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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 welcomed the progress made by the CGE in continuing to implement its work programme for 2015,<sup>2</sup> focusing on adaptation, including:
  - (a) Conduct of three regional training workshops on vulnerability and adaptation assessment,<sup>3</sup> during which 114 experts from 79 Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) were trained. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Governments of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Paraguay and Morocco for hosting the workshops;<sup>4</sup>
  - (b) Updated training materials on vulnerability and adaptation assessment<sup>5</sup> developed by the CGE and tested during the above-mentioned regional training workshops;
  - (c) Conduct of the regional training workshop<sup>6</sup> for the African region on the preparation of biennial update reports (BURs) held in Bonn, Germany, from 23 to 25

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2015/17, FCCC/SBI/2015/18, FCCC/SBI/2015/20 and FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.13.

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

<sup>3</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2015/20 for the report on the three regional training workshops.

<sup>4</sup> Held in: Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, from 29 June to 3 July 2015; Asunción, Paraguay, from 27 to 31 July 2015; and Marrakesh, Morocco, from 28 of September to 2 October 2015.

<sup>5</sup> Available at <<http://unfccc.int/349.php>>.

<sup>6</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2015/17 for the report on the workshop.



February 2015. A total of 48 national experts representing 43 non-Annex I Parties from the African region took part in this workshop;

(d) Organization and presentation of five web-based seminars, three on mitigation assessment and two on the preparation of national greenhouse gas inventories, in which a total of 171 participants took part. Webinars are a cost-effective and dynamic mode of communication that enable a large number of national experts to receive technical information and share their experiences with a large audience, thereby efficiently contributing to the CGE addressing the needs of non-Annex I Parties. The SBI noted with satisfaction this new format, which can reach a large audience of practitioners, and encouraged the CGE to continue this activity;

(e) Release of the CGE e-learning courses on the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties, which are available through the secretariat's Learning Management System.<sup>7</sup> A total of 110 experts had registered for these courses as at 25 November 2015. The SBI encouraged the CGE to continue to update its online training courses;

(f) Ongoing development of an interactive online database on training materials aimed at supporting national reporting, which will allow for greater collaboration among national experts and enable them to share experiences and lessons learned in order to improve their national reports.

3. The SBI welcomed the launch 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,<sup>8</sup> and noted with appreciation that 122 experts have successfully completed the training programme and are now eligible to become members of the team of technical experts that undertake the technical analysis of BURs. The SBI encouraged other experts on the UNFCCC roster of experts to undergo the training and encouraged Parties that have not yet done so to nominate experts.

4. The SBI noted the plan of the CGE to organize regional training workshops on the preparation of BURs in 2016, subject to the availability of financial resources.

5. The SBI urged developed country Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other developed country Parties in a position to do so to provide financial resources to enable the CGE to implement the activities planned in accordance with its work programme for 2016–2018. The SBI also encouraged the CGE to prioritize elements of its 2015 work programme that have not yet been undertaken. It also invited multilateral programmes and organizations to collaborate with the CGE, as appropriate, in the provision of technical support to non-Annex I Parties in preparing their national communications and BURs.

6. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the CGE, with the assistance of the secretariat, including the workshops referred to in paragraph 4 above.<sup>9</sup>

7. The SBI requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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<sup>7</sup> The e-learning courses on the Learning Management System can be accessed from <<http://unfccc.int/349.php>>, where the existing CGE training materials for the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties are also available.

<sup>8</sup> See <<http://unfccc.int/8621.php>> for additional information on the training programme.

<sup>9</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2015/18, annex, for the estimated resource requirements to implement the CGE work programme for 2016–2018.