

Work Programme of the Consultative Group of Experts for 2026 - 2029

The CGE, pursuant to its revised term of reference adopted by decisions 9/CP.30 and 16/CMA.7, developed its work programme 2026 – 2029 at its 14th meeting, held from 3 to 5 March 2026, with a view to ensuring that its work aligns with the broader and long-term objectives of the measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) arrangements under the Convention and the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement, as well as needs of developing country Parties. The CGE may review and update its work programme, as necessary.

<i>Work area</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Metric</i>
Workstream 1: Promote, support and facilitate implementation of MRV arrangements and the ETF by developing country Parties, as well as improved reporting over time, considering relevant lessons learned and good practices.		
Develop technical materials and guidance	Update, develop and disseminate technical materials and guidance to address challenges in implementing MRV arrangements and the ETF, for example the preparation and submission of national communications (NCs), biennial update reports (BURs), national greenhouse gas inventories and biennial transparency reports (BTRs) and participating to TER and FMCP, taking into consideration the first review and update of the MPGs and in accordance with the relevant decision of COP and CMA, including those related to the existing work programmes, as appropriate.	Number of technical materials on MRV and ETF Number of BTRs Number of NCs Number of BURs
	Continue updating and promoting the CGE toolbox on institutional arrangements to facilitate the development and long-term sustainability of national transparency processes, including through technical advice and support on institutional arrangements, long-term planning for ETF implementation, the establishment and maintenance of national technical teams, institute documentation systems to preserve institutional memory.	
Deliver targeted capacity-building and training	Continue conducting targeted capacity-building activities, including regional and subregional hands-on training workshops and webinars, to address capacity-building needs related to the implementation of MRV arrangements and the ETF, including establishing, developing and enhancing robust and sustainable reporting systems, and facilitate peer learning and experience-sharing among developing country Parties, with a view to supporting continuous improvement over time.	Number of experts who attended training workshops and webinars Feedback from the participants at the regional hands-on training workshops
	Provide technical advice and support to developing country Parties, upon request, on the provision of the information to be reported on steps taken to integrate climate change considerations into relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions.	
Support implementation of technical analysis of	Provide guidance and periodic advice to the secretariat, as applicable, to assist it in fulfilling the selection criteria for the composition of teams of technical experts for the technical analysis of BURs.	Provision of guidance and periodic advice to the secretariat at the CGE meetings

BURs and technical expert review of BTRs by providing guidance to the secretariat, training programme and facilitative initiatives	Continue updating and organizing, as needed, with the assistance of the secretariat, the training programmes for nominated technical experts for the technical analysis of BURs.	Number of experts who completed the training programme and successfully passed the proficiency assessment
	Provide technical advice to the secretariat on the implementation of the training programme for technical expert review teams for the technical expert review of BTRs.	Provision of technical advice to the secretariat
	With the assistance of the secretariat, support developing country Parties, including through national focal points, in providing additional support to experts to complete the training programmes and increase participation in the technical expert review, to assist the secretariat in meeting its obligations under paragraph 178 in the annex to decision 18/CMA.1.	Provision of support to developing country Parties
	Seek to increase, including through the national focal points, the pool of qualified technical experts through targeted outreach and training initiatives, focusing on building and maintaining a sustainable pool of reviewers, with particular consideration for LDCs and SIDS, while promoting sectoral, gender and geographical balance.	Number of outreach and training initiatives Number of qualified experts in the pool of reviewers
Workstream 2: Stocktake the gaps, needs, lessons learned and areas of improvement in implementing MRV arrangements and the ETF, with an aim to facilitate provision of targeted technical advice and support to developing country Parties.		
Systematic stocktaking and analysis	Continue conducting periodic surveys and assessments to identify and take into account, as appropriate, lessons learned and best practices, and the challenges, constraints and needs of developing country Parties pertaining to preparing, as appropriate, NCs, BURs and BTRs, and enhancing the understanding of the MPGs, including in relation to financial and other support available, as well as the areas for improvement and capacity-building needs identified in BTRs, technical analyses of BURs and technical expert reviews of BTRs.	Number of responses to and analysis of the biennial stocktake survey Publication of the biennial stocktake survey
	Continue preparing annual technical papers on the results of the capacity building needs assessment, taking into consideration information from NCs, BURs, BTRs, TASRs and TERRs, providing information to a broader range of support providers, experts and practitioners.	Publication of annual technical papers
	Compile and disseminate examples of good practices and lessons learned from developing country Parties, including LDCs and SIDS, in implementing the ETF, to support continuous improvement and enhanced reporting quality over time.	Number of technical materials and workshops to disseminate the examples
Feedback into programme design	Use findings from stocktaking and analysis to refine CGE annual workplans and technical advice and support, ensuring continuous improvement and relevance.	Development of CGE annual workplans
	Provide synthesized inputs to the SBI through the CGE technical papers, with a view to informing Parties on developing country Parties' capacity building needs.	Publication of annual technical papers
Workstream 3: Engage and collaborate with key stakeholders with an aim to amplify the provision of technical advice and support to developing country Parties, and enhance outreach activities.		
	Collaborate, to the extent possible and in accordance with relevant COP and CMA decisions, including, but not limited to,	Extent of collaboration activities

Strategic engagement and collaboration	with other expert groups and constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement; as well as collaborate, to the extent possible, with representatives of relevant multilateral programmes and organizations, while avoiding duplication of work.	
	Participate, upon invitation, in meetings and events of other expert group or constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and engage with key stakeholders, with a view to aligning efforts and promoting collaboration in supporting and facilitating the implementation of MRV and the ETF.	Number of meetings and events
	Contribute, as appropriate and within its mandate, to activities mandated under relevant COP and CMA decisions related to the provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for reporting and capacity-building, including by providing technical inputs, facilitating technical reflection and drawing lessons learned to inform CGE activities.	Number of mandated activities
Outreach and communication	Review and update the CGE communication and outreach plan annually and continue producing and promoting communication materials, briefing papers, visualization materials and infographics, with a view to summarize transparency related provisions and processes, and institutional arrangements, as well as to increase visibility of the role of CGE and raise awareness about the CGE activities and materials, among Parties and key stakeholders.	Number of communication and outreach materials
	Organize global and regional outreach activities, including side events within the margins of the sessions and informal forums to enable peer learning, promote sharing of experiences, lesson learned and best practices, as well as showcase achievements aimed at supporting developing country Parties in the implementation of MRV and ETF.	Number of outreach activities
	Produce technical briefing notes with an aim to provide information on existing activities and programmes, including bilateral, regional and multilateral sources of financial and technical assistance, to facilitate and support the preparation, as appropriate, of NCs, BURs and BTRs.	Number of technical briefing notes
	Continue preparing and submitting the CGE annual progress report to the SBI.	CGE annual progress report to the SBI