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- Assist developing countries fulfill their reporting requirements under the **existing MRV arrangements** under the Convention
- Support their implementation of the **enhanced transparency framework** under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement

Vision, mission and strategic priorities  
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# Vision, mission and strategic priorities 2020-2026

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

*The Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) at its 3rd meeting, held from 18 to 19 February 2020, in Bonn, Germany, prepared a vision, mission and metrics to measure the progress, as well as the strategic priorities, for 2020 – 2026. This was prepared with a view to ensuring that its annual work plan aligns with its mandate and 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 needs<sup>1</sup> identified by developing country Parties in the lead up to 2026. The vision, mission and metrics to measure progress, as well as the strategic priorities will be reviewed annually.*



## 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

- 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 survey as a benchmark);
- Number of submissions of national communications, biennial update reports and biennial transparency reports noting that:
  - Final biennial update reports are those that will be submitted no later than 31 December 2024;
  - 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;
  - Submission of national communications under the Convention will continue;
  - 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;
- 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));
- Feedback from the participants at the regional hands-on training workshops.

<sup>1</sup> 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 internal 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.



## 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;
- 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;
- 2024 – 2026: Gather lessons learned and good practices, 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.

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## Work plan 2020

- 2020 Work plan developed at the 3rd meeting (Feb, 2020)
- 3 ad-hoc virtual meetings held in the light of global impacts of COVID-19
- Adopted a dynamic rolling plan and made necessary adjustments
- Commitment to deliver its mandate and work



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- 2 new knowledge products available
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- Training materials (*next segment*)

**ETF  
handbook**

**IA  
handbook**

**MRV  
handbook**

**Discussion**

# Technical handbook for developing countries on the ETF

- Technical handbook and its addendum developed
- Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish and Russian versions coming up!

[https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/ETF%20Technical%20Handbook%20First%20Edition%20June\\_2020.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/ETF%20Technical%20Handbook%20First%20Edition%20June_2020.pdf)



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# Handbook on institutional arrangements

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# Handbook on MRV for developing countries



Available in Arabic, English, French, Russian, Spanish



<https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/transparency-and-reporting/support-for-developing-countries/guidelines-and-manuals-for-the-preparation-of-non-annex-i-national-reports-and-international#eq-2>



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- Have you already used the knowledge products? Did you find them useful? How did it help?
- Do you foresee additional need for guidance on the topic? If so, what is it?



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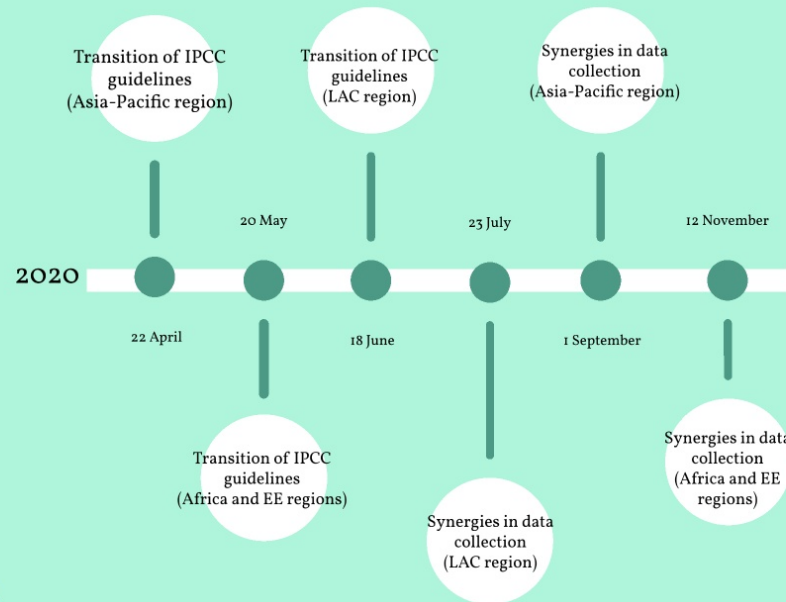


