

Decision 4/CP.12

Capacity-building under the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Being guided by Articles 4.1, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.7, in the context of Article 3, and Articles 5 and 6 of the Convention,

Recalling the provisions related to capacity-building for developing countries contained in its decisions 4/CP.9 and 9/CP.9,

Recalling its decisions 2/CP.7 and 2/CP.10 calling on the Conference of the Parties, through the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, to regularly monitor the progress of the implementation of the capacity-building framework annexed to decision 2/CP.7 and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to report to the Conference of the Parties at each of its sessions,

Recognizing that the purpose of regular monitoring should be to facilitate assessment of progress made, identification of gaps, and effectiveness of the implementation of the capacity-building framework and to support the comprehensive review,

Welcoming financial support from the Global Environment Facility as an operating entity of the financial mechanism in implementation of the capacity-building framework, while noting the need to provide adequate resources to support the effective implementation of the framework,

Noting the need for reporting on activities undertaken by multilateral, bilateral and private sector entities with respect to capacity-building pursuant to decision 2/CP.7,

Reaffirming that the first step of the monitoring was the establishment of the capacity-building framework,

Acknowledging that the implementation of the capacity-building framework is ongoing,

1. *Decides* that the following additional steps will be taken annually to regularly monitor the implementation of the capacity-building framework pursuant to decisions 2/CP.7 and 2/CP.10:

- (a) Parties to be invited to submit information on the activities that they have undertaken pursuant to decisions 2/CP.7 and 2/CP.10, which should include, inter alia, such elements as needs and gaps, experiences and lessons learned;
- (b) The Global Environment Facility to provide a report on its progress in support of the implementation of the framework in its reports to the Conference of the Parties;
- (c) The secretariat to produce a synthesis report in accordance with paragraph 9 of decision 2/CP.7, drawing upon information contained in national adaptation programmes of action, technology needs assessments and national capacity self assessment and the information contained in subparagraph (a) above;
- (d) Parties to consider the Global Environment Facility report mentioned in subparagraph (b) above and the synthesis report described in subparagraph (c) above as a basis for regular monitoring and as a contribution to the comprehensive review of the capacity-building framework;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to organize, before the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility and subject to the availability of resources, an expert workshop:

- (a) To exchange views on experiences in monitoring and evaluation of capacity-building by Parties, and where relevant, multilateral, bilateral agencies as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;
- (b) To discuss the work of the Global Environmental Facility with regard to the development of capacity-building performance indicators relevant for monitoring the implementation of the capacity-building framework;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to report on the outcome of the workshop for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its twenty-seventh session;

4. *Requests* the secretariat to develop a possible structured format for the synthesis report, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its twenty-sixth session;

5. *Reiterates* its request to the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, to take into account the key factors for capacity-building as laid out in paragraph 1 of decision 2/CP.10 when supporting capacity-building activities in developing countries;

6. *Reiterates* its request to the Global Environment Facility to continue to provide financial resources to support the development of the information sources named in paragraph 1 (c), above, as appropriate, in accordance with decisions 2/CP.7, 6/CP.7, 4/CP.9, 2/CP.10 and 8/CP.10.

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