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## Subsidiary Body for Implementation

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**Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**

**Work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications  
from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**

## Work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

### Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) noted the progress report and technical reports of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) related to the implementation of its workplan for 2017.<sup>1</sup>

2. The SBI welcomed the continued progress made by the CGE in implementing its workplan for 2017,<sup>2</sup> including:

(a) Two regional hands-on training workshops on the preparation of mitigation action and reporting on them in national communications (NCs) and biennial update reports (BURs),<sup>3</sup> during which 80 experts from 60 Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) were trained. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Governments of Cambodia and South Africa and to the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Africa in Pretoria for hosting the workshops. These workshops were organized in collaboration with the Global Support Programme for Preparation of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports by non-Annex I Parties.<sup>4</sup> The SBI noted with appreciation the contributions of the Global Support Programme in organizing these workshops successfully;

(b) Updated training materials on:

(i) The preparation and reporting of mitigation actions and their effects in BURs;<sup>5</sup>

(ii) The preparation of national greenhouse gas inventories;<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2017/15, FCCC/SBI/2017/12, FCCC/SBI/2017/16 and FCCC/SBI/2017/17.

<sup>2</sup> More information on the CGE is available at <http://unfccc.int/2608>.

<sup>3</sup> The report on the two regional training workshops is contained in document FCCC/SBI/2017/17.

<sup>4</sup> Jointly administered by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme.

<sup>5</sup> Available at <http://unfccc.int/7915.php>.



(iii) The preparation of BURs: finance, technology and capacity-building needs and support received;<sup>7</sup>

(c) A “Technical Tool To Facilitate Parties Prepare For And Participate In The International Consultation And Analysis”;<sup>8</sup>

(d) Seven webinars, in which 287 participants took part: four seminars on vulnerability and adaptation assessment, two on mitigation actions and one on national greenhouse gas inventories. The SBI, noting the potential of this seminar format to reach a broad audience of practitioners, encouraged the CGE to continue this activity;

(e) The training programme referred to in decision 20/CP.19, paragraph 4, for enhancing the capacity of experts nominated to the UNFCCC roster of experts to conduct efficient and effective technical analyses of BURs.<sup>9</sup> The SBI noted that an additional 55 experts successfully completed the training programme in 2017 and are eligible to become members of the teams of technical experts that undertake the technical analysis of BURs. The SBI encouraged those experts on the UNFCCC roster of experts who have not undergone the training to do so;

(f) Continued operation of the CGE e-learning courses on the preparation of NCs from non-Annex I Parties, which are available through the secretariat’s Learning Management System.<sup>10</sup> A total of 126 experts had registered for these courses as at 6 November 2017. The SBI encouraged the CGE to continue to update its online training courses;

(g) Update of an online platform, the CGE e-Network,<sup>11</sup> which allows users to access information on the preparation of NCs and BURs, search a database of available experts for assistance and interact with the CGE and other users of the network virtually.

3. The SBI noted the problems and constraints, lessons learned and best practices identified in the progress report and technical reports referred to in paragraph 1 above. The SBI encouraged the CGE, as per its mandate, to take these into consideration in the provision of technical assistance to non-Annex I Parties and to facilitate cooperation with interested potential partners, as appropriate.

4. The SBI noted the CGE’s work programme for 2018, including the following focus areas:

(a) Enhancing, in the light of the constraints in financial support, collaboration with interested potential partners to implement key activities planned;

(b) Creating formal regional networks of experts and practitioners involved in the process and preparation of NCs and BURs to serve as vehicles for the dissemination of information from the CGE to stakeholders;

(c) Strengthening communications and outreach so that stakeholders gain a better understanding of the training products and opportunities available through the CGE for the preparation of NCs and BURs;

(d) Playing a catalytic role in promoting and attracting collaboration with interested potential partners to provide strategic guidance and direction in responding to the needs of non-Annex I Parties with regard to the preparation of NCs and BURs.

5. The SBI also noted with concern that the planned regional hands-on training workshop for the Latin American and Caribbean region on the preparation of mitigation

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<sup>6</sup> Available at <http://unfccc.int/349.php>.

<sup>7</sup> As footnote 5 above.

<sup>8</sup> Available at <http://unfccc.int/8621.php>.

<sup>9</sup> See <http://unfccc.int/9279.php> for additional information on the training programme.

<sup>10</sup> The e-learning courses on the Learning Management System can be accessed from <http://unfccc.int/349.php>, where CGE training materials for the preparation of NCs from non-Annex I Parties are also available.

<sup>11</sup> <http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/enet/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

actions and reporting on them in NCs and BURs could not be conducted in 2017 owing to insufficient financial resources.

6. The SBI recalled the provisions and procedures<sup>12</sup> to provide funding to the budget of the secretariat under the Convention and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties and took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities planned to be undertaken by the CGE, with the assistance of the secretariat, in order to implement its work programme for 2018, as referred to in paragraph 4 above.<sup>13</sup> The SBI also invited multilateral entities to collaborate with the CGE, as appropriate, in the provision of technical support to non-Annex I Parties in preparing their NCs and BURs.

7. The SBI requested the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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<sup>12</sup> See decision 15/CP.1, annex I.

<sup>13</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2017/15 for the estimated resources required to implement the CGE work programme for 2018.