**Webinar series**

**Virtual training workshops**

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## 2020 CGE webinar series



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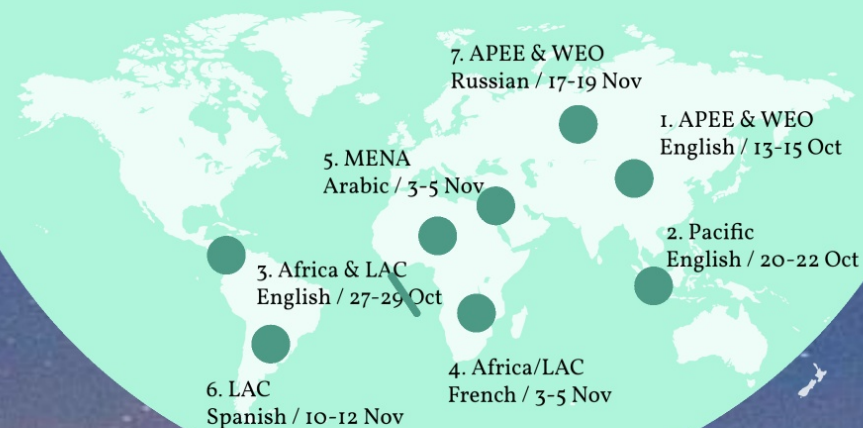
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- Technical presentation, homework/BOG exercise, interactive discussions
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**Training materials**

**Feedback from the participants**

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**Introductory  
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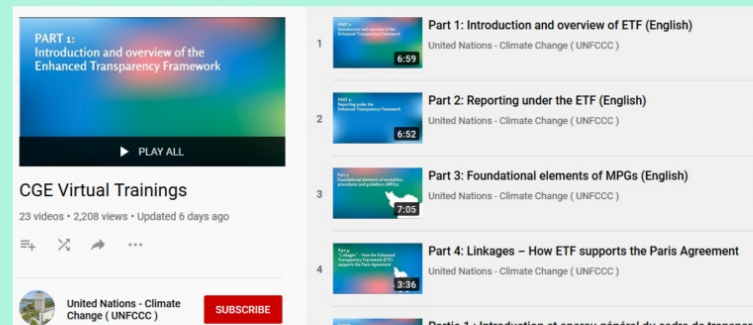
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Part 1: Introduction and overview of the Enhanced Transparency Framework

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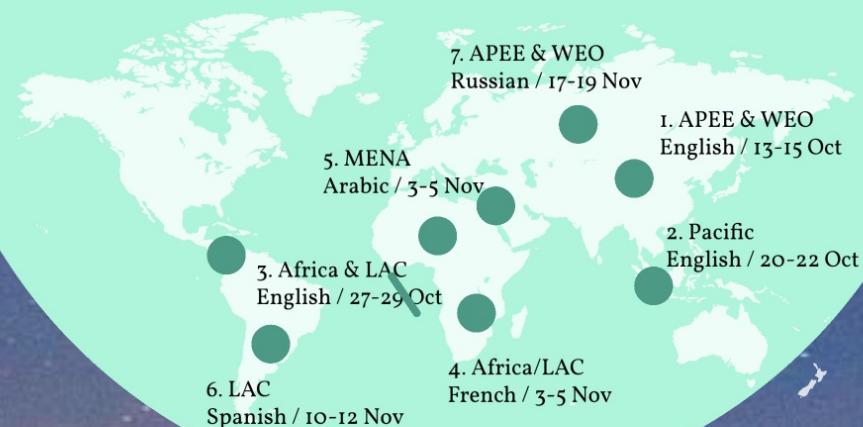
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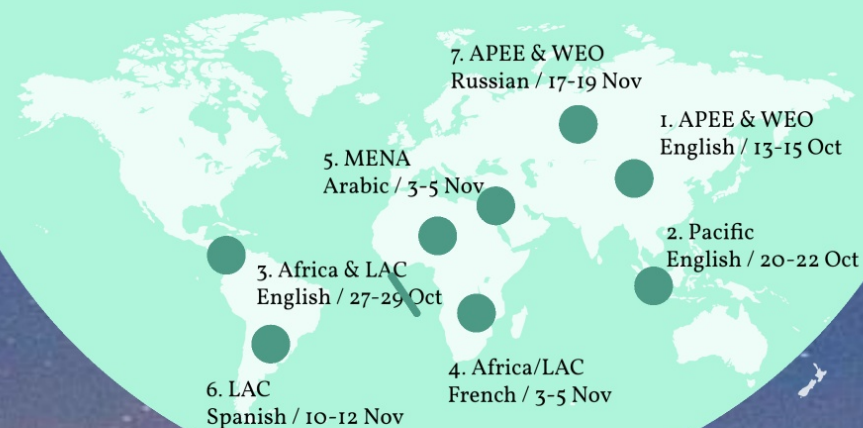
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- Do you foresee additional area for capacity-building?
- How can the CGE improve its capacity support? (e.g. in terms of modality, focus of area, etc.)



