

Summary of the work of the constituted bodies during the first half of 2021

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Name of constituted body: Consultative Group of Experts

Relevant links on the UNFCCC website:

- Constituted Body Page: <https://unfccc.int/CGE>
- Workplan: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/2021-CGE%20work%20plan%20FINAL_0.pdf
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- Recent reports of the constituted body to the relevant governing and/or subsidiary body:
 - o 2019: [CGE 2019 progress report](#)
 - o 2020: [CGE 2020 progress report](#)
 - o 2021: Will be published prior to COP 26

Last meeting: [5th meeting 2-4 March 2021](#)

Next meeting: [6th meeting 2-3 September 2021](#)

Highlights of work undertaken in the first half of 2021:

- The Consultative Group of Experts developed its 2021 work plan guided by its [vision, mission and strategic priorities for 2020–2026](#) and taking into account the existing and emerging [needs and gaps](#) of developing countries. Feedback gained from various channels of CGE engagement with national experts and practitioners in transparency, last year, provided guidance as well.
- The assessment of challenges and needs reported by developing country Parties in their NCs, BURs and the CGE stocktake survey conducted in 2019, as well as those identified through technical analyses of BURs, shows continued need for capacity-building of national experts to implement the existing MRV arrangements. It also shows that the key areas of capacity-building needs in preparing for and transition to the ETF. Building upon its experiences from 2019, the CGE agreed to continue to provide virtual trainings and to update its capacity-building needs assessment and training materials.

I. Virtual training

CGE virtual hands-on training workshops

- The transition from implementation of the existing MRV arrangements to implementation of the ETF will introduce enhanced scope and depth of reporting for developing countries, which underscores the importance of having strong sustainable institutional arrangements in place. A continuous process of improvement, collection, processing, analysis, compilation, reporting and review of data is likely to fully occupy a core team of national experts throughout the reporting cycles.
- In this context, taking into account the prevailing COVID-19 situation globally and its impacts, the CGE, at its fifth meeting held on 2-3 March 2021, agreed to organize a series of [virtual regional](#)

[hands-on training workshops](#) as part of its work plan for 2021, on “institutional arrangements for the existing MRV arrangements and the enhanced transparency framework, including data management for national GHG inventories”, as well as to discuss key considerations for institutional arrangements in transitioning to the ETF. The workshops will include a self-study, video presentations, and hands-on exercises and discussions.

- The CGE has been preparing to organize 7 regional hands-on training workshops, in 4 different UN languages, starting from June. The detailed timeline is as follows:

In 2021, the **CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF EXPERTS** will conduct a series of **REGIONAL VIRTUAL TRAINING WORKSHOPS** on **INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS** for the **EXISTING MRV ARRANGEMENTS** and the **ENHANCED TRANSPARENCY FRAMEWORK**, including **DATA MANAGEMENT** for **NATIONAL GHG INVENTORIES**

date	regions	language
22 June - 24 June 2021	Asia, Eastern Europe & Western Europe and other	English
29 June - 1 July 2021	Pacific	English
5 July - 7 July 2021	Africa	English
13 July - 15 July 2021	Africa	French
23 August - 25 August 2021	Asia, Eastern Europe & Western Europe and other	Russian
7 September - 9 September 2021	Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Western Europe and other	Spanish
13 September - 15 September 2021	Middle East & North Africa	Arabic

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Feedback on institutional arrangements to support MRV/transparency of climate action and support

E-learning courses

- The CGE continues to provide e-learning courses as follows:
 - Preparation of National Communications, which is a self-paced course that is open to all participants;
 - Training for the technical analysis of Biennial Update Reports, which runs two assessment cycles year per for experts nominated to the Roster of Experts. Experts that have successfully completed this course would be able to participate in the technical analysis of the BUR. The first-cycle was completed in April.

Webinars series

- The CGE agreed to conduct two webinar series, as follows:
 - “Synergies at national level in data collection for reporting under MRV/ETF, SDGs and other international instruments”, planned between May - July;
 - “Embedding climate reporting in national statistics as a way of enhancing institutional arrangements in a sustainable manner” planned for July – October.

II. Update of capacity-building needs assessment for reporting

- The CGE conducts, annually, an assessment of needs and gaps, including problems, constraints and capacity-building needs, of developing countries associated with the implementation of the existing MRV arrangements and preparation for the ETF, based on the information drawn from national communications (NCs), biennial update reports (BURs) and summary reports on the technical analysis of BURs of developing countries.

- Furthermore, the CGE launched its biennial survey with an aim to grasp the up-to-date and comprehensive picture of where developing countries stand in terms of implementation of the existing MRV arrangements and preparation for the ETF, as well as needs and gaps arising from the ground.
- The CGE has circulated its survey to national focal points since April this year. A compilation of the responses will form the basis of the report that the CGE will be presenting to the SBI in Glasgow.

III. Update of the training materials:

- The CGE training materials for vulnerability and adaptation assessment, and mitigation assessment, were last updated in 2015 and 2012, respectively.
- The CGE, as part of its 2021 work plan, agreed to conduct a light update of its training materials on reporting mitigation and adaptation actions. The update will include a check of the references and the factual information of tools, which may have undergone changes.
- The CGE agreed to conduct a more in-depth update of its training materials in 2022 after relevant parts of the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report become available.