

Talking points

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Pilot CGE Informal Forum

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- The Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), Mr. Emmanuel DUMISANI DLAMINI; Deputy Executive Secretary, Mr. Ovais Sarmad, my fellow members of the CGE; ladies and gentlemen.
- Let me, on behalf of the CGE, let me extend a warm welcome to all of you to this pilot informal forum.
- As many of you know, COP24 in Katowice in Poland extended the term of the Consultant Group of Experts for eight years, from 2019 to 2026, and agreed that it would serve the Paris Agreement, and agreed to revise its terms of reference to reflect the new mandate.
- This group is currently the key technical support element under the Convention to assist developing country Parties in meeting their reporting obligations and ensuring that technical experts involved in the technical analysis process of BURs are suitably trained.
- In Katowice, the group was also requested to support the implementation of the enhanced transparency framework by providing technical advice and support to developing country Parties for the preparation and submission of biennial transparency reports and facilitate improved reporting over time.
- Following the mandate from Katowice, the CGE developed its work plan for 2019, considering this support, along with its existing mandate under the current MRV/transparency arrangements.

- The group set its priority for the year to increase the number of submissions of national communications and biennial update reports, and help developing countries prepare for the implementation of the enhanced transparency framework.
- The group also recognized the critical role of technical advice and support to developing country Parties in the successful implementation of the reporting under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement.
- This pilot informal forum is one of many activities that the CGE will roll out this year in its effort to either directly or facilitate support to developing country Parties to continue implementing the existing MRV arrangements, and use them as a foundation for the enhanced transparency framework.
- We are convening this forum with the hope of achieving:
 1. **One - Improved understanding** of what are the **key developments** under the Convention and the Paris Agreement in the areas of **measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) and enhanced transparency framework**, and their **implications** to developing country Parties;
 2. **Two - Improved understanding** of what are the **existing and emerging constraints, challenges and capacity needs** of developing country Parties in the **implementation** of the existing MRV arrangements and the transitioning to the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement;
 3. **Three – Clear overview of the landscape of technical advice and support opportunities** available to developing country Parties for the implementation of the existing MRV arrangements and the transitioning to the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement;
 4. **Four- Enhanced networking** amongst developing country Parties seeking support with those entities that are in a position to provide the technical advice and support needed;

Lastly, **CGE also see this as an important platform** strengthen its engagement directly with the relevant stakeholders and facilitate delivery of impactful technical support and advice to developing countries.

- Today, we will hear from developing country Parties on their experiences in preparing their national reports, from the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility that has been the main source of financial support to prepare these reports, and also an expert view on structural changes may be needed to the existing institutional arrangements to effectively support the implementation of the enhanced transparency framework.
- On behalf of the CGE, we look forward to your engagement in these sessions and hope to be able to tailor our support towards your needs.
- Thank you.