

Decision 9/CP.25

Review of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.21, 2/CP.22, 16/CP.22, 16/CP.23 and 15/CP.24,

1. *Recalls* that the Paris Committee on Capacity-building was established in decision 1/CP.21 with the aim of addressing 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 of capacity-building activities under the Convention;
2. *Welcomes* the annual technical progress reports of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2017, 2018 and 2019, and *takes note* of the recommendations contained therein;¹
3. *Reaffirms* the need to further promote efficiencies and to avoid duplication of efforts in the implementation of capacity-building activities under and outside the Convention;
4. *Notes* that the Paris Committee on Capacity-building has made some progress in the implementation of the 2016–2020 workplan, and has implemented actions with regard to, *inter alia*:
 - (a) Enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building activities under the Convention;
 - (b) Promoting the development and dissemination of tools and methodologies for implementing capacity-building;
 - (c) Gathering information and sharing best practices in relation to capacity-building;
 - (d) Identifying methods of bringing together stakeholders, such as through meetings of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building and the Capacity-building Hub;
5. *Also notes* that progress has varied across the areas of work referred to in paragraph 4 above;
6. *Further notes* that the Paris Committee on Capacity-building has made limited progress in some areas of its work;
7. *Recognizes* that the Paris Committee on Capacity-building has received a very broad workplan for 2016–2020, with limited specific guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties on the areas that the Committee should prioritize in implementing its work;
8. *Decides* that, in order to ensure that the Paris Committee on Capacity-building can operate effectively and efficiently, there is a need for Parties to determine priority areas related to its mandate to focus and guide its work, avoid duplication of efforts in the implementation of capacity-building activities and provide guidance on the operations, planning and implementation of work, and reporting of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building;
9. *Also decides* that the priority areas of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building are:
 - (a) Enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building under the Convention with a focus on avoiding duplication of efforts, including through collaboration with bodies under and outside the Convention that engage in activities related to capacity-building, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates;
 - (b) Identifying capacity gaps and needs, both current and emerging, and recommending ways to address them;

¹ FCCC/SBI/2017/11, FCCC/SBI/2018/15 and FCCC/SBI/2019/13.

(c) Promoting awareness-raising, knowledge- and information-sharing and stakeholder engagement with bodies and relevant actors under and outside the Convention, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates;

10. *Further decides* that, going forward and subject to the availability of resources, the Paris Committee on Capacity-building shall conduct the activities set out in the annex, in accordance with the priority areas referred to in paragraph 9 above;

11. *Decides* that the Paris Committee on Capacity-building shall work on any additional activities that may be assigned to it by the Conference of the Parties within its mandate, subject to the availability of resources;

12. *Also decides* to extend the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for five years and to review its progress and need for extension at the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2024);

13. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to initiate at its fifty-eighth session (June 2023) the preparation of the terms of reference for the second review of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building with a view to the Conference of the Parties agreeing on the final terms of reference at its twenty-ninth session (November 2023);

14. *Also requests* the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to extend its current rolling workplan to the end of 2020;

15. *Further requests* the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to develop a workplan for the period of its extension on the basis of the priority areas and activities contained in the annex for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session (November 2020);

16. *Requests* that the workplan referred to in paragraph 15 above include core elements such as priority areas, activities, deliverables, timelines and expected results, in accordance with the priority areas referred to in paragraph 9 above;

17. *Also requests* the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to report on the expected work under its workplan and on the progress, outcomes, impacts and effectiveness of the activities in its workplan in its annual technical progress report;

18. *Invites* Parties and relevant institutions, as appropriate, to provide support and resources to the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for implementing its workplan in the light of the aim of the Committee established in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 71;

19. *Reaffirms* that, in the light of its mandated functions and activities, the Paris Committee on Capacity-building will continue to meet during annual in-session meetings to be organized by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

Annex

Activities of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building

1. Priority area (a): enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building under the Convention with a focus on avoiding duplication of efforts, including through collaboration with bodies under and outside the Convention that engage in activities related to capacity-building, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates:

(a) Collating and reviewing current and planned capacity-building work of constituted bodies established under the Convention that implement capacity-building activities in order to provide an overview of capacity-building activities under the Convention, and regularly sharing this information with the constituted bodies;

(b) Providing recommendations to Parties on how to improve coherence and coordination of capacity-building and avoid duplication of efforts;

(c) Liaising and engaging with bodies under and outside the Convention that are engaged in implementing capacity-building activities, as consistent with their mandates;

2. Priority area (b): identifying capacity gaps and needs, both current and emerging, and recommending ways to address them:

(a) Interacting with other constituted bodies to allow the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to gather information on what they are doing to address capacity gaps and needs in areas relevant to their mandates to provide input to their work, as appropriate;

(b) Continuing efforts to gather and promote the development and dissemination of tools and methodologies for implementing capacity-building activities;

(c) Collating, reviewing and sharing information on experience, good practices and lessons learned related to enhancing the ownership of developing countries of building and maintaining capacity, and providing recommendations in this regard;

3. Priority area (c): promoting awareness-raising, knowledge- and information-sharing and stakeholder engagement with bodies and relevant actors under and outside the Convention, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates:

(a) Collecting information from relevant sources, including the Durban Forum, on good practices, experience and lessons learned related to capacity-building, and disseminating this information, including via the capacity-building portal, with the aim of addressing gaps and needs related to implementing capacity-building;

(b) Providing recommendations to Parties on:

(i) Enhancing the sharing of good practices, experience and lessons learned related to capacity-building among relevant bodies under and outside the Convention;

(ii) Potential areas of collaborative work with those bodies whose work is relevant to the Paris Committee on Capacity-building and its workplan, within their mandates;

(iii) How information from the Durban Forum can be utilized by bodies under and outside the Convention;

(c) Organizing the annual Capacity-building Hub at the sessions of the Conference of the Parties;

(d) Promoting strategic stakeholder engagement through, inter alia, targeted outreach activities as set out in the workplan to foster exchange on capacity-building at the national and regional level, including through regional climate weeks, as appropriate, and subject to the availability of resources.

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