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

**Report (for 2020 and 2021) 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) welcomed the annual progress reports for 2020¹ and 2021² on the work of the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) and four additional reports³ capturing the outcomes of key activities of the CGE undertaken in 2020 and 2021.

2. The SBI extended its appreciation to the CGE for successfully implementing its workplans for 2020⁴ and 2021⁵ during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, which ensured that developing country Parties continued to receive technical advice and support for preparing their national communications, biennial update reports and biennial transparency reports.

3. The SBI acknowledged the achievements of the CGE in implementing its workplans for 2020 and 2021, particularly:

(a) Training 609 national experts through 14 regional hands-on training workshops, conducted in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish, on the existing measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) arrangements under the Convention and the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement, their institutional arrangements and data management for national greenhouse gas inventories;⁶

(b) Reaching 709 experts through three webinar series on transitioning from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) *Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* to the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*; national synergies in data collection processes for reporting under the existing MRV arrangements, the ETF, the Sustainable Development Goal monitoring

¹ FCCC/SBI/2020/15.

² FCCC/SBI/2021/12.

³ FCCC/SBI/2020/16, FCCC/TP/2020/1, FCCC/SBI/2021/14 and FCCC/TP/2021/2.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2020/15, annex II.

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2021/12, annex.

⁶ See <https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/constituted-bodies/consultative-group-of-experts/calendar-of-meetings/archive-of-meetings>.



framework and other international instruments; and embedding climate reporting in national statistics as a way of enhancing institutional arrangements in a sustainable manner;⁷

(c) Developing, translating and disseminating online training resources, including informational videos⁸ and technical handbooks,⁹ and continuing the e-learning programme on national communications;¹⁰

(d) Continuing to offer the training programme on the technical analysis of biennial update reports to experts on the UNFCCC roster of experts;¹¹

(e) Organizing two informal forums on institutionalizing data management systems, and support for implementing the existing MRV arrangements and preparing for the ETF, respectively, which provided an informal space for key actors and stakeholders to engage in implementation-focused dialogue with a view to addressing the technical assistance needs of countries;¹²

(f) Undertaking targeted analytical work, such as compiling and summarizing problems, constraints, lessons learned and capacity-building needs in relation to developing country Parties' reporting;¹³

(g) Increasing awareness of CGE activities among stakeholders that are actively engaged in providing support to developing country Parties in the area of MRV and transparency, including bilateral and multilateral entities, through special events on the margins of the UNFCCC June Momentum for Climate Change, the UNFCCC Climate Dialogues 2020 and the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties, as well as through its website and interactive online platform.

4. The SBI extended its appreciation to the Parties that provided financial contributions to support the work of the CGE in 2020 and 2021.

5. The SBI continued, but did not conclude, its consideration of the review and revision of the terms of reference of the CGE. It agreed to forward the matter to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session for further guidance, taking into account the text prepared by the co-facilitators for this agenda sub-item, available on the UNFCCC website.¹⁴

⁷ See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/consultative-group-of-experts-cge/cge-webinar-series>.

⁸ See <https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/constituted-bodies/consultative-group-of-experts/calendar-of-meetings/archive-of-meetings#eq-1>.

⁹ CGE. 2020. *Handbook on institutional arrangements to support MRV/transparency of climate action and support*. Bonn: UNFCCC. Available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/consultative-group-of-experts-cge/cge-toolbox-on-institutional-arrangements>; and CGE. 2020. *Technical handbook for developing country Parties on preparing for implementation of the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement*. Bonn: UNFCCC. Available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/consultative-group-of-experts-cge/cge-training-materials/enhanced-transparency-framework-technical-material#eq-1>.

¹⁰ Available at <https://climate.csod.com/client/climate/default.aspx>.

¹¹ 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>.

¹² See <https://unfccc.int/event/informal-forum-of-the-cge-on-mrv-and-etf> and <https://unfccc.int/event/4th-informal-forum-of-the-consultative-group-of-experts>.

¹³ See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/consultative-group-of-experts-cge/transparency-needs-assessment>.

¹⁴ <https://unfccc.int/documents/308125>.