

2023 Durban Forum Deep Dive

PCCB Follow-up webinar to the 12th Durban Forum on capacity-building

Synergy and alignment between disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in NAP

Draft Concept Note

I. Webinar information

Date: 07 November 2023 at 14:00h - 15:30h CEST

Duration: 90 mins

Venue: Virtually, on MS Teams

II. Background

At the request of the Conference of the Parties¹, the 12th Durban Forum on capacity-building was to be thematically aligned with the 2023 focus area of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB), which is ‘capacity-building support for adaptation with a focus on addressing gaps and needs in relation to formulating and implementing NAPs’. The 12th Durban Forum was held in conjunction with the 58th session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) on 7 June 2023 under the overarching theme of opportunities and challenges for enhancing capacity for formulating and implementing national adaptation plans.

In an effort to ensure effective cross-fertilization of ideas and interchange between discussions at the Durban Forum and the work of the PCCB related to its annual focus area, the PCCB is hosting a webinar to address some of the topics and outcomes of the 12th Durban Forum on capacity-building in greater detail. This ‘Durban Forum Deep Dive’ is an annual activity of the PCCB under its 2021-2024 workplan.

Among all themes brought up both in the synthesis of submissions and during the discussions at the 12th Durban Forum, a key theme was identified as the focus area for the 2023 Durban Forum Deep Dive: synergy and alignment between disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in NAP. In this Durban Forum Deep Dive, the PCCB aims to facilitate the sharing of relevant knowledge, lessons learned and case studies on capacity-building actions related to this topic.

III. Objectives and expected outcomes

There is growing consensus that disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation overlap.

With the number and severity of climate change-induced disasters increasing every year, the imperative to address disaster risk reduction through national adaptation planning and implementation has never been more critical. To strengthen the ability to anticipate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and adverse events, countries must be equipped with individual, institutional and systemic capacities for bolstering scientific understanding of disasters, enhancing institutional frameworks, fostering community engagement, and nurturing the skills and knowledge of individuals at all levels of society.

NAP process provides national authorities and stakeholders to integrate risk-centered approaches and to create synergies and effective connections with disaster risk reduction efforts. Moreover, the formulation and implementation of NAPs can be one tool that national policy makers can use to expand and improve transition and linkages between disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. It can facilitate synergies in a country by helping to improve access to climate change information, integrate mutual concerns in sectoral planning and programming and share best practices and lessons learned. However, in many countries, there is still a need to foster better understanding of the process to formulate and implement NAP process and to identify synergies with DRR, in view of achieving resilient development.

Limited capacity is a common challenge in developing countries. At the national level, institutional arrangements are imperative for effective coordination of the NAP process. To better develop and implement a NAP which forges connection between DRR and climate change adaptation strategies, the following capacities are indispensable for national institutions:

- Administrative capacities to coordinate and manage the NAP processes
- Technical capacities in the form of expertise and tools to assess impacts and risks and design effective measures
- Financial capacities to fund the processes

Objectives: This session will shed light on the role of capacity building in:

- Understanding the synergies between DRR and climate change adaptation
- Enhancing knowledge on the climate vulnerability to identify risk reduction opportunities at the national, regional and local levels to advance the NAP process
- Harnessing community engagement (anticipation, preparation, decision-making, and recovery) and local knowledge preservation
- Understanding how stakeholders and actors should connect to, engage and collaborate with DRR counterparts to benefit from existing experience and enhance capacities

Expected outcomes: After the event, participants will have a better understanding of:

- The diversity of stakeholders and capacities needed in combatting climate change and disasters beyond infrastructural and technical approaches
- Good practices and examples of how to better align NAP processes and disaster risk reduction and management
- The importance of building a common knowledge platform for sharing experience, expertise, and tools in aligning climate change adaptation and DRR in NAPs.

IV. Structure/Description

The event will last 90 minutes. The event will start with a scene-setting presentation, followed by a panel discussion, an experience sharing segment and Q&A discussion, and closing remarks. The event will be opened and closed by the PCCB.

V. Target group, participation and audience

The PCCB Follow-up webinar to the 12th Durban Forum aims to reach actors involved or interested in climate-related capacity building efforts, with a focus on innovation and skill development for a just and sustainable recovery. This includes Parties, observers, members of the PCCB network, capacity-building providers, recipients, and other interested actors. Registration for active participation is open to all.

VI. Technical arrangements

The event will be conducted as a virtual event on MS Teams and Padlet will be used as a live and anonymous tool for audience engagement.

The [use of Padlet](#) will commence ahead of the event to allow participants to share relevant resources and examples from their work on the topic of the session, and access examples provided by others before, during, and after the session.

VII. Communication and outreach

The event will be promoted through UNFCCC and PCCB (social) media accounts and communication channels. Promotion through the communication channels of organizations involved in the event is welcome.

| Time | Segment and speakers | Notes |
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| 13:30 13:55 | Technical check | All speakers and moderators to join 15 mins before the webinar |
| 13:55 14:00 | Admission of participants to the virtual room | Meeting netiquette to be projected |
| 14:00 14:05 | Opening remarks by Moderator | Hayro Hakobyan |
| 14:05 14:10 | Introduction of Panelists by the moderator | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aminesh Kumar – Head UNDRR Office Bonn • Ahmed Bayes - Associate Professor at the Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction (IRDR) at University College London (UCL) • Exsley Taloiburi - Deputy Director – Disaster & Community Resilience Programme (DCRP) Geoscience, Energy and Maritime (GEM) Division Pacific Community |
| 14:10 14:45 | Panel Discussion | <p>Question 1 - to Aminesh Kumar (8 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With your role as Head of UNDRR and having worked in Africa and Asia-Pacific, how well in general do countries integrate DRR in their NAPs? How does the UNDRR promote such synergies? It would be great if you could provide us with some successful practices. <p>Question 2 - to Ahmed Bayes (8 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With your academic expertise in disaster risk reduction, how can we leverage the existing bodies of research and knowledge to enhance the synergy between disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation at both the theoretical and practical levels? Can you share with us specific examples that you find insightful in your own research? <p>Question 3 - to Exsley Taloiburi (8 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Given your extensive experience in the Pacific region, what strategies can be employed to effectively integrate this indigenous knowledge into disaster risk reduction and national adaptation plans, particularly in the context of the Pacific islands? What capacity gaps and needs do you detect in practice? <p>Question 4 (each speaker has 2-3 minutes to answer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Considering the diverse expertise represented on this panel, what innovative approaches can be implemented to enhance capacity-building efforts that bridge disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation at both the academic and practical levels? |

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| 14:45 15:00 | Q&A | Moderated by Hayro and UNFCCC CB Team |
| 15:00 15:10 | Sharing on-the-ground experiences | Kerricia Hobson – PCCB Member from Grenada |
| 15:10 15:15 | Q&A to Kerricia | |
| 15:15 15:25 | Closing Remarks | Alejandro Kilpatrick, Capacity-building Sub-Division Manager |
| 15:25 15:30 | Closing Remarks | Hayro Hakobyan |

VIII. Contact

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IX. Follow-up actions and next steps

A selection of the resources collected on the Padlet will be added to the Capacity-building Portal, administered by the UNFCCC Capacity-building team. The findings from this webinar will be presented at the 5th Capacity-building Hub hosted by the PCCB at COP28, during a thematic day focused on national adaptation plan.