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**IA  
toolbox**

# Toolbox on institutional arrangements

- Handbook
- Compilation of references to other relevant technical resources
- Compilation of country experiences and lessons learned



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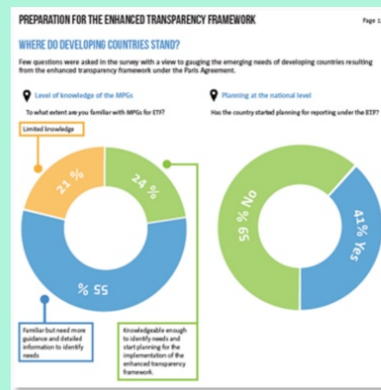


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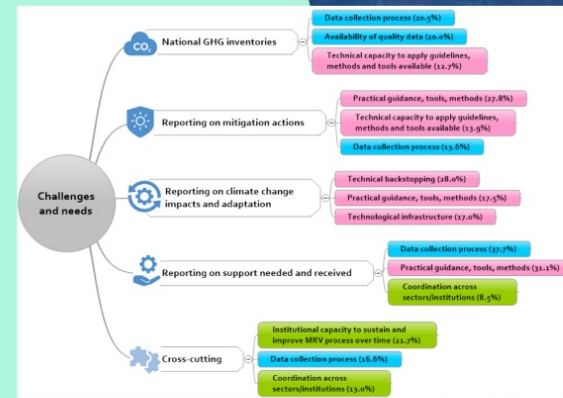
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# 2020 findings

- Developing countries continue to face constraints and challenges in the preparation of NCs and BURs
- National GHG inventories and reporting on support needed and received - data and information issues are most recurrently reported
- Reporting on mitigation actions and on climate change impact and adaptation - methodology and tools related issues are most recurrently reported
- With a view to preparing for the ETF, the emphasis is more increasingly put on the need to:
  - Formalize, sustain and improve MRV process over time;
  - Enhance and retain institutional capacity



Source of information:

The most recent 152 NCs and 58 BURs from 152 developing country Parties and 44 TASRs published by 31 July 2020

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- What are other constraints and gaps experienced in your countries? Are there any trends or key changes in terms of priorities, especially in respect of transition to the enhanced transparency framework?
- How can the CGE and other stakeholders better respond to the evolving needs of developing countries?



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# Closing the loop: Feedback on the CGE workplan



- To country representative, what should be the key areas or topics that the CGE should focus in 2021 and beyond?
- To those entities who are either supporting or planning to support developing countries, do you foresee any opportunity for us to collaborate and if so how?



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## **Key takeaways**

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