

Vision, mission and metrics to measure the progress as well as strategic priorities of the Consultative Group of Experts for 2020-2026

With a view to ensuring that its annual work plan aligns with the broader, long-term objectives and responds to the evolution of the existing measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) arrangements under the Convention and the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement as well as needs¹ of developing country Parties in the lead up to 2026, the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE), at its 3rd meeting held from 18 to 19 February 2020, developed its vision, mission and metrics to measure the progress as well as the identified strategic priorities. These were reviewed and updated at its 7th meeting, held from 28 February to 1 March 2022 and later at its 9th meeting, held from 9 – 10 February 2023. The CGE agreed to review these elements annually as it develops its annual work plan.

Vision

To comprehensively achieve its mandate of assisting developing country Parties improve their capacities to implement the existing MRV arrangements under the Convention and the enhanced transparency framework under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement in a timely and sustainable manner.

Mission

Providing targeted technical support and advice, consistent with its mandate, to developing country Parties that responds to their technical assistance needs to implement, in a timely manner, the existing MRV arrangements under the Convention and the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement, including putting in place sustainable institutional arrangements and data management systems.

Metrics to measure the progress

- Metrics to measure progress of developing country Parties in the transition to the ETF
 1. Number of experts from developing country Parties knowledgeable enough to understand and implement the enhanced transparency framework (this information will be gathered through a survey using 2019 and 2021 surveys as a benchmark);
 2. Number of submissions of NCs, BURs and BTRs noting that:
 - a. Final BURs are those that will be submitted no later than 31 December 2024;
 - b. Parties shall submit their first biennial transparency report and national inventory report, if submitted as a stand-alone report, at the latest by 31 December 2024;
 - c. Submission of national communications under the Convention will continue;
 - d. Submission of biennial update reports by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention that are not Parties to the Paris Agreement will continue.
- Metrics to measure the progress in implementation of work of CGE
 3. Number of experts trained through training workshops and the training programme for the technical experts undertaking the technical analysis of biennial update reports (for the latter one, it will also include the number of experts that successfully passed the proficiency assessment (by gender and region as well as total));
 4. Feedback from the participants at the regional hands-on training workshops.

Strategic priorities

Taking into account the evolution of the existing MRV arrangements under the Convention and the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement, the strategic priorities of the CGE, consistent with its mandate, will be to:

- 2020 – 2022: Continue identifying gaps and needs and promoting the understanding of the existing MRV arrangements (NC, BUR, ICA) under the Convention recognizing that the enhanced efforts to prepare improved national communications and biennial update reports can help developing country Parties prepare better for the reporting under the enhanced transparency framework, introduce the enhanced transparency framework, and facilitate transition to the enhanced transparency framework, noting relevant lessons learned and good practices;
- 2022 – 2024: Promote and facilitate implementation of the enhanced transparency framework under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, in particular, preparation and submission of biennial transparency reports under the enhanced transparency framework and national communications under the Convention, noting relevant lessons learned and good practices;
- 2024 – 2026: Gather lessons learned and good practices in relation to submitted biennial transparency reports, understand areas of improvement, refine the approaches and tools used to provide technical advice and support, and continue facilitating implementation of the enhanced transparency framework, including for the preparation and submission of their biennial transparency reports and facilitating improved reporting over time, and preparation and submission of national communications.

¹ There are number of avenues through which information on needs of developing countries is available. These include information reported in national communications and biennial update reports, identification of capacity-building needs under the technical analysis of biennial update reports, periodic surveys conducted by the CGE, feedback and discussions at the regional hands-on training workshops of the CGE, the CGE informal forums, presentations and discussions at the facilitative sharing of views, etc. In future, Parties will include information on areas of improvement in their biennial transparency reports.