

**SUBMISSION BY THE CHAIR OF THE AFRICAN GROUP OF NEGOTIATORS:  
WORK OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF EXPERTS (CGE) ON NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS  
FROM PARTIES NOT INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION:**

**Submission by the Chair of Africa Group (Swaziland)**

**Views on the term and mandate of the CGE and the need for continuity of the group beyond  
2012.**

1. Decision 5/CP.15, reconstituted the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) for three years from 2010 to 2012 to provide technical advice and support to enhance the capacity of Non-Annex I to prepare their national communication.
2. The decision to allow the CGE to continue with its work under its current mandate up to the end of 2012 is most welcomed by the African Group and allows the CGE to complete its work program as presented to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its thirty-second session.
3. The AGN supports Decision 14/CP.17, in recognizing the substantive contributions made by the CGE towards improving the process of and preparation of, national communication from non-Annex I Parties by providing the necessary technical advice and support including enhancing the capacity of such Parties in preparing the national communication.

**THE CURRENT MANDATE OF THE CGE**

1. The AGN takes note that not withstanding challenges associated with enabling activities, non Annex I Parties must submit subsequent national communication after four years which is not so mainly due to the different levels of challenges and constraints encountered at the different stages in the process and preparation of their national communications.
2. The 2010 to 2012 work programme of the CGE provides for update of training materials and hands-on training on the different aspects of the national communications. The African Group therefore fully supports the continuation of the work program of the CGE in an effort to improve the process of and preparation of national communication form non Annex I Parties.

**TERM AND MANDATE OF THE CGE**

1. The role of the CGE and its experience in providing technical advice and support, including capacity building towards improving the process of and preparation of national communication from non Annex I Parties, definitely calls for a longer term of the CGE and its mandate periodically reviewed to take into account the dynamics in the decision adopted by Parties in the reporting of non Annex I Parties as well as any other reporting guidelines for non Annex I Parties.
2. The AGN strongly believes that CGE should take the lead in providing technical advice and support including capacity building for any additional guidelines for reporting in the biennial update reports (BURs). International consultancy Analysis (ICA), developments of National Appropriate Mitigation Action, National Adaptation Plans and any other guideline that may be agreed under the new ADP group
3. The African Group is willing to engage it's negotiation partners to ensure that the work of the CGE goes beyond 2012 and the CGE term is considered on a sustainable basis and of course its mandate is periodically reviewed to take into account emerging reporting needs for non Annex I

Parties by providing technical advice and support, including capacity building, especially to those Parties that are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change yet have the least adaptive capacity.

4. For the CGE to implement its work program, it needs assurance that committed financial resources are made available and in a timely.