

DECISIONS ON CAPACITY BUILDING HAVE BEEN MADE. HOW CAN AFRICA ACCESS RESOURCES

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Key Questions

- Has the agreed CB framework made any difference to Africa so far.
- Are there any plans to make it work. Will it indeed make any difference.
- Do we need to put in place additional guidance to make it work. To whom.
- Is GEF responding to the guidance given in this respect. Are African parties taking advantage of any available opportunities- NCNA.
- What about the USD 410 million annual contribution. Has that money been contributed. Where is it. Is it accessible to address CB needs in Africa.
- What shall Africa say at COP 8 in this regard

A bit of history

- Starting point: 1998. Part of the BAPA deal at COP 4
- Agreement reached at COP 6 bis, Bonn
- Capacity Building and related Decisions: made in Africa. Key negotiators on CB, Tech Transfer, NA1, AIJ, Additional Guidance to GEF/Financing CB, LDC issues – almost all made in Africa.



Key Elements of the CB Decision

- The most comprehensive approach to CB in the context of the UNFCCC ever. Guided by the Convention and other decisions of the COP . Articles 4.1, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.7, in the context of Article 3, and articles 5 and 6. Decisions 11/CP.1, 10/CP.2, 11/CP.2, 9/CP.3, 2/CP.4, 4/CP.4, 5/CP.4, 6/CP.4, 7/CP.4, 12/CP.4, 14/CP.4, 10/CP.5, 5/CP.6
- Supposed to guide activities related to the implementation of the Convention and participation in the KP. Not shall but should.
- Adopts a framework for CB in the context of the UNFCCC. To be given immediate effect to assist Non Annex 1 in the implementation of the UNFCCC and in the participation in the KP

Key Elements of the CB Decision

- GEF, as an operating entity of the FM to support implementation of the CB decision and report on its progress in support of the implementation of the CB framework at each COP
- GEF to adopt a streamlined and expedited approach in financing activities within the framework
- Other agencies, organizations and institutions, to inform the COP of capacity-building activities conducted to assist NA1 parties with their implementation of the framework
- SBI to monitor the progress of implementation of the framework. Use information from the secretariat and the COP.
- Comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework at COP 9 and every five years thereafter;

The CB Framework

Four main areas

1. Purposes
2. Objectives and Scope of CB
3. Implementation
 1. Activities to enhance the Implementation of the Framework
 2. Financing and cooperation
 3. Time frame
 4. Review of progress
 5. Role of the Secretariat



Initial Scope

- (a) Institutional CB, including the strengthening or establishment, as appropriate, of national climate change secretariats or national focal points;
- (b) Enhancement and/or creation of an enabling environment;
- (c) National communications;
- (d) National climate change programmes;
- (e) Ghgs inventories, emission database management etc;
- (f) V&A assessment;
- (g) Capacity building for implementation of adaptation measures;
- (h) Assessment for implementation of mitigation options;



Initial Scope

- (i) Research and systematic observation, including meteorological, hydrological and climatological services;
- (j) Development and Transfer of technology;
- (k) Improved decision-making, incl. participation in international negotiations;
- (l) Clean development mechanism;
- (m) Needs arising out of the implementation of Art.4. 8 and 9;
- (n) Education, training and public awareness;



What is supposed to be done by Developing Countries (Africa)

- Continue to identify specific needs at national level. How can this be linked with the GEF Specific Country Capacity needs assessment
- S/S cooperation. Use southern institutions to implement CB Framework
- Promote participation in CB – all stakeholders
- Disseminate and share information on CB

Has any African country done anything in this regard.



What is supposed to be done by Annex II

1. Provide additional financial and technical resources to undertake country driven assessments to implement the framework
2. Respond to CB needs and priorities of developing countries, in a coordinated and timely manner
3. Support activities implemented at national plus sub regional and regional levels
4. Provide \$410 annually (Dec. 7/CP7) as funding under the Convention



Financing through GEF and others

1. Financial and technical resources to be made available, through GEF plus as appropriate, through multilateral and bilateral agencies and the private sector
2. In response to the framework, GEF to elaborate a country-driven strategy for its CB activities
3. Multilateral and bilateral agencies encouraged to support CB activities in this framework through streamlined and coordinated approaches and in a timely manner.



Timeframe and Review of the Framework

1. Prompt. Countries which have already identified their CB needs to start implementation immediately

What focus for COP 8

- Institutional CB. CC to have a permanent address within the Coordinating Institutions. Put time frame for CC institutions to be in place and functional. African Ministers need to endorse the time frame.
- Be cautious on mainstreaming in the PRSP
- Task GEF to report on how has supported this framework so far. How has Africa been assisted.
- Put time frame to GEF to provide funding for institutional strengthening.



What focus for COP 8

- Demand clear understanding of the *modus operandi* of the Special climate change (plus adaptation fund?) fund from GEF. Have they been established. How much is there so far. How can be accessed. Any expedited and streamlined approach in place to access the funds?.
- Demand that GEF reports on how has adopt a streamlined and expedited approach in financing activities within the CB framework. Give a time frame to put in place. The experience from the LDCs must be used.

