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Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention Report of the Consultative Group of Experts

Report of the Consultative Group of Experts

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the report on the progress of the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) in implementing its workplan for 2023.¹
2. The SBI invited the CGE to report orally on its annual report to the SBI, under this agenda item, starting at SBI 61 (November 2024), and extended appreciation to the CGE for providing in the report referred to in paragraph 1 above the information requested at SBI 57.²
3. The SBI also extended appreciation to the CGE for successfully implementing its workplan for 2023³ and for continuing to provide technical advice and support to developing country Parties for preparing their national communications, biennial update reports and biennial transparency reports.
4. The SBI acknowledged the achievements of the CGE in implementing its workplan for 2022⁴, in particular training 84 national experts from 66 countries in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean during two regional hands-on training workshops, organized in Bonn, on tracking progress towards implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement (ETF).⁵
5. The SBI also acknowledged the achievements of the CGE in implementing its workplan for 2023, in particular:
 - (a) Training 157 national experts from 78 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Eastern Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean during three regional hands-on training workshops on reporting information on climate change impacts and adaptation and on support needed and received in relation to adaptation;⁶

¹ FCCC/SBI/2023/20.

² FCCC/SBI/2022/20, paras. 21 and 24.

³ Contained in annex I to document FCCC/SBI/2023/20.

⁴ The workplan is available at

<https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CGE%20workplan%20for%202022.pdf>.

⁵ See document FCCC/SBI/2023/19 for information on the workshops.

⁶ As footnote 5 above.



(b) Hosting a webinar series entitled “Shining the spotlight on CGE training materials for reporting on climate change mitigation, including on Article 6 of Paris agreement”, which was attended by 155 experts;⁷

(c) Finalizing and publishing updated CGE training materials for reporting on adaptation and mitigation under the ETF;⁸

(d) Finalizing, translating and publishing the second edition of the CGE technical handbook for developing country Parties on preparing for implementation of the ETF;⁹

(e) Adding two video interviews of national experts to the CGE toolbox on institutional arrangements for measurement, reporting and verification and preparing for the ETF;¹⁰

(f) Continuing to offer the e-learning programme for national experts on preparing national communications;¹¹

(g) Continuing to offer the training programme on the technical analysis of biennial update reports to experts on the UNFCCC roster;¹²

(h) Undertaking targeted analytical work, such as compiling information on constraints, lessons learned and capacity-building needs in relation to developing country Parties’ reporting under the Convention and preparation for the ETF;¹³

(i) Representatives participating as observers in the technical assessment of Parties’ submitted proposed forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels;

(j) Increasing awareness of CGE activities among developing country Parties and among stakeholders, including bilateral and multilateral entities, that are actively engaged in providing support to such Parties in relation to measurement, reporting and verification, and transparency through special events¹⁴ on the margins of SB 58 and the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties, as well as through the CGE web pages;¹⁵

(k) Continuing to maintain and update the MRV/Transparency helpdesk¹⁶ and the CGE virtual workspace.

6. The SBI encouraged the CGE to continue reviewing its metrics for measuring the progress of work of the CGE at its next meeting.

7. The SBI requested the CGE, in developing and implementing its workplan for 2024, to consider, to the extent possible:

(a) Focusing on providing technical support and advice for the implementation of the ETF, including on the preparation and submission of biennial transparency reports;

(b) Giving special consideration to the least developed countries and small island developing States in its provision of technical support and advice;

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-and-meetings/transparency-and-reporting/support-for-developing-countries/consultative-group-of-experts/enhanced-transparency-framework-technical-material>.

⁹ Available in the six official languages of the United Nations at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/transparency-and-reporting/support-for-developing-countries/consultative-group-of-experts/enhanced-transparency-framework-technical-material#Technical-Handbook>.

¹⁰ Available at <https://unfccc.int/CGE/IA>.

¹¹ Available at <https://climate.csod.com/client/climate/default.aspx>.

¹² Available at <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>.

¹³ See https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/consultative-group-of-experts-cge/transparency-needs-assessment#_23.

¹⁴ See <https://unfccc.int/event/promoting-data-collection-for-paris-agreement-a-cge-dialogue-for-parties-and-non-party-stakeholders> and <https://unfccc.int/event/cge-side-event-at-cop-28>.

¹⁵ See <https://unfccc.int/CGE>.

¹⁶ See <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/transparency/Pages/Home.aspx>.

(c) Assisting developing country Parties in maintaining and enhancing appropriate institutional arrangements and national capacities for the implementation of the ETF;

(d) Continuing to seek to promote gender and geographical balance among experts from developing country Parties participating in activities of the CGE, and in the training programme of experts for review under the Paris Agreement;

(e) Compiling relevant lessons learned and best practices and the challenges, constraints and needs of developing country Parties in relation to the process of preparing national communications, biennial update reports and biennial transparency reports, including information on their experience in building sustainable capacity for reporting within their respective governments;

(f) Addressing the needs of developing country Parties to use the reporting tools referred to in paragraph 8 of decision 5/CMA.3.

8. The SBI expressed gratitude to the Governments of Belize, Cabo Verde and Cambodia for hosting the regional hands-on training workshops referred to in paragraph 5(a) above and expressed appreciation to the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization for their collaboration on these workshops.

9. The SBI extended appreciation to Parties that provided financial contributions to support the work of the CGE in 2023.
