

Talking points by the UNFCCC Deputy Executive Secretary

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- The Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), Mr. Emmanuel DUMISANI DLAMINI; the Chair of the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE), Mr. Gervais Ludovic ITSOUA MADZOUS; members of the CGE; ladies and gentlemen.
- Good afternoon.
- Let me welcome you to this **pilot informal forum of the CGE**. This forum provides a **golden opportunity** for you to **directly engage** with the CGE on the **emerging challenges and needs** of developing country Parties to **implement the existing MRV arrangements and prepare for the implementation** of the enhanced transparency framework.
- We are now at a **critical juncture in our process**. We are entering a **new era**, an era in which all Parties **need to take urgent action** domestically, regionally and internationally whilst guided by the decisions, the Parties in the climate change intergovernmental process, have taken.
- Therefore, this **forum is important** since a more complete understanding of the **emerging challenges and needs** faced by developing country Parties, can **help guide** Parties during the negotiation process to **ensure that the provision of financial and**

technical support is adequate to deliver on the goals of the Paris Agreement.

- This will help ensure that the **CGE and the secretariat** leave this forum with a **greater appreciation of the depth of expectations and priorities** to consider when tailoring the technical advice and support they provide together with partner organizations to meet those challenges and needs.
- **Measurement, Reporting, and Verification** is an important **cornerstone in our climate change process** to ensure transparency, build robust institutional arrangements, assist Parties to formulate policies and action plans, build confidence in the climate change process, and generate robust information enables to make an informed policy decision.
- At the same time, I have heard **number of success stories** of how countries were able to make use of the national reports prepared under the climate change process as **policy tools** for national sustainable development planning and policies, and stakeholder engagement.
- I sincerely hope that you are able to **make use of this space** to engage in a **meaningful implementation focused exchange**. This is what we need as we **enter into the critical phase** and I wish to thank the CGE for creating this opportunity.
- I therefore **hope and encourage** all of you to actively **engage in robust dialogue** here, and **share your views and experiences**, thereby making the most out of this forum.