

**Talking points COP25 Presidency**  
**Second CGE Pilot informal forum**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Capacity-building Hub at COP 25**

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- Deputy Executive Secretary, Mr. Ovais SARMAD, Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), Mr. Emmanuel DUMISANI DLAMINI, Chair of the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE), Mr. Gervais Ludovic ITSOUA MADZOUS, Co-Chair of the Paris Committee on Capacity-Building (PCCB), Ms. Marzena CHODOR, members of the CGE, ladies and gentlemen.
- Good evening. I am honored to speak at the opening of the second pilot CGE informal forum.
- As you know, the IPCC Special report on global warming of 1.5°C provides further scientific evidence backing the need for urgency. And with countries adopting the bulk of the decisions implementing the Paris Agreement in Katowice, we have entered a new era of ambition and action.
- The climate crisis upon us now requires that countries and non-Party stakeholders, everyone, step up their climate action. We need to act with urgency and recognize that we are in a race against time.
- To sufficiently raise climate ambition, we need to understand where we are in terms of reducing GHG emissions and adapting to climate impacts and make assessment of the scale and scope of ambition yet to increase.
- Measuring, reporting and verification of progress made towards achieving commitments provides evidence of ambitious action for use by both Party and non-Party stakeholders.

- As you know, the existing MRV system is a living system that evolves and enhances over time based on agreed guidelines and reflecting relevant experiences. It sets a foundation for Parties to engage in the new transparency regime under the Paris Agreement.
- While lessons learned are numerous, the importance of continuous capacity support to developing countries is paramount.
- It is important for all governments and stakeholders to understand the needs for support of developing countries. It is importance also to understand how such support can be accessed, and how meeting such needs can lead to more ambitions NDCs and achievement of the sustainable development goals.
- I believe that this forum will provide a golden opportunity for you to address those questions in particular in the context of MRV/transparency, and I wish to thank the CGE for creating this opportunity.
- Lastly, I strongly believe that making use of experiences and lessons learned by peer countries, expanding partnerships and joint effort are the key to shaping the transition process decisively and reaching the goals of the Paris Agreement.
- I therefore hope and encourage all of you to actively engage in robust dialogue here, and share your views and experiences, thereby making the most out of this forum.
- Thank you.