- This methodology can support Parties to ensure that Article 6 activities not only have a positive climate impact, but also promote wider sustainable development objectives, such as good health, employment and improved biodiversity. Such benefits are important for ensuring that countries hosting Article 6 activities experience significant benefits, even while they allow other countries or entities to count emission reductions generated by the activities.
- Other tools and methodologies have been developed and applied related to the sustainable development impacts of mitigation activities. Gold Standard, for instance, has launched a new SDG Impact Tool to enable project developers to monitor and better communicate the SDG impacts of their projects. Meanwhile the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) has developed a Sustainable Development Methodology and a Transformational Change Methodology, to help policymakers and other users assess multiple impacts across environmental, social and economic dimensions and for system change to net-zero and sustainable societies.

### **Which types of tools and methodologies for capacity building have proven to be the most effective and why?**

- With respect to the monitoring of sustainable development benefits, there is an important balance to be struck between the usability of the tool and/or methodology (i.e. is it complex and burdensome to use, and will this deter users) and its rigour (i.e. is this tool sufficiently detailed and well-designed to provide accurate, credible results). This is important to the uptake and overall value of tools and methodologies.

### **Which (types of) tools and methodologies to support the efficient design, implementation, and monitoring/evaluation of meaningful capacity-building interventions are currently lacking?**

- Data management tools enabling private sector stakeholders to report impacts of their actions to national authorities to be reflected in countries transparency systems and reporting to the UNFCCC and the 2030 Agenda for SDGs.

**In which thematic area(s) of the Paris Agreement are new tools and methodologies for capacity-building most required in order to achieve the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement?**

- There are many thematic areas of the Paris Agreement that require enhanced support for capacity-building, including through new tools and methodologies.
- From the perspective of the Sustainable Development Initiative, we see a need for further development of tools and methodologies to support Parties' use of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, including to monitor and promote the sustainable development benefits of Article 6 activities. The SDI conveyed this in our position paper for COP26, which proposed that Parties agree to the development of such tools over the next year. A link is provided in the next section.

**Useful sources:**

*Please give examples of useful sources relevant to this topic*

*(e.g. webpages and portals, publications, fora, organizations working on this issue)*

- SDI Good Practice Guidance for the Preliminary Assessment of Sustainable Development in Article 6 Actions:
- [https://www.goldstandard.org/sites/default/files/1.1\\_sdi\\_2020\\_good\\_practices\\_preliminary\\_assessment\\_guidance\\_v1.1.pdf](https://www.goldstandard.org/sites/default/files/1.1_sdi_2020_good_practices_preliminary_assessment_guidance_v1.1.pdf)
- SDI Position Paper for COP26: <https://unepdtu.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/sdi-position-paper-for-cop26-september-2021.pdf>
- ICAT: <https://climateactiontransparency.org/>

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