



Virtual trainings on the existing MRV arrangements and the enhanced transparency framework

Organized by the Consultative Group of Experts with the assistance of the secretariat

I. Objective and expected outcomes

1. The main objective of the virtual trainings is, inter alia, to enhance the technical capacity of experts from developing country Parties in implementing the existing measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) arrangements under the Convention and understanding the modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs) for the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement, with a view to facilitating developing country Parties' preparation for the implementation of the ETF. Specifically, after completing the virtual training, participants are expected to:
 - i. Further enhance their understanding of the existing MRV arrangements;
 - ii. Acquire good knowledge of the MPGs for the ETF;
 - iii. Effectively articulate the areas of enhancement of the existing MRV arrangements to support implementation of the ETF;
 - iv. Identify gaps and capacity-building needs to plan for and start preparing for the implementation of the ETF.

II. Approach

2. The virtual training will be organized in a manner that engages participants in interactive discussions and exercises. The training will be structured into three phases – preparatory, training and follow-up phases – that span over two weeks. The training itself will be held over the course of three days consisting of 2.5–3 hours of virtual session each day.
3. The training will be conducted virtually using MS Teams, supplemented by emails and online materials. An online channel via MS Teams will be created for participants to engage interactively, both verbally and through chat function, at all stages of the virtual training.
4. Training materials and presentations will be made available to all participants in advance of the virtual training course.

III. Programme details

A. Preparatory phase (1 week prior to the virtual training)



5. Participants will be provided with a recording of an introductory session and training materials; and asked to self-study the introductory session and post questions (relating to the generic session, training materials including the CGE technical handbook for developing country Parties on preparing for implementation on the ETF under the Paris Agreement and the CGE handbook on institutional arrangements to support MRV/transparency of climate action and support, course design, etc.) and their expectations via MS Teams channel. A survey form will be circulated to the participants to share their profile information including expertise, working areas and interests.
6. The learning materials to be made available include the following:
 - i. Objectives of the virtual training course;
 - ii. How to access the virtual meeting rooms on MS Teams;
 - iii. Scene-setting pre-recorded presentations addressing the following will be available on the [UNFCCC youtube site](#): (under CGE Virtual Trainings);
 - 1) Overview of the existing MRV arrangements under the Convention and the ETF under Paris Agreement;
 - 2) Cross-cutting elements of the MPGs (including guiding principles, institutional arrangements, TER and FMCP process);
 - 3) Linkage with other provisions of the Paris Agreement;
 - 4) Common elements between the existing MRV arrangements under the Convention and the ETF under Paris Agreement, and the former can be used as a basis to transition to the latter;
 - iv. Homework and training materials to be used in the next phase;

B. Training phase (over the course of 3 days)

7. Day 1 – Virtual training course (ca. 2.5 hours):

- Opening, objectives of the virtual training course, engagement rules (netiquettes), tour de table (15 min)
 - **CGE Chair**
 - **Director Transparency Division, UNFCCC**
- Recap and scene setting in the plenary (1 hour):
 - Recap of the introductory session (5 min)
 - **CGE member**
 - Key aspects of the existing MRV arrangements and how it can be enhanced to support the implementation of the ETF – thematic overview (i.e. national GHG inventory, tracking progress of NDCs, climate change impacts and adaptation, and support needed and received) (40 min)



{The presentation will focus on key commonalities and differences between reporting provisions in the NC/BUR guidelines and the MPGs, including discussions on the 'shall' and 'should' requirements and flexibility provisions for those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities.}

- **CGE member**
- Key considerations in transitioning to the implementation of the ETF: in terms of institutional arrangements and improvement planning (15 min)
 - **CGE members**
- Q&A session (30 min+)
 - **CGE member**
- Introduction to the break-out group (BOG) exercise on day 2 (15min)
 - **UNFCCC secretariat**
 - Introduce BOGs and CGE facilitators of each group
 - Provide overview of what needs to be undertaken and the approach

