

SBI 47 Plenary, Monday, 6 November 2017
PCCB Co-chairs' speaking notes (2 minutes)

- Thank you for giving us, as Co-Chairs and on behalf of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building, the opportunity to briefly introduce its first annual technical progress report to the SBI.
- It has been an exciting year for the Committee, with the inaugural meeting of the Committee having taken place in conjunction with the forty-sixth (46th) session of the Subsidiary Bodies in May this year, signifying the full operationalization of the Committee.
- The meeting was well attended, including by a number of **observers**, as well as **representatives of the operating entities and the constituted bodies** under the Convention, who also continued to provide constructive inputs throughout the year.
- My co-chair and I would like to take this opportunity to **thank** all the observers and the representatives of the operating entities and the constituted bodies for their valuable contributions to and active engagement in the successful conclusion of the first meeting of the PCCB.
- The annual technical progress report shows the significant progress made by the PCCB in many areas of work, including its **rolling workplan for the period 2017 to 2019**, as well as its **rules of procedure and working modalities**.
- In addition, the report contains various substantive **recommendations and conclusions**, some of which emanated from the summary of the one-day discussions on the 2017 focus area or theme of the PCCB on capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of the Paris Agreement, which the PCCB held in May.
- In its report, the PCCB recommends that the COP ensure the **thematic alignment of the 2018 Durban Forum** on capacity-building with the 2017–2018 focus area or theme of

the PCCB on capacity-building activities for the implementation of NDCs in the context of the Paris Agreement.

- In this context, the COP may also wish to take note of the agreement by the PCCB to continue the **2017 focus area or theme throughout 2018**.
- The PCCB has also continued to progress its work on an **inter-sessional basis**, including through launching a call for submissions from Parties and other stakeholders, as well as from constituted bodies under the Convention.
- **Many stakeholders** made use of this opportunity to provide the PCCB with useful insights and inputs, all of which are available on the PCCB website.
- The PCCB will continue to incorporate these valuable inputs in its work, and would like to encourage all interested stakeholders to continue to actively engage with the PCCB, including through providing inputs to the capacity-building portal.
- This engagement will be vital in enabling the PCCB to fulfil its mandates, particularly as with regards to the enhancement of capacity-building efforts, and the coherence, coordination, and synergies in capacity-building activities under the Convention.
- The PCCB will also enhance its efforts to further improve the **capacity-building portal**, which it considers an essential tool in fulfilling many of its mandates, including by providing a platform for the sharing of good practices, experiences and lessons learned, as well as fostering of cooperation, dialogue, coordination, collaboration and coherence among the relevant stakeholders.
- Mr. Chair, on behalf of my co-chair, please allow me to express our appreciation for the hard work of all members of the PCCB, to Parties and to other stakeholders for their constructive participation in the work of the PCCB so far, and to the other constituted bodies established under the Convention for their collaboration and cooperation. We look forward to continuing this constructive dialogue.
- Thank you.