

Consultative Group of Experts

2026 CGE Hands-on Training Workshop for Asia, Pacific and Eastern Europe Regions "Towards Improved BTRs: Exchange of Experience, Good Practices and Lesson Learned" Wuhu/China, 20-23 July 2026

A. Background and Context

1. The enhanced transparency framework (ETF) is now fully operational, with 134 biennial transparency reports (BTRs) submitted, of which 92 are from developing country Parties, 86 technical expert reviews (TERs) completed, and 49 Parties having undergone the facilitative multilateral consideration of progress (FMCP), as at 20 July 2026. As implementation accelerates, promoting experience sharing and peer learning among developing country Parties has become increasingly important.
2. In 2025, the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) conducted an assessment of the existing and emerging problems and constraints encountered by developing country Parties in implementing the transparency arrangements, through analyzing the information reported in the BTRs and also through a stocktake survey.¹ Findings from the survey and from the first round of BTR submissions highlighted a consistent demand for provision of technical guidance on the practical application of MPGs, especially in view of the upcoming BTR2 cycle. Parties that submitted BTR1 indicated the importance of continued experience-sharing and peer-learning platforms. Parties that have not yet submitted BTR1s indicated that they are facing persistent challenges in understanding the MPGs, including the common reporting tables (CRT), common tabular formats (CTF), and application of flexibility provisions.
3. In addition, feedback from participants at the CGE regional workshops and webinars confirmed the continued need for technical support, particularly on unpacking TER and FMCP processes, and strengthening institutional arrangements for ETF.
4. This has been further reinforced by the request from SBI 63 to the CGE, to consider focusing on facilitating preparation and submission of BTRs, providing technical support and advice to Parties on the implementation of MPGs, application of flexibility provisions, and unpacking TER and FMCP processes.
5. At its 14th meeting, held from 3-5 March 2026, the CGE agreed to conduct its regional hands-on training workshops on selected topics based on the priority capacity building needs identified in the regions, including, but not limited to, facilitating implementation of the MPGs, including sharing experience with participation to TER and FMCP, application of flexibility provisions, developing improvement plans, establishing institutional arrangements to implement the ETF, reporting information on climate change impacts and adaptation, including information related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, reporting on support needed and received, and using the ETF reporting tools, in collaboration with relevant partners.
6. Responding to this decision, the secretariat conducted a survey to solicit information from the countries in Asia, Pacific and Eastern Europe regions, to indicate the topics that would be most useful to focus on during the workshop. The results of the survey presented that the top ranked topics of interest are (1) understanding and applying the MPGs, (2) participation in the TER process, (3) establishing institutional arrangements to implement the ETF, and (4) application of flexibility provisions and developing improvement plans.
7. Furthermore, CMA 7 adopted a decision² on provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for reporting and capacity-building for ETF, including a list of activities to be implemented in collaboration with the CGE and other constituted bodies and relevant partners. In that context, the regional workshops will provide an avenue to discuss experience, best practices, lessons learned and challenges related to implementing Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.
8. Taking these into consideration, the CGE will focus its regional hands-on training workshop for Asia, Pacific and Eastern Europe Regions in 2026 on these selected topics, through thematic sessions, hands-on exercises, panel discussions and sharing of experience, lessons learned and best practices by leveraging peer-to-peer exchange.

¹ Reports are available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/649420> and <https://unfccc.int/documents/649189>.

² <https://unfccc.int/documents/655021>

B. Objective and expected outcomes

9. The main objective of the CGE regional workshop is to strengthen the technical capacities of national experts from developing country Parties in preparation and timely submission of BTRs, with an aim to facilitate improved reporting and effective participation to TER and FMCP processes, through peer exchange by sharing of experience, good practices and lessons learned.
10. The CGE regional workshop is also expected to support developing country Parties at different stages of BTR preparation, those that are preparing BTR2 and those yet to submit BTR1.
11. The regional workshop aims to achieve the following learning outcomes:
 - Enhance technical understanding and application of MPGs, including application of flexibility provisions and developing improvement plans;
 - Enhance readiness and effective participation in TER and FMCP processes;
 - Strengthen participants' technical capacity to establish and/or maintain sustainable institutional arrangements to implement the ETF, including coordination mechanisms, data management systems and multi-stakeholder engagement processes at the national level;
 - Facilitate peer exchange and networking and promote sharing of experience, good practices and lessons learned amongst the national experts.

