



What is capacity-building?

Addressing climate change in a sustainable way requires considerable efforts, and not all countries have the capacity—the knowledge, the tools, the public support, the scientific expertise and the political know-how—to do so. [Capacity-building](#) is about enhancing the ability of individuals, organizations and institutions in developing countries and in countries with economies in transition to identify, plan and implement ways to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Capacity-building under the UN climate change regime takes place on three levels:

- Individual:
 - developing educational, training and awareness-raising activities;
- Institutional:
 - fostering the development of organizations and institutions, including their missions, mandates, cultures, structures, competencies, and human and financial resources, as well as the cooperation between organizations, institutions and sectors;
- Systemic:
 - creating enabling environments through economic and regulatory policies and accountability frameworks in which institutions and individuals operate.