

MALAYSIA'S SUBMISSION TO THE UNFCCC

Work of the consultative Group of Experts on national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (SBI)

Views from Parties on the term and mandate of the Consultative Group of Experts and the need for continuation of the group. (FCCC/SBI/2011/L.31/Add.1, paragraph 2)

Malaysia welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the term and mandate of the consultative Group of Experts (CGE) on national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, and the need for continuation of the group, to be compiled into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBI at its thirty-sixth session.

In this regard, Malaysia notes with satisfaction that the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention has made a substantial contribution to improving the process of, and preparation of, national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention by providing technical advice and support and therefore enhancing the capacity of such Parties to prepare their national communications.

Under its mandate, the CGE shall:

- (a) Identify and provide technical assistance regarding problems and constraints that have affected the preparation of national communications;
- (b) Provide technical assistance to non-Annex I Parties for the regular development of national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, vulnerability and adaptation assessment, mitigation assessment, research and systematic observation, education, training and public awareness, technology transfer and capacity-building, with a view to improving the accuracy, consistency and transparency of information in their national communications;
- (c) Identify and assess, as appropriate, the difficulties encountered by non-Annex I Parties in the use of the guidelines and methodologies for the preparation of national communications;

- (d) Provide technical advice and support, by organizing and conducting workshops, including hands-on training workshops at the regional or subregional level, on national greenhouse gas inventories, vulnerability and adaptation, and mitigation, as well as training on the use of the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties;
- (e) Provide non-Annex I Parties, upon request, with information on existing activities and programmes, including bilateral, regional and multilateral sources of financial and technical assistance, to facilitate and support the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties.

In addition, Malaysia believes that the CGE may play an additional and closely related role in assisting non-Annex I Parties in the preparation of their Biennial Update Reports (BUR) that is to be submitted every two years.

Finally the CGE, in light of its specific expertise in enhancing transparency through improved reporting of emissions in national communications, is well suited to serve as the team of technical experts referred to in paragraph 1 of Annex IV (Modalities and Guidelines for International Consultation and Analysis) to Decision_/CP. 17 on the “Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention”.