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Agenda item 4(b)

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

**Report and terms of reference of the Consultative Group
of Experts**

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) noted the annual progress report¹ on the work of the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) and the documents² capturing the outcomes of key activities of the CGE in 2019.
2. The SBI took note of the achievements of the CGE in implementing its workplan³ for 2019, particularly:
 - (a) Training 106 national experts through three regional hands-on training workshops and pre-workshop webinars on the institutionalization of data management for national greenhouse gas inventories;⁴
 - (b) Continuing to offer the training programme on the technical analysis of biennial update reports to experts on the UNFCCC roster of experts;⁵
 - (c) Developing and disseminating the *Technical handbook for developing country Parties on preparing for implementation of the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement*,^{6,7} parts of the toolbox on institutional arrangements to support the measurement, reporting and verification and the enhanced transparency framework of

¹ FCCC/SBI/2019/19.

² FCCC/SBI/2019/18 and FCCC/TP/2019/4.

³ See https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CGE%202019%20workplan_final%20for%20web.pdf.

⁴ See document FCCC/SBI/2019/18.

⁵ See <https://unfccc.int/process/transparency-and-reporting/reporting-and-review-under-the-convention/training-of-review-experts/training-programmes-for-the-technical-analysis-of-biennial-update-reports>.

⁶ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/202962> and <https://unfccc.int/documents/202963>.

⁷ First edition (December 2019) – due to time limitations, this document was not able to benefit from a robust quality assurance process. The CGE aims to continue conducting quality assurance and, as a result, some content may be further refined in the final version. Further, the CGE intends to undertake periodic updates to consider feedback from readers and practitioners.



climate action and support for developing country Parties,⁸ and the e-learning programme on national communications;⁹

(d) Organizing two pilot informal forums on supporting the existing measurement, reporting and verification arrangements and preparing for the enhanced transparency framework, which provided an informal space for key actors and other stakeholders to engage in an implementation-focused exchange with a view to addressing countries' technical assistance needs;¹⁰

(e) Undertaking targeted analytical work, such as compiling and summarizing problems, constraints, lessons learned and capacity-building needs in relation to developing country Parties' reporting.¹¹

3. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Governments of Algeria, Belize and Cambodia for hosting the regional hands-on training workshops referred to in paragraph 2(a) above.

4. The SBI extended its appreciation to the Parties that provided financial contributions to support the work of the CGE in 2019.

5. The SBI continued, but did not conclude, its consideration of the review and revision of the terms of reference of the CGE. The SBI agreed to forward the matter to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session for further guidance, taking into account the text contained in the informal note by the co-facilitators for this agenda item, available on the UNFCCC website.¹²

⁸ See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/consultative-group-of-experts-cge/cge-toolbox-on-institutional-arrangements>.

⁹ Available at <https://climate.csod.com/client/climate/default.aspx>.

¹⁰ See <https://unfccc.int/event/pilot-cge-informal-forum> and <https://unfccc.int/event/institutionalizing-data-management-system-2nd-cge-pilot-informal-forum>.

¹¹ See document FCCC/TP/2019/4.

¹² <https://unfccc.int/documents/203365>.