The side event aims to provide a brief overview of the work of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) in 2018, including work on assessing capacity gaps and needs related to the implementation of nationally determined contributions (NDCs), work on cross-cutting issues such as gender responsiveness and human rights, and the launch of the Capacity-building Hub on Facebook. This will be complemented by a panel discussion on issues and developments related to capacity-building for NDC implementation and an open exchange with the audience.

Created in 2015, the PCCB aims to address current and emerging gaps and needs in implementing capacity-building in developing countries and to further enhance capacity-building efforts. At each COP, the PCCB organizes a side event to inform interested Parties and Non-Party stakeholders about its latest work and activities, and to create a space for interactive discussions and exchanges with the speakers and among the participants.

15:00-15:05 Opening
- Marzena Chodor and Rita Mishaan, PCCB Co-Chairs

15:05-15:25 Presentation on the work of the PCCB in 2018
- Marzena Chodor and Rita Mishaan, PCCB Co-Chairs

15:25-16:00 Panel discussion on capacity-building for NDC implementation
- Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa
- Faustin Munyazikwiye, Deputy Director General, Rwanda Environment Management Authority
- Robert Bradley, Knowledge and Research Director, NDC Partnership
- Bernd-Markus Liss, Head, Unit Climate and Climate Policy, Climate, Environment and Infrastructure Division, GIZ
- Rebecca Carman, Climate Technical Specialist, NDC Support Programme, UNDP

The discussion will focus on:
- Key capacity gaps and needs of developing countries in implementing their NDCs and ways to address those gaps and needs
- Views and perspectives from key stakeholders based on their most recent work on building capacity for NDC implementation
- Concrete collaboration opportunities between the PCCB and other stakeholders

PCCB members will react to panelists’ inputs at the end of the discussion.

The discussion will be moderated by Matti Nummelin, PCCB member.

16:00-16:25 Q&A discussion

16:25-16:30 Wrap-up and closing
- Marzena Chodor and Rita Mishaan, PCCB Co-Chairs