

Welcoming statement by the SBI Chair

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- Ladies and gentlemen
- Good afternoon, good evening or good morning to you all.
- It is a great pleasure to welcome each and every one of you to the 4th Informal Forum of the Consultative Group of Experts.
- Let me start by congratulating the CGE, its Chair and members, for the recognition of their work in Glasgow. Let me also reiterate my gratitude to the CGE for successfully delivering concrete outputs under the difficult circumstances over the last two years.
- Today's 4th Informal Forum of the CGE bears testimony to the commitment of the CGE to continue to deliver on its objective.
- Glasgow confirmed that we are now shifting gear. We have a clear recognition of science – much stronger than we have seen before. We have done too little too late and we are looking at a very narrow window to have the Paris Goals within reach and we are united in holding the 1,5 degree goal as our benchmark. I think the COP President concluded this well when he said we have managed to keep the 1.5 alive, but its pulse is very weak.
- Consequently we also have from Glasgow a strong call for more ambition and more action. Our list of home work is long. And while we stand united in our way forward, implementation across the globe will require enhanced support for developing countries, including for building capacities on all fronts. We cannot leave anyone behind.
- The constituted bodies under the UNFCCC has long experience in working to support implementation in developing countries. This is indeed the case for the CGE which is one of the oldest constituted bodies under the UNFCCC. As a provider of technical advice and support the CGE has a key role to play in improving reporting from developing countries over time. In Glasgow the CGE was called to

provide technical advice and support for enhancing institutional and technical capacity to prepare and submit reports on only under the Convention, but also under the Paris Agreement.

- I call on you all there today to continue to ensure that the CGE will meet its objective and remains responsive to the needs expressed by developing country Parties. One way of doing that is of course to engage in the activities convened by the CGE, including this forum. I would therefore like to thank everyone for joining the Forum today and encourage all participants to actively share experiences and needs in order for you to enhance reporting and implement the enhanced transparency framework.
- Today you will hear what the CGE has done and plans to do in 2022. But first and foremost this is an opportunity to take part in shaping the work of the CGE in the year ahead in a way that is relevant and targeted towards what you see as key challenges and needs.
- With that I wish you all a good working session and all the best for a happy festive season. Since I am as a Norwegian a child of the far north I will have to follow my tradition and wish you all a lot of snow for the season, well knowing that for most of you – this is not relevant at all and even maybe not much in demand either.
- Anyway – all the best to you and your families and stay safe.
- Thank you very much.