

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

Supporting reporting channels under the UNFCCC

Workshop on experiences, good practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs on the
process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans

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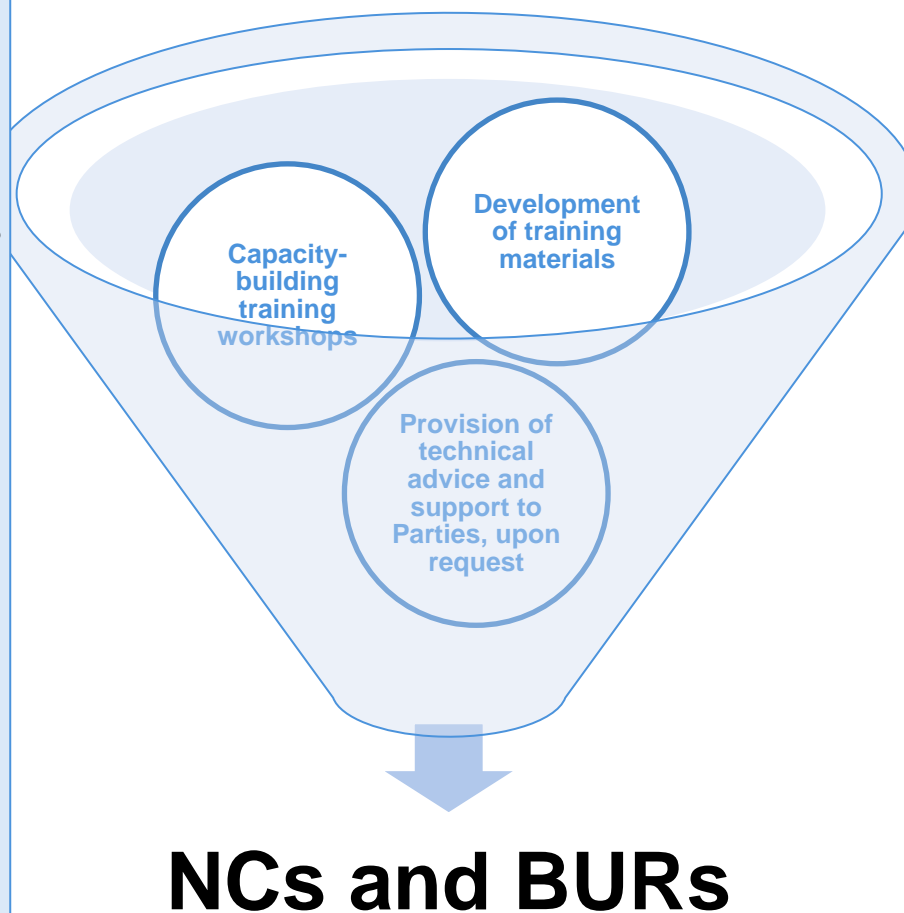
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 - a) National Communications
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Introduction to the CGE

- The CGE was established at COP 5;
- COP 19 continued the CGE's current mandate from 2014 to 2018 (*decision 19/CP.19*);
- The CGE has the objective of improving the process of and preparation of **national communications (NCs)** and **biennial update reports (BURs)** by Parties non-Annex I (NAI) Parties by providing **technical advice and support** to such Parties;
- Support to the international consultation and analysis (ICA) process
- The CGE developed its **2014-2018 work programme** to enable it to function in accordance with its revised terms of reference (*annex to decision 19/CP.19*)

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Supporting the process of and preparation of national communications (NCs)



CGE training materials for NCs:

- **Designed to** facilitate the preparation of NCs by NAI Parties in accordance with decision 17/CP.8;
- **Materials in 3 thematic areas:** (1) Vulnerability and adaptation (V&A) assessment; (2) National greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories; and (3) Mitigation Assessments
- **Update of the materials:** To be updated based on the latest decisions under the Convention, and science such the IPCC AR5
- Available in English, French and Spanish <<http://unfccc.int/349.php>>

Supporting experts for the preparation of NCs



- **E-learning courses:** A web-based online learning platform on the preparation of NCs from NAI Parties based on the CGE updated training materials
 - **Hosted by UNFCCC at:** <<http://climate.csod.com>>
- **Capacity-building training workshops:** Over 300 national experts trained since 2011 via regional hands-on training workshops, more experts participated online.
- **CGE work programme 2014-2018:-** Planned regional hands-on training workshops:- **V&A assessment** (2015); **GHG inventories** (2016); and **mitigation assessment** (2017)

Supporting the process of and preparation of biennial update reports (BURs)

Supplementary CGE training materials – Biennial Update Reports



- **Designed to:** Facilitate the preparation of BURs in accordance with decision 2/CP.17 and annex III which outline the objectives and scope of the information to be reported in BURs
- Available in Arabic, English, French and Spanish
<<http://unfccc.int/7915.php>>
- **Submission of BURs:** Every two years, either as a summary of parts of the NC in the year in which the NC is submitted or as a stand-alone update report.
 - First submission was due December 2014, thus far 13 BURs received.

Support for the preparation BURs



- **Capacity-building training workshops:** Enhancing the capacity of the national experts in using the UNFCCC BUR guidelines to facilitate the preparation of their first BURs;
- Around 120 national experts trained since 2014 on the preparation of BURs via regional hands-on training workshops.
- **CGE work programme 2014-2018:-** Further planned regional training workshops for BURs:- 2016



Supporting the international consultation and analysis (ICA)



Support to the ICA

- Providing guidance and periodic advice to the secretariat to assist it in fulfilling the selection criteria for the **composition of the team of technical expert (TTE)**;
- Developing and organizing with the assistance of the secretariat a **training programme** for the nominated technical experts undertaking the technical analysis of BURs;
- Serve as **technical experts** for undertaking the technical analysis of the BURs. (decision 20/CP.19 incl. annex)



Training programme for the ICA technical team of experts (TTE):

- In 2014 developed a **training programme for the technical experts** undertaking the technical analysis of BURs (*decision 19/CP.19 and 20/CP.19*).
- Training programme **structured to cover** the objective, principles and provisions of the Convention, and the decisions of the COP relating to the submission of NCs and BURs and conducting the ICA
- First round of the **proficiency assessment** of nominated experts on the UNFCCC Roster of Experts undertaking the TTE training programme scheduled for **24 April 2015**
- **Technical analysis of BURs** scheduled for **18-22 May 2015**



Other supporting elements

- **Institutional Arrangements (IAs):** National ownership is a key factor for sustainability of the NC and BUR process. Hence the CGE has adapted one of the US EPA templates to assist national teams in assessing and documenting the strengths and weaknesses of existing IAs to ensure continuity and integrity;
- **Guidelines for the preparation of NCs and BURs:** Producing an analytical paper on recommendations on possible elements to be considered in a future revision of the guidelines for the preparation of NCs and BURs which will take into consideration the experiences and lessons learned by non-Annex I Parties in using the NC and BUR guidelines;
- **CGE long-term strategy:** Developed to address, among other matters, the CGE long-term management plan to enable the efficient and sustainable implementation of the CGE work programme;
- **Identification and provision of technical assistance:** Reports on problems and constraints, as well as lessons learned and best practices, in the process of and the preparation of NCs and BURs by NAI Parties to inform the CGE in the identification and provision of technical assistance to address the needs of NAI Parties



- What needs to be reported?
- What needs to be enhanced for reporting?
- Are existing modalities sufficient?
 - Constraints & how to overcome these



THANK YOU
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