

Updated work plan of the Consultative Group of Experts for 2020

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The Consultative Group of Experts (CGE), at its 3rd meeting held in Bonn, Germany, from 18-19 February, developed its work plan for 2020. Over the course of the year, the CGE adjusted its work plan in response to the global impacts of COVID-19 pandemic.

Theme	Activities	Timeline for Implementation													
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
A. Knowledge Products	1. Technical handbook for developing country Parties on preparing for implementation of the ETF under the Paris Agreement ¹														
	a. Conduct quality assurance and quality control of the document		X	X	X	X	X								
	b. Finalize and publish the document on the CGE website						X								
	c. Develop infographics drawing from published document						X	X	X	X					
	2. Toolbox on institutional arrangements to support the measurement, reporting and verification and the enhanced transparency framework of climate action and support for developing country Parties														
	a. Review and finalize the <i>technical guidance document on institutional arrangements to support MRV/transparency of climate action and support</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X						
	b. Collect and publish lessons learned and experiences in written form and video interviews		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	c. Analyse feedback on CGE toolbox on institutional arrangements and conceptualize a decision-making tool									X	X	X	X		
	3. Translation of the existing CGE knowledge products into other UN languages														
	a. Handbook on measurement, reporting and verification for developing country Parties ²			X	X	X	X	X	X						
	b. Technical handbook for developing country Parties on preparing for implementation of the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement ³ and its addendum ⁴							X	X	X	X	X			
	c. Technical guidance document on institutional arrangements to support MRV/transparency of climate action and support							X	X	X	X	X			
	4. Existing tools and training materials														
	a. Stocktake and identify features in the existing tools and materials to facilitate selection and application of modelling approaches for assessing sectoral emissions, and conducting mitigation, and vulnerability and adaptation assessments			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
	5. Capacity-Building Needs Assessment														
a. Continue compiling information on capacity-building needs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
b. Publish results of the capacity-building needs assessment			X	X	X	X									
c. Prepare infographics and visualization materials					X	X	X	X	X						
d. Develop a Q&A document to address basic issues raised through the CBNA survey, share on CGE website and e-mail to survey respondents			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

¹ <https://unfccc.int/documents/202962>.

² http://unfccc.int/files/national_reports/annex_i_natcom_/application/pdf/non-annex_i_mrv_handbook.pdf.

³ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/ETF_technical%20handbook_First%20Edition.pdf.

⁴ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/EFT_technical%20handbook%20addendum_First%20Edition.pdf.

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B. Knowledge Delivery	6. Regional webinars and hands-on training workshops on the existing MRV arrangements and the enhanced transparency framework (note: these workshops will be convened in a virtually session in the slight of impacts of COVID-19 pandemic) ⁵												
	a. Latin America and Caribbean									X	X	X	
	b. Asia-Pacific and Eastern Europe									X	X	X	
	c. Africa									X	X	X	
	7. Webinars (<i>by region</i>)												
	a. Synergies, at national level, to collection information for reporting under measurement, reporting and verification (MRV), enhanced transparency framework (ETF), sustainable development goals (SDGs) and other international instruments (i.e. Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction)							X		X		X	
	b. Transitioning from the Revised 1996 to 2006 IPCC Guidelines for national GHG inventories				X								
	8. Continue offering e-learning courses on the preparation of the national communications	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	9. Training of technical experts for the technical analysis of BURs												
	a. Round 11		X	X	X								
	b. Round 12							X	X	X			
C. Cross-cutting Issues	10. Collaboration activities												
	a. Engage with LEG on its <i>training for the least developed countries in implementing the Paris Agreement</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	b. Identify areas of collaboration and establish relationships with multilateral development banks to promote MRV and transparency of climate action and support	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	c. Engage with UN Statistics Division to help countries on activity data for GHG inventories	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	d. Engage with Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) for exploring opportunities to capture and reflect relevant local and indigenous knowledge into the training materials	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	e. Engage with Global Forest Observations Initiative to provide targeted technical support on AFOLU	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	f. Continue engaging with the secretariat on training programmes for greenhouse gas inventories	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	g. Continue collaborating with IPCC and Global Support Programme	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	11. Communication and outreach activities												
	a. Develop CGE communication and outreach strategy			X	X	X	X						

⁵ The regional workshops will be organized virtually over a period of three-days in the October to November period. These workshops will include a preparatory phase that will be initiated one week prior to the training and will also include a follow-up phase (see the tentative schedule on page 3).

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	b. Disseminate infographics and visualized materials prepared from materials/tools/products to improve knowledge among general public and relevant experts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	c. CGE side events during the sessions (postponed to 2021)												
	d. Informal forum ⁶												X
	12. IT support tools												
	a. Maintain and/or update CGE virtual team room	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	b. Maintain and update the CGE webpages on the UNFCCC website, the MRV/Transparency Helpdesk, and the social media accounts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
D. Others	13. Meetings of the CGE ⁷		X							X			X
	14. REDD-plus forest reference level technical assessment					X	X						
	15. Consider periodic technical report on the selection of the team of technical experts, as appropriate		X							X			
	16. Refresher seminar for the CGE on conducting and documenting a technical analysis of BURs							X					

Tentative schedule of the regional virtual training sessions

Target group	October				November				Dec →
	Wk of 5 Oct	Wk of 12 Oct	Wk of 19 Oct	Wk of 26 Oct	Wk of 2 Nov	Wk of 9 Nov	Wk of 16 Nov	Wk of 23 Nov	
Group 1 (English / Asia and EE&WEO)	Preparatory phase	Training phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase
Group 2 (English / Pacific)	Preparatory phase	Training phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase
Group 3 (English / Africa and LAC)	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Training phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase
Group 4 (French / Africa and LAC)	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Training phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase
Group 5 (Spanish / LAC and EE&WEO)	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Training phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase
Group 6 (Russian / Asia and EE&WEO)	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Training phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase
Group 7 (Arabic / MENA)	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Preparatory phase	Training phase	Follow-up phase	Follow-up phase

Color coding legend:

Preparatory phase	Training phase	Follow-up phase
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⁶ The CGE at its [2nd ad-hoc meeting](#), agreed to organize a virtual informal forum in December.

⁷ 4th CGE meeting to be organized in two parts. The first part of the 4th meeting will be held in September and the second part of the 4th meeting will be held in December.