C. Target Audience

12. While the final decision to nominate the participants lies with the respective national focal points, it is encouraged to nominate a national expert who is actively involved in transparency-related processes and preparation of BTRs. Further, the national focal points are strongly encouraged to take gender considerations into account.

D. Approach, structure and content

13. The workshop will be organized in person, over the course of 4 days. It will combine targeted technical sessions, peer exchange, a site visit and practical hands-on exercises designed to provide an immersive and dynamic learning experience.
14. **PREPARATORY PHASE:** Preparatory phase will be initiated two weeks before the training phase. During this phase, participants will undergo self-study of introductory materials, define their expectations and familiarize themselves with the training exercise. A pre-workshop webinar will also be held with a primary focus to introduce the workshop participants with background information and materials, and the programme. In addition, a survey form will be circulated to participants to solicit their profile information including expertise, working areas and their preliminary questions. The information received will be synthesized and shared with the resource persons. The secretariat will invite selected country participants to be case owners to present their experience, lessons learned and other technical matters.
15. **TRAINING PHASE:** The workshop will be held on 20-23 July 2026, which consists of technical sessions, panel discussions, country presentations, a site visit and hands-on exercises linked to preparing the BTRs, in particular applying the MPGs including the flexibility provisions, developing improvement plans, participating in the TER and FMCP processes and establishing sustainable institutional arrangements for ETF implementation:
 - **Technical sessions** will introduce technical topics, including lessons learned from BTR1s, areas for improvement, and expectations for future submissions. These sessions will create a common understanding while allowing Parties to exchange experiences;
 - **Panel discussions and country presentations** will support practical peer exchange among Parties and promote good practices and lessons learned in implementing the ETF. Attention will be given to promoting exchange between Parties that submitted BTRs and/or participated to TER and FMCP, and those preparing BTRs or yet to participate to the TER and FMCP;
 - **Hands-on exercises** will promote practical applications by providing opportunities to strengthen technical knowledge and skills in implementing the ETF;
 - **Site visit** on day 3 will be arranged.
 - **Feedback survey** will be conducted at the end of the training, to solicit feedback on the training approach and content, as well as on whether the training objectives and their individual expectations have been achieved.

16. **POST WORKSHOP PHASE:** This phase will commence on the completion of the training phase, during which participants will be encouraged to continue engaging with peers and the resource persons, either to address any technical questions they may have or to share their experience and lessons learned, as well as technical resources that may benefit other peers.

E. Agenda

Time	Day 1- Opening, MPGs, experience in implementing the ETF
8:00-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:45	Welcoming remarks <i>by the organizers and the host country representatives</i> - Xia Yingxian, Director-General, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, People's Republic of China - Xuehong Wang, Director, Transparency Division, UNFCCC - Cao Shaobing, Director-General, Department of Ecology and Environment of Anhui Province - Cao Xiaoming, Vice Mayor of Wuhu Group photo
9:45-10:15	Workshop introduction: <i>Introduction of workshop objectives and the programme</i> Ice breaker exercise: <i>Participants will play "Transparency Bingo," circulating the room to find peers matching descriptions related to their transparency reporting experience and a few lighter, fun prompts. The exercise encourages participants to meet as many peers as possible before the substantive sessions begin.</i>
10:15-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-11:00	Transparency outlook Presentation followed by Q&A session: <i>This session will provide an overview of ETF implementation status and key transparency outcomes from Belem.</i>
11:00-12:30	Thematic session: experience, best practices, lessons learned and challenges in implementing ETF <i>This session will provide an avenue to discuss experience, best practices, lessons learned and challenges related to implementing Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, as part of the Belem List of activities, pursuant to the CMA 7 decision paragraph 9(g) on provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for reporting and capacity-building for ETF.</i> Moderated panel discussion: <i>A panel of selected participants will share practical insights, experience, best practices, lessons learned and challenges related to implementing the ETF, including institutional coordination, data management, application of flexibility provisions, etc. Participants will have the opportunity to interact directly with panelists and reflect on approaches that may be transferable to their national circumstances. The discussion will also seek reflections related to the progress in preparing the second BTRs. Guiding questions will be prepared to facilitate the discussion. (30 min)</i> <i>Note: Priority will be given to the panel discussions. The breakout group discussions will be removed, and the report-back session may be changed to a Q&A session, if needed. Other participants who wish to share their insights are encouraged to take the floor during the plenary discussions.</i> Breakout group discussion: <i>Participants will form groups and discuss a set of questions related to common challenges, lessons learned and best practices in implementing ETF. (30 min)</i> Report back by the groups and plenary discussion: <i>The groups will report back, and a plenary discussion will be held to reflect on the report back by the groups. (30 min)</i>
12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-13:40	Energizer
13:40-14:55	Thematic session: unpacking the MPGs Scene setting presentation followed by Q&A session: <i>The presentation will provide an overview of the MPGs. (20 min)</i>

