

**Oral report by the Consultative Group of Experts**  
**SBI agenda item 4d: Term, composition, terms of reference and report of the Consultative Group of Experts**

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*As per para 23, FCCC/SBI/2023/21, the SBI invited the CGE to report orally on its annual report to the SBI, under the report of CGE agenda item, starting at SBI 61 (November 2024).*

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Good afternoon colleagues,

Thank the co-facilitators for the invitation. My name is Sandra Boitumelo Motshwanedi, and I have the honor to serve as the Chair of the Consultative Group of Experts in 2025.

The SBI, at its fifty-ninth session, invited the CGE to report orally on its annual report to the SBI, under the agenda item on the report of the CGE, starting at SBI 61.

It is my pleasure to provide the requested oral report on behalf of the Consultative Group of Experts.

The 13th meeting of the CGE was held in Bonn from 4 to 6 March 2025, during which the CGE developed its workplan for 2025. With 2025 being a crucial year for advancing the implementation of the ETF, the CGE prioritized providing technical support to developing country Parties to facilitate the submission of the first BTRs and prepare for the BTR reviews.

I will highlight some of the key activities and achievements of the group this year:

- a) The CGE co-organized 9 subregional hands-on training workshops on facilitating preparation of BTRs by developing country Parties, enhancing alignment between BTRs and NDCs, building capacity for undergoing technical expert reviews and promoting peer learning among developing country Parties. In the light of financial constraints faced by the CGE, it would not have been possible without the support of the partner organizations, including CBIT-GSP, FAO, UNDP and UNEP. The CGE would like to thank all our partners for rich collaboration. These workshops were attended by 325 national experts, including 184 women and 141 men, representing 128 countries. More information is presented in the CGE workshop report, FCCC/SBI/2025/16, which is available on the SBI session page. Kindly, note that the report captures information of the 8 workshops, as the last one was conducted after its publication;
- b) The CGE organized two series of regional webinars, covering Africa and Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia and Pacific regions. The first series of the webinars were on “Sharing ETF Experiences: Reporting, Review and Multilateral Consideration” and the second on “Connecting the Dots: Article 6 Reporting and the ETF”. In total, 313 experts participated in the webinars;
- c) The group continued analyzing the transparency reports submitted by developing country Parties and also conducted a stocktake survey on capacity-building gaps and needs in implementing the transparency arrangements. The findings are contained in the stocktake survey report and the updated technical paper on problems, constraints, lessons learned and capacity-building needs in preparing NCs, BURs and BTRs. The

updated technical paper, FCCC/TP/2025/2, is available on the SBI session page and the stocktake survey report on the CGE webpage;

- d) The CGE continued to collaborate with intergovernmental and international organizations, such as FAO, UNDP, UNEP and IPCC; and with other constituted bodies, including PAICC, AC, PCCB, LEG and LCIPP;
- e) In addition, the CGE:
  - a. Continued offering the e-learning course for national experts on preparing NCs and BURs;
  - b. Provided technical advice to the secretariat on implementing the training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review of BTRs;
  - c. Increased awareness of CGE activities through side events at SBs 62 and 63, as well as through the CGE webpage;
  - d. Organized its 7<sup>th</sup> informal forum to showcase its key activities and seek feedback from the stakeholders on how its work be further reinforced to address the main challenges, constraints and needs of developing country Parties, which is attended by 145 experts.
- f) The CGE, in its 2025 workplan, also planned to develop and publish 5 technical materials. However due to limited availability of resources, this work is still ongoing.

On behalf of the CGE, I would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Governments of Brazil, Egypt, Fiji, Grenada, Nigeria, Peru, Senegal, Seychelles and Turkiye for hosting the sub-regional hands-on training workshops.

Before I conclude this oral report, I would like to highlight two points:

- First, owing to limited financial resources available, the CGE was unable to convene its second meeting in 2025 and as a result was not able to prepare and submit its 2025 annual report to the SBI. To that end, the CGE underlines the importance of timely availability of financial resources to support the full implementation of its annual workplans. The lack of financial resources will increasingly make it difficult for the CGE to carry out its mandate in the future.
- Second, the group would like to express its concern with the number of vacant positions and encourages Parties to send nominations.

In closing, I would like to thank all members of the CGE for their hard work and dedication, as well as the secretariat for its support.

I thank you all.