

## CGE Chair's statement at the SBI opening plenary

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- Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- On behalf of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE), I have the honor to report to the SBI on the work of the CGE under its current mandate and terms of reference.
- In the 5-year period, the CGE successfully implemented a number of activities geared towards enhancing the technical capacities of national experts from developing countries to prepare their national communications and biennial update reports. A number of national communications and biennial update reports submitted thus far indicate that developing countries have drawn inspiration from the explanations and examples provided through the CGE's technical advice and support. I am also pleased to report that the CGE received positive feedback from those national experts that participated in the CGE activities.
- I wish to highlight some of the key achievements of the CGE. These include:
  - A comprehensive set of training materials and resources covering substantive areas of NCs, BURs and technical analysis;
  - Training over 1040 national experts 23 regional hands-on training workshops and another 2,000 experts through 25 targeted webinars;
  - Targeted analytical outputs, such as compilation and synthesis of problems, constraints, lessons learned and best practices in the preparation of NCs and BURs; and recommendations on elements to be considered in a future revision of the UNFCCC guidelines for the preparation of NCs from non-Annex I Parties.
- The CGE is happy to note that group was able to successfully facilitate the understanding and implementation of the NC and BUR guidelines, ensure equitable access to CGE's products and services across the regions, and act as a bridge between the intergovernmental process and the practitioner on the ground.
- The CGE wishes to highlight that the obligation of non-Annex I Parties under the Convention will continue in the future. The CGE also notes that there is a continued need and demand to enhance the national capacities of developing country Parties to implement the existing MRV arrangements and the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement. The CGE wishes to highlight that experience of the CGE in supporting developing country Parties prepare their national reports could be useful for the future arrangements.
- Further, the CGE notes that there are number of key processes and arrangements that may be impacted by the outcome of the on-going review by the SBI, upon request of the COP, of the terms of reference of the CGE.

- A detailed information is available in document FCCC/SBI/2018/20 which contains the progress report of the CGE.
- In closing, I, on behalf of the CGE, would like to take this opportunity to thank all those experts who served as the CGE members from 2014 till date, and other constituted bodies and expert group under the Convention, collaboration partners, including both Parties as well as other multilateral and international agencies for their contribution.
- Thank you for your kind attention.