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**Submission to the Paris Committee on Capacity-building
from the
Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I
to the Convention (CGE)**

The CGE welcomes to opportunity to submit its views to the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB). The CGE acknowledges the role of the PCCB in addressing gaps and needs, both current and emerging, in implementing capacity-building in developing country Parties and further enhancing capacity-building efforts, including with regard to coherence and coordination in capacity-building activities under the Convention. The CGE looks forward to working closely with the PCCB.

The CGE takes this opportunity to share its views on the following topics:

1. Information or suggestions of relevance to the PCCB mandates related to the capacity-building work of bodies established under the Convention
2. Information and suggestions regarding the web-based capacity-building portal

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The CGE under its terms of reference has the objective of improving the process of and preparation of national communications and biennial update reports by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) by providing technical advice and support. In response to this mandate, the CGE identified number concrete actions that are geared towards enhancing the technical capacity and knowledge base of non-Annex I Parties to prepare and submit their national communications and biennial update reports.

In order to address the needs of the Parties, the CGE conducted a needs analysis, which entailed taking stock of the available training resources, identifying the target audience of training activities, identifying the generic requirements for the preparation of NCs and BURs and ascertaining the key considerations related to differing national circumstances. Building upon this, capacity-building initiatives (described below) were designed and delivered, targeting both individuals and institutions that match country-specific needs and local context and taking into account the evolving reporting needs of Parties. The CGE developed a 5 year work programme in 2014, and complemented it with an annual work plan, which has been reviewed periodically to ensure that the CGE meets the evolving requirements of the non-Annex I Parties. The CGE, to maximize its resources agreed to focus annually on one thematic issue for its hands-on training workshops and to conduct webinars for the other topics. The webinars focus on topics that have already been touched upon through the workshops and training materials.

The CGE has delivered the following outputs:

- Targeted training through: in-person hands-on workshops, e-learning courses, webinars.
 - The CGE, between 2014 to 2017, has trained through its hands-on training workshops a total of 516 national experts from non-Annex I Parties on vulnerability and adaptation assessment, national greenhouse gas inventories, and preparation of biennial update reports. The workshops have been designed to allow participants to be trained on specific tools and to understand the reporting requirements. In addition, these workshops have been a forum to exchange good practices and lessons learned amongst Parties.
 - The content of these training workshops freely available on the CGE website and developed in an e-learning course. Currently, the CGE e-learning course has over 300 participants registered. The CGE training materials available on the CGE site get on average 400 – 600 hits a month.



- In addition, 469 participants have attended 15 webinars organized by the CGE on the topics of vulnerability and adaptation assessment, national GHG inventories and mitigation assessments. These have been a low-investment but a high-outreach activity of the CGE.
- Establishment of an e-Network – a repository of information, and also a forum to exchange information and knowledge amongst experts and practitioners.
- Designed and developed a training programme for the Team of Technical Experts by defining its theme, scope and delivery methods, to enable them to analyse the BURs.
- Developed tools and guidance materials aimed at improving institutional arrangements and gaining access to financial, technical and capacity-building resources.

The CGE in fulfilling its mandate also has collaborated with the **UNDP/UNEP Global Support Programme for National Communications and Biennial Update Reports (GSP)** and the IPCC. The collaboration with these organizations includes experts as part of the CGE membership, cooperation in developing and executing training programmes, and financial contribution. The GSP as part of its steering committee has involved the CGE in developing its work plan to ensure synergies across the work of the two bodies. The IPCC Technical Support Unit has collaborated with the CGE to develop updated training materials on the development of the national GHG inventory, which considers the latest methodologies from the IPCC. CGE members also participated, as expert trainers, in regional trainings workshops, such as “Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) Framework under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The CGE has also shared its workplan and collaborated with other constituted bodies. For example, a webinar was organized in collaboration with the Adaptation Committee, the annual work plan was shared with the Standing Committee on Finance and the CGE was also a member of the interim committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage. The CGE would be willing to continue to provide its expertise to assist these constituted bodies as needed and also to engage with them to identify capacity-building needs of Parties.

The CGE would suggest that to increase coordination, collaboration and synergy across the various constituted bodies established under the Convention, it would be beneficial if the PCCB assess the opportunities for collaboration between the various constituted bodies as they relate to the PCCB’s annual theme. This would allow for a better understanding of the capacity-building activities that are being undertaken, how the activities of these bodies are addressing emerging issues as mandated by the Parties, and if there are any gaps not being addressed in ensuring that non-Annex I Parties can fulfill their commitments. This could be done through submissions or also an informal dialogue.

Information and suggestions regarding the web-based capacity-building portal

The capacity- building portal provides an opportunity for all stakeholders to be aware of the capacity-building initiatives undertaken, or being implemented in developing countries at the national and regional levels. In addition, the portal could also identify gaps. The CGE would be willing to continue to provide the input on the capacity-building activities conducted into the portal.

In order to provide relevant information to on such activities the portal would benefit from the following features:

1. Current initiatives can be clustered and tools are screened and compared using multi-variate analysis (based on key words that would be available in the mission statement/reports of those initiatives). This would allow the bench mark to be done efficiently and systematically, and also to identify the gaps.
 2. Providing a functionality to compare capacity-building efforts and positioning along two axes, i.e. from strategy to implementation, and peer-to-peer learning to on the field coaching/training.
 3. Details on capacity-building support needed, for example which areas have support and which areas are lacking.
 4. Details on the funds provided.
 5. Identification of the target audience.
 6. List of regional initiatives clustered together.
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