8. Day 2 – Break-out group work (estimated time to complete the exercise: ca. 3 hours):

- Participants, in BOGs, will be asked to engage in a hands-on exercise, using a case study, to:
 - Conduct rapid assessment of how current reporting (either GHG inventory, NC and/or BUR) compares with the relevant reporting provisions contained in the MPGs for the ETF;
 - Identify key areas of enhancement to the current institutional and technical capacity necessary to support the implementation of the ETF;
 - Formulate solutions (actions) to address the identified key areas of enhancement;
 - Determine support needs to address the action items identified as above;
 - Develop an action plan focusing on few priorities.

9. Day 3 – Virtual training course (ca. 2.5 hours):

- Recap from day 2 (10 min)
- BOG presentations on the outcome (report back) and key findings of the exercise (60 min+)
- Q&A (30 min)
- Feedback and discussion on expectations (15 min)
- Closing (15 min)

C. Follow-up phase (after the virtual training)

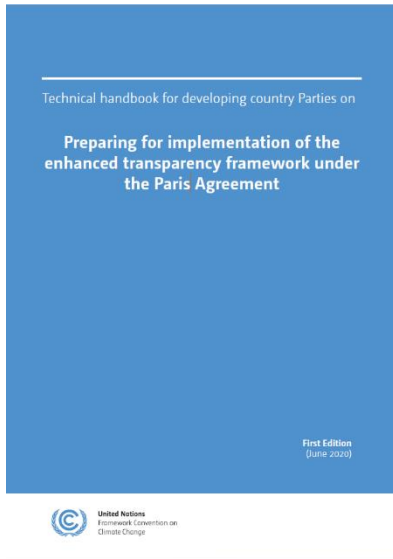


- An online survey to collect feedback within 1 week after the virtual training. Among other things, the participants will be invited to provide suggestions and recommendations on future improvements and training needs;
- Continued remote technical advice to the participants, upon request;
- Continued exchange of experiences and lessons learned as well as relevant technical resources among participants.



Resource Materials for the training

Knowledge Products



Technical handbook for developing country Parties on Preparing for implementation of the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement

The handbook aims to improve awareness and understanding of the ETF and its modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs) by national experts and practitioners from developing country Parties. It can help them consider opportunities to improve their current reporting systems and start planning for the establishment of institutional arrangements. In this regard, the technical handbook:



1. explains in detail the information to be reported including the outline and content of **biennial transparency reports (BTRs)**;
2. describes the **processes for the technical expert review (TER)** and the **facilitative multilateral consideration of progress (FMCP)**.

Handbook on institutional arrangements to support MRV/transparency of climate action and support



The handbook offers practical tips on transitioning from project-based national institutional arrangements that focus on producing individual reports, which lack continuity and adequate resources, to long-term national arrangements that establish permanent teams to ensure regular, continuous data flows that provide robust information for formulating national reports and guiding decision makers.



Readers and users will find the handbook useful as it further provides information that:

1. Clarifies concepts and framework of MRV/transparency institutional arrangements;



2. Outlines processes and steps, including quick guides on setting up MRV/transparency institutional arrangements;
3. Highlights ways to ensure sustainability of national MRV/transparency institutional arrangements, and;
4. Offers reporting guidance on institutional arrangements for both national and international reports.



Handbook on Measurement, Reporting and Verification for developing country Parties

This handbook consolidates the relevant requirements issued by the COP on the MRV framework and was prepared to serve as a 'one-stop shop' providing an overview of the full package of decisions adopted by the COP on the MRV framework for developing countries.



Guidelines

National Communications	
Biennial Update Reports	
Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines for the ETF for action and support	

Websites:

Consultative Group of Experts:	https://unfccc.int/CGE
MRV/Transparency Helpdesk:	https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/transparency/Pages/Home.aspx
CGE toolbox on Institutional Arrangements	https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/consultative-group-of-experts-cge/cge-toolbox-on-institutional-arrangements