	Individual exercise: Participants will assess their submitted or in-progress BTR against selected checklists of different reporting sections (general, GHGI, NDC tracking, Adaptation, FTC) pursuant to MPGs. The exercise aims to help participants identify gaps and incomplete elements, with a view to informing BTR preparation. (25 min) Menti and plenary discussion: Participants will be invited to reflect on a set of guiding questions related with MPGs application, through an interactive exercise. (30 min)
14:55-15:10	Coffee break
15:10-17:10	Thematic session: unpacking the flexibility provisions and areas of improvement Scene setting presentation followed by Q&A session: The presentation will provide an overview of the flexibility provisions, capacity building needs and areas of improvements. (20 min) Country interventions: Selected Parties will share practical examples of application of flexibility provisions and identifying capacity constraints and self-determined estimated time frames for improvements in relation to those capacity constraints. (30 min) Breakout group exercise: Participants will develop indicative improvement plans, identifying capacity constraints across key BTR reporting areas and defining concrete actions, responsibilities and timeframes. (40 min) Plenary discussion: A plenary discussion will be held for report backs from the groups reflecting on the exercise, and participants will be invited to share their indicative improvement plans on a voluntary basis. (30 min)
17:10	End of day 1

Time	Day 2 – TER, FMCP and institutional arrangements for ETF implementation
9:00-09:15	Brief recap of Day 1, quick introduction of Day 2 and energizer (by the CGE) <i>Short recap of the knowledge gained, and lessons learned from the previous day.</i>
09:15-10:15	Thematic session: unpacking the TER process Presentation followed by Q&A session: The session will begin with a brief presentation introducing the technical expert review (TER) processes, key steps, timelines and expectations for Parties. (30 min) Country interventions followed by Q & A session: Selected Parties will share their experience in participating in TER. (30 min)
10:15-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-12:30	Thematic session: unpacking the TER process (continued) Breakout group exercise - mock TER: Participants will assume different roles and take part in a mock TER exercise using information provided in advance or during the session. The exercise will allow participants to simulate key steps of the TER process. (65 min) Plenary discussion: The groups will report back, and a plenary discussion will be held to reflect on the exercise. (50 min)
12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-13:40	Energizer
13:40-14:35	Thematic session: unpacking the FMCP process Presentation followed by Q&A session: The session will begin with a brief presentation introducing the facilitative multilateral consideration of progress (FMCP) processes, key steps, timelines and expectations for Parties. (25 min) Panel discussion: Selected participants who were involved in FMCP process will share their experience and key insights. (30 min)
14:35-15:20	Thematic session: institutional arrangements for ETF implementation Presentation followed by Q&A session: A scene-setting presentation on national transparency systems and the key institutional arrangement elements needed for ETF implementation (20 min)

