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**Matters relating to capacity-building for developing countries**

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### **Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) continued its deliberations on the review of the progress, need for extension, effectiveness and enhancement of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 81, on the basis of the views of Parties and observers submitted in response to the invitation by the SBI<sup>1</sup> and of the compilation and synthesis report on these submissions.<sup>2</sup>
2. The SBI invited Parties and observers to submit their views on the review of the PCCB, taking into consideration the terms of reference contained in annex I, via the submission portal<sup>3</sup> by 31 October 2019, for consideration at SBI 51 (December 2019).
3. The SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis of the submissions referred to in paragraph 2 above for consideration at SBI 51.
4. The SBI agreed to continue its deliberation on the review of the PCCB at SBI 51 on the basis of the terms of reference contained in annex I.
5. The SBI initiated the fourth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention in accordance with decision 16/CP.22.
6. The SBI noted that there are current and emerging capacity-building areas related to the implementation of the Paris Agreement in developing countries, and noted that these areas could be considered in the context of the fourth comprehensive review of the

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/22, para. 81. Submissions are available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.3.

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



implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention.

7. The SBI agreed to continue its deliberation at SBI 51 on the fourth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention on the basis of the terms of reference contained in annex II.

8. The SBI invited Parties and observers to submit their views on the fourth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention, taking into consideration the terms of reference contained in annex II, via the submission portal<sup>4</sup> by 30 September 2019 for consideration at SBI 51.

9. The SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis of the submissions referred to in paragraph 8 above for consideration at SBI 51.

10. The SBI agreed to continue its consideration of the matters above at SBI 51 with a view to recommending a draft decision on enhancing institutional arrangements for capacity-building for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session (December 2019), taking into account Article 11, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

<sup>5</sup> In accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 81.

## Annex I

### **Terms of reference for the review of the progress, need for extension, effectiveness and enhancement of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building**

[English only]\*

#### **I. Mandate**

1. At its twenty-first session, the Conference of the Parties (COP) decided to review, at COP 25, the progress, need for extension, effectiveness and enhancement of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) and to take any action it considers appropriate, with a view to making recommendations to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) on enhancing institutional arrangements for capacity-building consistent with Article 11, paragraph 5 of the Paris Agreement.<sup>1</sup> At its first session, the CMA decided to consider at its second session any recommendations made by the COP on enhancing institutional arrangements for capacity-building.<sup>2</sup>

#### **II. Objective**

2. The review of the PCCB will assess the work completed to date in the fulfilment of the mandate of the PCCB to address gaps and needs, both current and emerging, in implementing capacity-building in developing country Parties and further enhancing capacity-building efforts, including with regard to coherence and coordination in capacity-building activities under the Convention.<sup>3</sup>

#### **III. Information sources**

3. The review of the PCCB will draw upon the following information sources:
- (a) All available annual technical progress reports of the PCCB;<sup>4</sup>
  - (b) Parties' and observers' submissions;<sup>5</sup>
  - (c) Compilation and synthesis of the submissions referred to in paragraph 3(b) above;<sup>6</sup>
  - (d) Parties' views during the review process, that is, at SBI 49, 50 and 51;
  - (e) The relevant decisions of the COP related to the PCCB;
  - (f) The submissions on the review of the PCCB requested at SBI 50;
  - (g) The synthesis of the additional submissions requested at SBI 50.

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\* This annex will be made available in all six official languages in the report on the session.

<sup>1</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 81.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 3/CMA.1, paragraph 12.

<sup>3</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 71.

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/22, paragraph 82.

<sup>5</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/22, paragraph 81.

<sup>6</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/22, paragraph 83, and FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.3.

## **IV. Modalities of work**

4. When further conducting the review, Parties will assess the **progress** and **effectiveness** of the PCCB, in order to determine whether there is a **need for the extension** and **enhancement** of the PCCB, in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 81.

5. Parties will consider the following elements and sequence when conducting the review:

### **A. Progress**

6. Parties will first assess the progress of the PCCB towards achieving its overall aim as set out in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 71, taking into consideration the progress made in the implementation of the PCCB 2017–2019 rolling workplan and the capacity-building workplan for the period 2016–2020 contained in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 73.

### **B. Effectiveness**

7. Parties will assess the **effectiveness** of the PCCB in fulfilling its mandate.

### **C. Need for extension**

8. Parties' assessment of the progress and effectiveness of the PCCB will be the basis for determining the need for the extension of the PCCB and, as applicable, determine any other provisions relevant to the form of the extension.

### **D. Enhancement**

9. Parties could provide recommendations on how to improve the operation of the PCCB within its mandate, including ways and means to prioritize its work to ensure complementarity with the work of other bodies or processes and avoid duplications.

## **V. Expected outcomes**

10. On the basis of the review undertaken in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 above, SBI 51 will prepare a draft decision containing the outcomes of the review of the PCCB in accordance with the mandate contained in decision 1/CP.21 paragraph 81, for consideration at COP 25.

## Annex II

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

[English only]\*

#### **I. Mandate**

1. At its twenty-second session the Conference of the Parties (COP) decided to initiate the fourth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention at the fiftieth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), with a view to completing that review at COP 25.<sup>1</sup>

#### **II. Objective**

2. The objective of the fourth 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. 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.

4. To examine possible capacity gaps and challenges in addressing the implementation of priority areas as contained in the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention taking into account emerging needs and priorities for capacity-building.

5. To identify lessons learned and best practices in the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention and explore potential ways to further enhance the implementation of capacity-building activities.

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

#### **IV. Modalities of work**

7. The fourth 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 50<sup>2</sup> and any additional

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 16/CP.22, para. 12.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2019/2 and Add.1 and FCCC/SBI/2019/3.

relevant information contained in the information sources listed below; and take into account the above-mentioned objective and review elements.

## **V. Information sources**

8. Information which could be drawn from in the fourth 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 of the first, second and third 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) Reports from the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention;
  - (f) Summary reports on the meetings of the Durban Forum;
  - (g) Reports of relevant bodies established under the Convention;
  - (h) Parties' views expressed during SBI 50 and 51;
  - (i) Other relevant existing documents prepared by the secretariat.
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