

Welcoming statement by the CGE Chair

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Speaker: CGE Chair Virginia Sena

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- Thank you Ovais and Marianne for your remarks and encouragement to the work of the CGE.
- On behalf of the **Consultative Group of Experts (CGE)**, I have the honor to welcome you to this 4th Informal Forum of the Consultative Group of Experts.
- In addition, you will hear about the achievements of the CGE in 2020 and 2021, as well as the lessons learned over this period.
- We hope that we will receive your feedback today about these achievements and lessons learned that will further help us better understand the additional and/or evolving needs of developing country Parties and their priorities as we seek to prepare our workplans for 2022 and 2023.
- To gather your inputs, we have arranged some focused group discussions followed by plenary discussions.
- We hope for your interactive and enthusiastic participation in these discussions today.
- This informal forum is to provide you, the experts and stakeholders to provide your input on how you are implementing the MRV framework and preparing for the enhanced transparency framework.

- The CGE used innovative approaches and methods to successfully implement its workplans for 2020 and 2021.
- This resulted in:
 - Training 609 national experts through 14 virtual regional hands-on training workshops;
 - Reaching 709 experts, through webinars on key thematic issues;
 - Developing, translating and disseminating online training resources, which included animation videos, technical handbooks, and hands-on exercises;
 - Compiling and summarizing capacity-building needs for the preparation of NCs and BURs.
- As the CGE, we hope Parties utilize these materials to further enhance their institutional arrangements for reporting and elements of their climate change reporting.
- With the experience gained in implementing the CGE workplan in 2020 and 2021, together with your feedback, we hope to further enhance our workplan activities to further assist, developing country Parties on their important journey to implement the MRV arrangements and use that as a foundation for preparing for and implementing the ETF.
- We look forward to fruitful discussions today.
- Enjoy the session.
- I will now hand it over to my fellow CGE member, Arif for the presentation on CGE's achievements.

- Thank you.