

ARTICLE 12

**CAPACITY BUILDING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER,
INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

1. ~~Developed-country~~ Parties shall cooperate to provide timely and appropriate capacity-building, technical assistance and promote safe technology transfer on voluntary and mutually agreed terms ~~including on concessional and preferential terms as mutually agreed~~, to Parties most in need ~~developing countries to developing-country~~ Parties, in particular, LDCs and SIDS, to assist them in implementing their obligations under this instrument. Capacity-building should be country-driven, based on, and responsive to, nationally determined needs and priorities.

2. Capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer pursuant to paragraph 1 may be delivered through regional, subregional and national arrangements, including existing regional and subregional and national centres, through other multilateral and bilateral means, and through partnerships, including north-south, south-south and triangular cooperation and those involving the private sector or other stakeholders, as well as Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and through collaboration with local and subnational governments, as appropriate.

3. Parties shall cooperate to promote and facilitate the development, transfer, diffusion of and access to technologies on voluntary and mutually agreed terms ~~including on concessional and preferential terms as mutually agreed~~, to parties most in need. In implementing this provision, ~~developed-country~~ Parties shall promote and facilitate research, innovation, [technical and scientific cooperation and investment in pursuit of new and innovative environmentally sound technologies and solutions.

4. Parties shall promote cooperation with relevant intergovernmental organizations and other entities, including relevant scientific organisations and bodies and private sector entities, as appropriate, to support the effective implementation of the Convention and the achievement of its objective, while avoiding any duplication of efforts.

~~[5. In order to implement paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, a Cooperation Mechanism is hereby established.]~~

6. The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, shall make recommendations on how capacity building, technical assistance and safe technology transfer could be further enhanced under this Article, ~~[including the terms of reference and modalities of the Cooperation Mechanism].~~

7. In implementing this Article, ~~developed-country~~ Parties shall recognise the ~~[special]~~ requirements of ~~developing-country~~ Parties most in need, in particular the least developed countries, and small island developing States, ~~[landlocked developing countries]~~, ~~[geographically disadvantaged States]~~, ~~[coastal African States]~~, ~~[archipelagic States]~~, ~~[developing middle-income countries]~~ ~~[and countries with economies in transition]~~.