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## Subsidiary Body for Implementation

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**Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**

**Work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications  
from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**

## Work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

### Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) noted the progress reports<sup>1</sup> of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE).
2. The SBI took note of the progress made by the CGE in continuing to implement its workplan for 2016,<sup>2</sup> targeting all elements of its work programme, including:
  - (a) The training programme for the team of technical experts<sup>3</sup> and updating the training materials for the preparation of national communications<sup>4</sup> and biennial update reports (BURs);
  - (b) Conducting three regional training workshops on the preparation of BURs,<sup>5</sup> during which 136 experts from 100 Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2016/15, FCCC/SBI/2016/16 and FCCC/SBI/2016/17.

<sup>2</sup> Available at <[http://unfccc.int/files/national\\_reports/non-annex\\_i\\_natcom/cge/application/pdf/updated\\_cge\\_work\\_plan\\_2016.pdf](http://unfccc.int/files/national_reports/non-annex_i_natcom/cge/application/pdf/updated_cge_work_plan_2016.pdf)>.

<sup>3</sup> See  
<[http://unfccc.int/national\\_reports/expert\\_training/training\\_for\\_the\\_technical\\_analysis\\_of\\_burs/items/9279.php](http://unfccc.int/national_reports/expert_training/training_for_the_technical_analysis_of_burs/items/9279.php)>.

<sup>4</sup> Available at <[http://unfccc.int/national\\_reports/non-annex\\_i\\_natcom/training\\_material/methodological\\_documents/items/349.php](http://unfccc.int/national_reports/non-annex_i_natcom/training_material/methodological_documents/items/349.php)>.

<sup>5</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2016/15.



Annex I Parties) were trained. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Governments of Togo, Sri Lanka and Saint Lucia for hosting the workshops;<sup>6</sup>

(c) The implementation of the training programme referred to in decision 20/CP.19, paragraph 4, to enhance the capacity of experts nominated to the UNFCCC roster of experts to conduct efficient and effective technical analysis of BURs;

(d) Contributing resource persons to the three UNFCCC regional hands-on training workshops on the building of sustainable national greenhouse gas inventory management systems and the use of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2006 *IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*.<sup>7</sup> The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Governments of Lesotho, Panama and the Republic of Korea for hosting the workshops;<sup>8</sup>

(e) Releasing the upgraded CGE e-learning courses based on the latest CGE training materials for the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties,<sup>9</sup> which are available on the secretariat's Learning Management System.<sup>10</sup> As at 15 October 2016, a total of 235 experts had registered for the courses;

(f) Organizing and presenting eight webinars, four on vulnerability and adaptation assessment and four on mitigation assessment, involving a total of 313 participants as at 26 October 2016;

(g) Releasing an interactive online platform, called the e-Network,<sup>11</sup> that provides access to the training materials, aimed at facilitating the preparation of national communications, BURs and greenhouse gas inventories;

(h) The analytical paper<sup>12</sup> prepared by the CGE containing its recommendations on elements to be considered in a future revision of the "Guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention".

3. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications required to support the implementation of the work of the CGE in 2017–2018.<sup>13</sup> It also invited multilateral programmes and organizations to collaborate with the CGE, as appropriate, in the provision of support to non-Annex I Parties for preparing their national communications and BURs.

4. In accordance with decision 19/CP.19, paragraph 8, the SBI completed its review of the mandate and terms of reference of the CGE and recommended a draft decision on the matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-second session (for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SBI/2016/L.28/Add.1).

5. The SBI considered CGE membership<sup>14</sup> and recommended draft conclusions on the matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-second session (for the text of the draft conclusions, see document FCCC/SBI/2016/L.28/Add.2).

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<sup>6</sup> Held in Lomé from 22 to 24 February 2016, Colombo from 4 to 6 April 2016 and Rodney Bay from 4 to 6 July 2016.

<sup>7</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.17.

<sup>8</sup> Held in Maseru from 14 to 18 March 2016, Panama City from 6 to 10 June 2016 and Songdo, Incheon, from 5 to 9 September 2016.

<sup>9</sup> As requested in document FCCC/SBI/2012/33, paragraph 22.

<sup>10</sup> Accessible via <<http://unfccc.int/349.php>>, where the existing CGE training materials for the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties are also available.

<sup>11</sup> <[https://www.unfccc.int/national\\_reports/non-annex\\_i\\_natcom/cge/items/2608.php](https://www.unfccc.int/national_reports/non-annex_i_natcom/cge/items/2608.php)>.

<sup>12</sup> FCCC/SBI/2016/17.

<sup>13</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2016/16.

<sup>14</sup> See documents FCCC/CP/2013/10, paragraph 131, and FCCC/SBI/2014/21, paragraph 138.