



Subsidiary Body for Implementation

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Agenda item 4(d)

Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

Report 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 report¹ on the progress of the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) in implementing its workplan for 2024² and extended appreciation to the CGE for providing in that report the revised metrics for measuring the progress of its work.³
2. The SBI also extended appreciation to the CGE for its oral report at this session on the report referred to in paragraph 1 above.⁴
3. The SBI further extended appreciation to the CGE for its progress in implementing its workplan for 2024 and for continuing to provide technical advice and support to developing country Parties for preparing their national communications (NCs), biennial update reports (BURs) and biennial transparency reports (BTRs).
4. The SBI acknowledged the achievements of the CGE in implementing its workplan for 2024, in particular:
 - (a) Training 76 national experts from 56 countries in Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean during two regional hands-on training workshops, each preceded by a preparatory webinar,⁵ on preparing BTRs, which helped to enhance their understanding of the topics covered and build their capacity to prepare the first BTRs using the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) electronic reporting tools;⁶
 - (b) Undertaking targeted analytical work, including preparing the updated technical paper on problems, constraints, lessons learned and capacity-building needs in preparing NCs, BURs and BTRs⁷ and conducting an online public survey to solicit feedback regarding CGE technical materials on measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) arrangements under the Convention and on the ETF;

¹ FCCC/SBI/2024/18.

² Contained in document FCCC/SBI/2024/18, annex I.

³ In line with the encouragement set out in document FCCC/SBI/2023/21, para. 27.

⁴ As per document FCCC/SBI/2023/21, para. 23.

⁵ See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/consultative-group-of-experts-cge/cge-webinar-series>.

⁶ See document FCCC/SBI/2024/21 for information on the workshops and webinars.

⁷ FCCC/TP/2024/6.



(c) Making the e-learning course for national experts on preparing NCs and BURs⁸ available in an offline, downloadable format with a view to improving its accessibility;

(d) Providing technical advice to the secretariat on developing and implementing the training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review of BTRs;

(e) Adding two video interviews of national experts to the CGE toolbox on institutional arrangements for MRV under the Convention and preparing for the ETF;⁹

(f) Increasing awareness of CGE activities among developing country Parties and among stakeholders, including bilateral and multilateral entities, that are engaged in providing support to such Parties in the areas of MRV and transparency through side events at SB 60 and the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties,¹⁰ as well as through the CGE web pages;¹¹

(g) Continuing to maintain and update the MRV/Transparency help desk¹² and the CGE virtual workspace.

5. The SBI, recognizing the challenges faced by developing country Parties, in particular countries with the least capacity, such as the least developed countries, and those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, such as small island developing States, in fulfilling the reporting requirements under the ETF, requested the CGE, in developing and implementing its workplan for 2025, to consider including the following activities, to the extent possible:

(a) Continuing preparing updates of the technical paper referred to in paragraph 4(b) above;

(b) Continuing to focus its work on facilitating the preparation and submission of BTRs by developing country Parties, including through use of the ETF electronic reporting tools, taking into account the findings in the technical paper referred to in paragraph 4(b) above;

(c) Providing technical advice and support to developing country Parties for undergoing the technical expert review of BTRs;

(d) Developing capacity-building materials pertaining to the reporting requirements contained in the annex to decision 18/CMA.1 that have not been addressed previously by the CGE.

6. The SBI noted that, owing to limited financial resources available, the CGE was only able to conduct two regional workshops in 2024, and underlined the importance of the CGE having adequate financial resources to support the full implementation of its annual workplans.

7. The SBI encouraged the CGE to enhance collaboration, to the extent possible, with other expert groups and constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as well as with relevant multilateral programmes and organizations, while avoiding duplication of work in implementing its workplan for 2025.

8. The SBI expressed gratitude to the Governments of Panama and Zimbabwe for hosting the regional hands-on training workshops referred to in paragraph 4(a) above and expressed appreciation to the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme 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 2024.

10. The SBI noted with concern the number of vacancies in the CGE membership and urged Parties to submit nominations through their regional groups and constituencies.

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

⁹ Available at <https://unfccc.int/CGE/IA>.

¹⁰ See <https://unfccc.int/event/btr-dialogue-with-the-cge-and-paicc> and <https://unfccc.int/event/unfccc-reporting-on-progress-btr-dialogue-with-the-cge>.

¹¹ <https://unfccc.int/CGE>.

¹² See <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/transparency/Pages/Home.aspx>.