

Vision, mission and metrics to measure the progress as well as strategic priorities of the Consultative Group of Experts for 2020-2026

With a view to ensuring that its annual work plan aligns with the broader, long-term objectives and responds to the evolution of the existing measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) arrangements under the Convention and the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement as well as needs¹ of developing country Parties in the lead up to 2026, the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE), at its 3rd meeting held from 18 to 19 February 2020, developed its vision, mission and metrics to measure the progress as well as the identified strategic priorities. The CGE agreed to review these elements annually as it develops its annual workplan. These were most recently reviewed and updated at its 11th meeting, held from 5 to 7 February 2024.

Vision

To comprehensively achieve its mandate of assisting developing country Parties improve their capacities to implement the existing MRV arrangements under the Convention and the ETF under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement in a timely and sustainable manner.

Mission

Providing targeted technical support and advice, consistent with its mandate, to developing country Parties that responds to their technical assistance needs to implement, in a timely manner, the existing MRV arrangements under the Convention and the ETF under the Paris Agreement, including putting in place sustainable institutional arrangements and data management systems.

Metrics to measure the progress

- *Metrics to measure progress of developing country Parties in the transition to the ETF*
 1. Number of experts from developing country Parties knowledgeable enough to understand and implement the ETF (this information will be gathered through CGE biennial stocktake surveys);
 2. Number of submissions of national communications (NCs) noting that:
 - a. Submission of national communications under the Convention will continue;
 3. Number of submissions of biennial update reports (BURs) noting that:
 - a. Final BURs are those that will be submitted no later than 31 December 2024;
 - b. Submission of BURs by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention that are not Parties to the Paris Agreement will continue;
 4. Number of submissions of biennial transparency reports (BTRs) noting that:
 - a. Parties shall submit their first BTR and national inventory report, if submitted as a stand-alone report, at the latest by 31 December 2024.²
- *Metrics to measure the progress in implementation of work of CGE*
 5. Number of experts who attended training workshops and completed the training programme for technical experts undertaking the technical analysis of BURs [for the latter one, it will also include the number of experts that successfully passed the proficiency assessment (by gender and region as well as total)];
 6. Feedback from the participants at the regional hands-on training workshops;
 7. Number of technical materials on MRV and ETF.

Strategic priorities

Taking into account the evolution of the existing MRV arrangements under the Convention and the ETF under the Paris Agreement, the strategic priorities of the CGE, consistent with its mandate, will be to:

- *2020 – 2022:* Continue identifying gaps and needs and promoting the understanding of the existing MRV arrangements (NC, BUR, ICA) under the Convention recognizing that the enhanced efforts to prepare improved NCs and BURs can help developing country Parties prepare better for the reporting under the ETF, introduce the ETF, and facilitate transition to the ETF, noting relevant lessons learned and good practices;
- *2022 – 2024:* Promote and facilitate implementation of the ETF under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, in particular, preparation and submission of BTRs under the ETF and NCs under the Convention, noting relevant lessons learned and good practices;
- *2024 – 2026:* Gather lessons learned and good practices in relation to submitted BTRs, understand areas of improvement, refine the approaches and tools used to provide technical advice and support, and continue facilitating implementation of the ETF, including for the preparation and submission of their BTRs and facilitating improved reporting over time, and preparation and submission of NCs.

¹ There are number of avenues through which information on needs of developing countries is available. These include information reported in national communications and biennial update reports, identification of capacity-building needs under the technical analysis of biennial update reports, periodic surveys conducted by the CGE, feedback and discussions at the regional hands-on training workshops of the CGE, the CGE informal forums, presentations and discussions at the facilitative sharing of views, etc. In future, Parties will include information on areas of improvement in their biennial transparency reports.

² The least developed country Parties and small island developing States may submit the information referred to in Article 13, paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 10, of the Paris Agreement at their discretion (Decision 18/CMA.1, para 4).