	Country interventions followed by Q&A session: <i>Selected Parties will share their national transparency architectures, illustrating how institutional arrangements were established, have evolved and are being maintained across MRV and ETF cycles, including lessons learned and challenges. (25 min)</i>
15:20-15:35	Coffee break
15:35-17:45	Thematic session: institutional arrangements for ETF implementation (continued) Country interventions followed by Q&A session (continued): (40 min) <i>Participants will join one of two parallel breakout streams: (5 min introduction + 45 min group exercise)</i> In parallel breakout group work focused on organizational mandates, governance structures, legal frameworks and capacity building: <i>Participants will form groups and discuss common institutional challenges and explore practical solutions to address them, such as staff turnover, data access barriers, inter-agency coordination gaps, legal mandates for transparency, and mainstreaming transparency into national planning processes. Guiding questions will structure the discussion.</i> In parallel breakout group work focused on data management frameworks: <i>The session will focus specifically on data management frameworks through the lens of institutional arrangements: who owns the data, who is responsible for collecting, processing, archiving and utilizing it for BTR preparation, and how those responsibilities are formalized and sustained over time.</i> Report back by the groups and plenary discussion: <i>The groups will report back, and a plenary discussion will be held to reflect on the exercise. (40 min)</i>
17:45	End of day 2

Time	Day 3 – site visit
09:00 – 09:30	Assemble in the lobby
09:30 – 10:05	Depart from Hualuxe Hotel to Chery New Energy
10:05 – 10:45	Chery New Energy — Field visit (New Energy Vehicles)
10:45 - 11:20	Return to Hualuxe Hotel 7th floor restaurant for lunch
14:20-14:50	Assemble in the lobby
14:50 – 15:05	Travel to Wuhu Shipyard
15:05 – 16:15	Wuhu Shipyard— Field visit (New Energy Green Ships)
16:15 – 16:30	Return to Hualuxe Hotel 7th floor restaurant for dinner
19:00 – 19:30	Assemble in the lobby
19:30 – 19:45	Depart from Hualuxe Hotel to the dock
19:30 – 20:25	Yangtze River Protection effectiveness — Field visit
20:25 – 20:40	Return to Hualuxe Hotel

Time	Day 4 – ETF clinics, action planning and closing
9:00-9:15	Brief recap of Day 3, quick introduction of Day 4 and energizer (by the CGE) <i>Short recap of key lessons from the previous days, including reflections from the site visit.</i>

9:15-10:40	Thematic session: ETF clinics - BTR, TER and FMCP <i>The ETF Clinics will provide targeted technical support on BTR chapters, TER and FMCP. Participants will join parallel thematic clinics, with each clinic facilitated by CGE members, the secretariat and/or partners.</i> Introduction to the ETF Clinics: <i>The moderator will introduce the objective, format and expected outputs of the session. (10 min)</i> Parallel clinics in World Café format: <i>Participants will rotate among different clinic tables, with flexibility to remain at a specific table based on their needs and interests. Each clinic will provide space for participants to raise practical questions, discuss common challenges, exchange experiences and identify possible solutions, good practices and follow-up support needs. The session will include five rounds of approximately 25 minutes each across the two parts (75 min before the coffee break and 50 min after the coffee break). Participants are not expected to attend all clinics but are encouraged to prioritize the topics most relevant to their work.</i> <i>Clinics topics:</i> • <i>BTR - National GHGI</i> • <i>BTR - NDC tracking</i> • <i>BTR - Climate change impacts and adaptation</i> • <i>BTR - Support needed and received</i> • <i>Participating in TER</i> • <i>Participating in FMCP</i>
10:40-10:55	Coffee break
10:55-12:30	Thematic session: ETF clinics - BTR, TER and FMCP (continued) Parallel clinics in World Café format (continued) (50 min) Report back by the clinics and plenary discussion: <i>Clinic resource persons will briefly report back on the main questions raised, common challenges discussed, practical solutions and good practices identified, and recurring technical support needs. The plenary discussion will allow participants to reflect on cross-cutting messages from the clinics and identify issues to carry forward into the action-planning session. (45 min)</i>
12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-13:40	Energizer
13:40-15:00	Action planning Exercise: <i>Participants will individually reflect key lessons emerging from the discussions and identify a few practical action points to put into practice after the workshop with a view to strengthening and improving their national transparency processes and BTR. (40 mins)</i> Menti exercise and facilitated plenary discussion: <i>Participants will be invited to share the action points they identified to pursue via an interactive exercise. Based on the inputs, a discussion will be held to facilitate networking across the region (40 min)</i>
15:00-15:15	Coffee break
15:15-15:45	Workshop evaluation and closing <i>Closing remarks will be delivered. Participants will be invited to complete the workshop feedback survey. Certificates of attendance will be handed out.</i>
15:45	End of workshop