

Views on matters relating to the work programme on long-term finance

Submission by the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE)

1. The Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on the work programme on long-term finance, taking into account the report on the workshops of the work programme on long-term finance, with a view to the secretariat preparing an information document for consideration by the co-chairs of the work programme, as provided for in Decision 4/CP.18, paragraph 5.
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3. The CGE is in agreement with the views of the co-chairs that more structured and continuous work will assist the Convention and its bodies to support improved information on and assessments of financing needs, and to ensure a bottom-up process owned by Parties. In this respect, the CGE welcomes the recommendation of co-chairs to integrate the work on climate finance needs assessment into the ongoing work programmes/plans of various bodies under the Convention, including related capacity-building needs performed by those bodies.
4. The CGE also agrees with the views of co-chairs that the SBI, with the assistance of the CGE, could develop a common approach that will lead to the identification of climate risks in the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties, including capacity-building requirements to fulfill this objective. Future refinement of the CGE training materials could be undertaken as may be necessary, which could support the provision of and Parties' access to predictable, adequate, accessible, and timely financial resources to meet Parties' needs for the preparation of national communications and any new reporting requirements under the Convention. The "agreed full cost" of reporting should likewise be considered in by the committee on long-term finance and form part of any new or additional guidance to be provided by the COP to the operating entities of the financial mechanism.
5. The CGE continues to receive requests from non-Annex I Parties for its continued capacity-building support both at the regional and national level.¹ However, due to resource limitations, the CGE's engagement till date has been mainly confined at the regional level. In that respect, the group sees a significant role for more work between and within relevant bodies under the Convention, and other organizations in supplementing capacity-building support for preparation of national communications and BURs by non-Annex I Parties, particularly at the national level. Financial support for such activities should address establishing

¹ FCCC/SBI/2012/8, paragraph 50(b).

robust national institutional arrangement as well as providing technical backstopping that caters for individual needs and/or priorities of the countries in meeting reporting requirements under the Convention, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on the preparations of national communications and COP decisions which underline that the preparation of national communications for non-Annex I Parties is a continuous process.

6. In implementing the work programme of the CGE for 2010-2012 contained in annex to document FCCC/SBI/2010/INF.2, the CGE acknowledged that it managed to fulfill its mandate of providing technical assistance to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of national communications. However, it also noted some challenges that impeded the efficiency and effectiveness of the provision of the mandate activities, such as, among others, difficulties in raising and ensuring financial resources in timely manner and the lack of predictable financial resources which affect the planning and timely execution of the planned activities. The CGE believes that this challenge could be addressed, to large extent, by having a long-term management plan in place for the group supported by predictable long-term financing of the planned activities. Hence, the group sees high value in the SBI requesting the CGE in the near future to formulate a long-term management plan that takes into account the needs of non-Annex I Parties in fulfilling enhanced reporting requirements under the Convention. This work plan could feed into any work on assessing the climate financing needs of non-Annex I Parties.