

Oral report by the CGE Chair at the opening plenary of SBI 52-55

Agenda item: SBI 4b Report (for 2020 and 2021) and terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts

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Statement by the Chair of the Consultative Group of Experts

- Thank you, Madame Chair.
- On behalf of the **Consultative Group of Experts (CGE)**, I have the honor to report to the SBI on its work.
- In 2020, the CGE formulated its vision, mission and strategic objectives to guide its work, keeping the long-term needs and priorities of developing countries, as they implement the existing MRV arrangements under the Convention and to prepare for transitioning to the ETF under the Paris Agreement.
- The CGE using innovative approaches and methods successfully implemented its workplans for 2020 and 2021.
- This resulted in:
 - Training 609 national experts through 14 virtual regional hands-on training workshops;
 - Reaching 709 experts, through webinars on key thematic issues;
 - Developing, translating and disseminating online training resources, which included animation videos, technical handbooks, and hands-on exercises;
 - Continuing the training programme on the technical analysis of BURs;

- Increasing awareness of CGE activities through special events, informal forums, and online platforms;
 - Compiling and summarizing capacity-building needs for the preparation of NCs and BURs.
- The CGE is fully committed to assisting developing countries on their important journey to implement the MRV arrangements and use that as a foundation for the ETF.
- In closing, the CGE looks forward to a successful review and revision of the terms of reference.
- Thank you.