

Talking points Deputy Executive Secretary

Second CGE Pilot informal forum

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2nd Capacity-building Hub at COP 25

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- Presidency for COP25, Ms. Carolina Urmeneta, 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. Let me welcome you to this second pilot informal forum of the CGE.
 - We are at a critical junction in our process. COP25 is the culmination not only of the issues we've been working on this year but represents an important chapter in a larger process that has been going on for more than a quarter-century.
 - At the same time, COP25 is an incredible opportunity to not only build capacity for both developing and developed countries, but to increase coherence and coordination. We recognize how important this is to all countries.
 - As you all know, transparency is a key element of effective national and international climate action. The authoritative information prepared and communicated by individual countries provides foundation for trust building and mutual understanding of the pathways that we are walking together towards reaching the goals of the Paris Agreement.
 - Measurement, reporting and verification requires a huge amount of work at the national level, involving coordination between various

stakeholders, technical expertise to collect, analyze and compile data and information, and dedicated leadership and high-level commitment to allow for continuous improvement of quality and sustain the process over time.

- It also requires the provision of continuous capacity support for developing countries, based on the understanding of the emerging challenges and constraints they face with in their implementation of the existing MRV arrangements under the Convention and preparation for the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement.
- The work of the CGE, including creating the avenue like this forum, delivers on such needs.
- I strongly believe that this forum will provide a golden opportunity for you to learn from peer countries, better understand the emerging challenges and needs faced by developing countries and thereby inform the support initiatives to better respond to such needs.
- The will also help Parties, during the negotiation process, to be informed and guided by robust information and that the provision of financial and technical support is adequate to deliver on the goals of the Paris Agreement.
- I sincerely hope that you are able to make use of this space to engage in a meaningful implementation focused exchange. This is what we need as we enter into a new era for *“greater ambition and accelerated implementation”* and I wish to thank the CGE for creating this opportunity.
- 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.