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CGE side event at SB62  
Navigating first BTRs: Reviews, CGE & PAICC Support

# CGE support to developing countries

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# Consultative Group of Experts

**Mandate:** The Consultative Group of Experts was established in **1999** under the Convention and continues to operate under the Paris Agreement, with the primary mandate to provide technical assistance and advice to developing countries on the process and preparation of transparency reports.

→ Over the years, the CGE has had **156 members** who have been driving the work of the CGE and ensuring a successful deliver on its mandate.



Group photo of the 13<sup>th</sup> CGE meeting

# CGE key activity areas



**Targeted support, fit for purpose.**



# How developing countries can engage with the CGE and access support

## Inform CGE workplan development

CGE workplan development is guided by relevant COP decisions and SBI reports, and informed by:

- Annual assessments of capacity-building needs, drawing on information from national transparency reports and review reports
- Biennial stocktake surveys on capacity-building needs
- Feedback gathered from CGE activities, such as training workshops, webinars and [side events like this one](#)



### How to inform CGE workplan:

- Reflect capacity-building needs in your national transparency reports
- Participate in the CGE's biennial stocktake surveys (through your National Focal Point)
- Share feedback during CGE activities, including **this side event**





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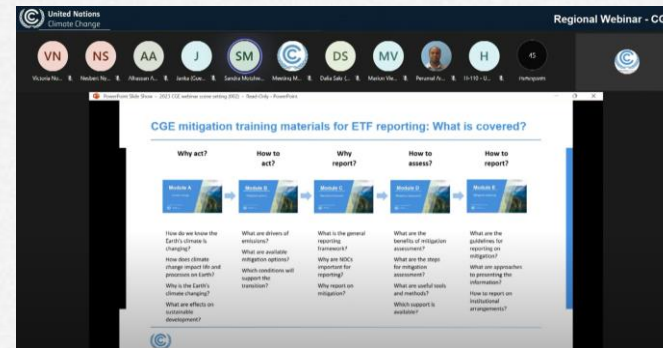
## Participate in CGE activities

### Via national focal points

- Regional hands-on training workshops

## Open event – information available on [CGE webpage](#), [Transparency LinkedIn Group](#) and [Facebook page](#)

- Regional webinars
- Annual informal forums
- Side events at SBs and COPs





# How developing countries can engage with the CGE and access support

## Get access to CGE technical materials

Recently developed and updated [materials](#) include:

### Technical paper

- CGE annual [capacity building needs assessment](#) (CBNA) reports

### Guides and handbooks

- [ETF technical handbook](#)
- CGE training material on [adaptation](#)
- CGE training material on [mitigation/NDC reporting](#)
- CGE toolbox on [institutional arrangements](#)

### Other user-friendly formats

- [Short animations, interviews, case studies](#)

... find more on the CGE webpage

Technical handbook for developing country Parties on

Preparing for implementation of the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement

YouTube

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ETF  
ENHANCED TRANSPARENCY FRAMEWORK

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CGE toolbox on institutional arrangements

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NATIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES  
GLOBAL PICTURE

With regard to preparing national GHG inventories, most of the challenges and needs reported related to the data and information (82 per cent), followed by the areas methodology and tools (51 per cent) and institutional arrangements (48 per cent). The three most frequently reported categories of issues were availability of quality data (22 per cent), data collection process (16 per cent) and technical capacity (and knowledge) to apply guidelines, guidance, tools and methods, including training (14 per cent). The diagram below summarizes the issues identified in relation to preparing national greenhouse gas inventories by category. See the boxes for examples from the three categories with the highest share among the issues identified.

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CGE e-learning courses

The CGE developed eLearning materials to facilitate the preparation of NCS (developing country Parties, in accordance with the guidelines of the Convention). The e-learning courses covers two clusters:

- Cluster 1: Training materials for the preparation of National Communications I
- Cluster 2: Training materials for the preparation of Biennial Update Reports (BURs)

The e-learning courses are being provided in an offline format and are downloadable, with an aim to improve accessibility.

Materials for preparation of NCS

Materials for preparation of BURs

REPRESENTATIVITY OF QUALITY DATA: Developing countries have reported various challenges related to the preparation of national greenhouse gas inventories and the quality of the data and information used. The challenges identified are: availability of quality data (22 per cent), data collection process (16 per cent) and technical capacity (and knowledge) to apply guidelines, guidance, tools and methods, including training (14 per cent). The diagram below summarizes the issues identified in relation to preparing national greenhouse gas inventories by category. See the boxes for examples from the three categories with the highest share among the issues identified.

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## Follow CGE updates via webpage and social media

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Support to developing countries  
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**CGE side event**  
**Navigating first BTRs:**  
**Reviews, CGE & PAICC Support**

Wednesday, 25 June 2025, 13:30—14:45, Room Bonn, WCCB

**Panelists:**

- Eyad AlJubran, Co-chair PAICC
- Jacob Werksman, Co-chair PAICC
- Fredrick Ouma, CGE member and National Representative for Kenya
- Marcelo Rocha, CGE member and BTR lead

**Opening remarks:**


- Julia Gardiner, SBI Chair
- Daniele Violetti, Senior Director UNFCCC
- Sandra Botumelo Motshwanedi, CGE Chair

**Moderator:** Sandra Botumelo Motshwanedi, CGE Chair

**Event highlights:**

- Overview of CGE support available to developing countries, and collection of suggestions for its future activities.
- Introduction to the role of PAICC and its engagement with Parties on ETF implementation and compliance matters.
- Experience-sharing on the technical review process from the perspectives of Parties, review experts, and the CGE.

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**7th INFORMAL FORUM of the CGE**  
Tuesday, 4 March 2025  
9:30-12:00 CET (Hybrid event)

The informal forum of the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) will be an open event, and it will specifically target and benefit the audience by:

- Showcasing the work and achievements of the CGE;
- Providing a platform for the CGE members to have in-depth discussions with the participants from developing country Parties and the support providers;
- Exploring ideas to address key challenges faced by developing countries in preparing the BTRs;
- Collecting feedback on work of the CGE to support developing countries and focus areas for 2025.

**Keynote speakers:**

- Julia Gardiner, SBI Chair
- Jenny Mager, CGE Chair
- Daniele Violetti, Senior Director, UNFCCC

**Moderator:** Nesbert Samu, CGE

**Speakers:**

- Aiman Yesekeina, Kazakhstan
- Fathimath Raufa Moosa, Maldives
- Sandra Motshwanedi, South Africa
- Khetsiwe Khumalo, CBTR-GSP
- Miriam Hinojosa Suarez, UNEP
- Eva Huttova, UNDP
- Henning Wuenter, ICAT

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## Looking forward:

### Strategic priorities of the CGE for 2024-2026

- Gather lessons learned and good practices in relation to submitted BTRs
- Understand areas of improvement
- Refine the approaches and tools used to provide technical advice and support
- Continue facilitating implementation of the ETF, including for the preparation and submission of their BTRs, NCs and facilitating improved reporting over time



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