

Submission by the Republic of Mali on behalf of the African Group of Negotiators

on

Potential Topics for the 6th Durban Forum

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The African Group of Negotiators (AGN) welcomes the invitation for submissions on potential topics for the 6th Durban Forum. As a platform for sharing experiences, the Durban Forum is relevant under the Paris Agreement and can assist countries, especially developing countries in implementing and communicating their capacity-building efforts for the implementation of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

We welcome the operationalization of the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB) and look forward to the first meeting of the PCCB. In addition, the Group believes that the PCCB will play a significant role in enhancing coordination among capacity building initiatives and foster synergies and complementarity among the different actors.

The Group would like to submit the following topics for consideration during the Durban Forum:

1. The Role of the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) in building capacity for the preparation and communication of NDC.

The group welcomes the establishment of the CBIT under the GEF and believes it is very important that the GEF provides regular updates on the progress made in providing capacity building support for transparency. Of great importance to the group is an understanding of how the CBIT relates to capacity building-related bodies and initiatives under the Convention and its Paris Agreement like the Durban Forum, the PCCB and the Capacity Building Framework.

2. Enhancing human, institutional and systemic capacities for the implementation of NDCs.

The Group understands that the implementation of NDC would require rigorous capacity building initiatives to assist Parties, especially developing countries, in meeting their commitments and targets under the Paris Agreement.

3. NDCs Mechanisms for synergies and harmonization of actions on capacity building and the implementation of the Paris Agreement including identifying the gaps and needs to remove obstacles for a better cooperation.