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on

SBI 61 agenda item 4(b) Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention Provision of financial and technical support

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1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the information provided by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session and its addendum¹ on financial support requested, approved and provided for the preparation of national communications (NCs) and biennial update reports (BURs) by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), including support provided through the joint programme of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and the Global Support Programme for Preparation of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports by non-Annex I Parties.
2. The SBI also welcomed the informal oral report by the secretariat provided at SBI 60 under this agenda sub-item on its provision of technical support to non-Annex I Parties for enhancing their capacity to fulfil their reporting obligations under the Convention.
3. [The SBI further welcomed the ongoing work of the GEF on streamlining its project approval cycle, encouraged the GEF and its implementing agencies to continue the efforts to increase the efficiency of their processes and operations, and underscored the importance of the GEF implementing programming modalities, procedures and processes, in accordance with its mandate, aimed at addressing gaps in financial support between project cycles, ensuring the sustainability of national technical teams and enabling non-Annex I Parties to put in place the necessary workflows for preparing their NCs.]
4. The SBI also underscored the importance of the provision of predictable[, adequate and timely] financial and technical support to non-Annex I Parties, including by the GEF, and the need to expedite the access of non-Annex I Parties to the financial resources necessary for facilitating the fulfilment of their reporting obligations under the Convention on a continuous basis and building or enhancing their institutional and technical capacity for reporting, including their national technical teams, in a sustainable manner.
5. The SBI noted that non-Annex I Parties continue to face challenges in fulfilling their reporting obligations under the Convention and [also noted the importance of the provision of] [require further] [financial, technical and capacity-building] support, including for strengthening their national reporting systems, [for meeting] [to meet] those obligations on a continuous basis, including by strengthening national reporting systems [to be in a digital form].
6. Recalling paragraphs 38–46 of decision 1/CP.24, the SBI underscored the importance of providing support to non-Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Paris Agreement in an integrated manner with a view to addressing the challenges referred to in paragraph 5 above and enabling them to fulfil their reporting obligations under both the Convention and the Paris Agreement and invited the GEF and its implementing agencies to explore ways to ensure that the transition from the provision of funding for the completion of BURs to that for the completion of BTRs does not hinder the timely completion of the respective reports.
7. The SBI acknowledged the financial, technical and capacity-building support available through bilateral, multilateral and other channels for enhancing the capacity of non-Annex I Parties to address the challenges referred to in paragraph 5 above.
8. The SBI underscored the importance of the evaluation by the GEF of the adequacy of the support provided for ensuring the sustainability of, inter alia, the national technical teams, tools, data systems and workflows necessary for the preparation of NCs by non-Annex I Parties.
9. The SBI requested the secretariat to provide, in collaboration with United Nations agencies and other organizations, further technical support to non-Annex I Parties[, recognizing the special circumstances of the least developed countries and small island developing States,] for their reporting under the Convention.
10. [Recalling Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the SBI urged Parties included in Annex II to the Convention to provide financial resources for the support referred to in paragraphs 5-6 above.]

¹ FCCC/CP/2024/8 and Add.1.

11. The SBI noted that, as at X November 2024, X NCs (i.e. X NC1s, X NC2s, X NC3s, X NC4s, X NC5s and X NC6s) and X BURs (i.e. X first BURs, X second BURs, X third BURs, X fourth BURs and X fifth BURs) had been submitted by non-Annex I Parties.²

12. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activity to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 9 above.

13. The SBI requested that the action of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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² See <https://unfccc.int/non-annex-I-NCs> and <https://unfccc.int/BURs>.