

Draft decision -/CP.16

Capacity-building under the Convention for developing countries

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 8/CP.15,

1. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to continue its consideration of the second comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries at its thirty-fourth session on the basis of the draft text contained in the annex to this decision, with a view to preparing a draft decision on the outcome of this review for adoption by the Conference of Parties at its seventeenth session;
2. *Decides* to complete the consideration of the second comprehensive review at its seventeenth session.

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[The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 2/CP.7, 2/CP.10, 4/CP.12, 6/CP.14 and 8/CP.15,

Acknowledging that capacity-building for developing countries is essential to enable them to participate fully in, and implement effectively their commitments under, the Convention,

Reaffirming that decision 2/CP.7 remains effective and should continue to guide the implementation of capacity-building activities in developing countries,

Noting that a range of the priority issues identified in the framework for capacity-building in developing countries is being supported by Parties included in Annex II of the Convention, the Global Environment Facility and other multilateral, bilateral and international agencies, [the private sector] and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

[Also noting that gaps still remain and the availability of and access to financial and technical resources is still an issue to be addressed, in order to progress qualitatively and quantitatively on the capacity-building implementation,]

[Acknowledging that capacity-building is a country-driven and learning-by-doing process that responds to the specific needs and priorities of the countries concerned,

Having considered the information in documents prepared by the secretariat in support of the second comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries and submissions by Parties on the issue,^{1]}

1. *Decides* that the scope of needs and priority areas identified in the framework for capacity-building in developing countries, as contained in decision 2/CP.7, and the key factors identified in decision 2/CP.10 are still relevant;

2. *Further decides* that new capacity-building needs and priorities in developing countries emerging from the processes and initiatives launched after the completion of the first comprehensive review as well as from the negotiations under the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention will need to be taken into account in the further implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries;

3. *Also decides* that further implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries should be improved at the systemic, institutional and individual levels as appropriate, by:

¹ FCCC/SBI/2009/MISC.1, FCCC/SBI/2009/MISC.2, FCCC/SBI/2009/MISC.8, FCCC/SBI/2009/MISC.12/Rev.1, FCCC/SBI/2009/4, FCCC/SBI/2009/5 and FCCC/SBI/2009/10.

(a) Ensuring consultations with stakeholders throughout the entire process of activities, from the design of activities to their implementation and monitoring and evaluation;

(b) Enhancing integration of climate change issues and capacity-building needs into national development strategies, plans and budgets;

(c) Increased country-driven coordination of capacity-building activities;

(d) Strengthened networking and information sharing among developing countries, especially through South-South and triangular cooperation;

(e) [Building on existing skills and capacities [, where available,] [, as appropriate,] related to development [and implementation of capacity-building activities] [and delivery of reporting, including national communications [and inventories]];

(e bis) Developing and/or strengthening skills and capacities related to the implementation of climate change related activities;]

(f) [Strengthening local, national and regional research institutions;]

[4. Decides to establish an expert group on capacity-building with the terms of reference contained in the annex to this decision;]

[5. *Further decides* that the next and subsequent comprehensive reviews of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries will be undertaken using simple[, practical and cost-effective] [and effective] performance indicators developed by the expert group referred to in paragraph 7 above;]

[6. *Requests* the secretariat to improve the process for regularly gathering and disseminating information on capacity-building activities in developing countries, recognizing the usefulness of information on capacity-building deriving from the compilation and synthesis of national communications, annual submissions by Parties and other documents relevant to this effort, in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility and its agencies and bilateral and multilateral agencies, as appropriate;]

7. *Invites* Parties to enhance reporting on best practices related to capacity-building in their national communications, submissions and other relevant documents, with a view to furthering learning and broadening the impact of capacity-building activities;

8. [*Requests*] [Reiterates the request to] the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, to [increase] [continue to provide financial] [its] support to capacity-building activities in developing countries in accordance with decisions 2/CP.7 and 4/CP.9;

9. *Urges* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other Parties that are in a position to do so, multilateral, bilateral and international agencies and the private sector to continue providing financial resources to support capacity-building action in developing countries;

10. *Invites* relevant United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations to continue providing support for capacity-building efforts in developing countries, emphasizing and stressing the need for full involvement of developing countries in the conception and development of such activities;

11. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body of Implementation, at its fortieth session, to initiate a third comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries, with a view to completing the review at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties.]
