

Decision 21/CP.18

Capacity-building under the Convention for countries with economies in transition

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 3/CP.7, 9/CP.9, 3/CP.10 and 2/CP.17,

Acknowledging that capacity-building for countries with economies in transition is essential to enable them to implement effectively their commitments under the Convention,

Having considered the information in documents prepared by the secretariat in support of the third review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition established under decision 3/CP.7,¹

1. *Recognizes* that:

(a) Significant progress has been made in building the capacity of countries with economies in transition to mitigate and adapt to climate change; some countries with economies in transition have not only been the recipients of assistance but have also started to transfer their own expertise, knowledge and lessons learned on capacity-building to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;

(b) Parties included in Annex I to the Convention have provided adequate resources and assistance for the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition established under decision 3/CP.7;

(c) Notwithstanding the progress made, those countries with economies in transition that are currently receiving support are in need of further capacity-building, in particular for the development and implementation of their national low-carbon development strategies consistent with their national priorities and with their emission reduction targets;

2. *Reaffirms* that the scope of the needs identified in the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition established under decision 3/CP.7 and the key factors identified in decision 3/CP.10 remain relevant and continue to be the basis for, and guide the implementation of, capacity-building activities in those countries with economies in transition that are currently receiving support;

3. *Invites* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other Parties in a position to do so, the Global Environment Facility within its mandate, multilateral and bilateral agencies, other international organizations, and the private sector, or any further arrangements as appropriate, to continue to provide support for capacity-building activities in those countries with economies in transition that are currently receiving support;

4. *Decides* to conclude the third review and to conduct the fourth review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition at the forty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, with a view to completing this review at the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties;

5. *Invites* Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by February 2016, information on how they have implemented capacity-building activities in those countries with economies in transition that are currently receiving support; Parties could

¹ FCCC/SBI/2012/10 and FCCC/SBI/2012/MISC.5.

include this information as part of their annual submissions on capacity-building in accordance with decision 4/CP.12, paragraph 1(a);

6. *Requests* the secretariat to compile and synthesize the information referred to in paragraph 5 above and make it available for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-sixth session.

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7 December 2012*