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

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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 extended appreciation to the CGE for successfully implementing its workplan for 2023 and continuing to provide technical advice and support to developing country Parties for preparing their national communications, biennial update reports and biennial transparency reports.
3. The SBI acknowledged the achievements of the CGE in implementing its workplan for 2022² since SB 57, 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).³
4. 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, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, and Eastern Europe 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;⁴
 - (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;⁵
 - (c) Finalizing and publishing updated CGE training materials for reporting on adaptation and mitigation under the ETF;⁶
 - (d) Finalizing and publishing the second edition of the CGE technical handbook for developing country Parties on preparing for implementation of the ETF, and arranging for its translation;⁷
 - (e) Adding two video interviews of national experts to the CGE toolbox on institutional arrangements for measurement, reporting and verification and ETF;⁸
 - (f) Continuing to offer the e-learning programme for national experts on preparing national communications;⁹

¹ FCCC/SBI/2023/20.

² The workplan is available at <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CGE%20workplan%20for%202022.pdf>.

³ See document FCCC/SBI/2023/19 for information on the workshops.

⁴ As footnote 3 above.

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

⁶ See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/transparency-and-reporting/support-for-developing-countries/consultative-group-of-experts/enhanced-transparency-framework-technical-material>.

⁷ 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>.

⁸ Available at <https://unfccc.int/CGE/IA>.

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

(g) Continuing to offer the training programme on the technical analysis of biennial update reports to experts on the UNFCCC roster;¹⁰

(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;¹¹

(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 events¹² on the margins of SB 58 and the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties, as well as via the CGE web pages.¹³

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

6. The SBI requested the CGE, in developing and implementing its workplan for 2024, to take into consideration, to the extent possible:

(a) Focus on providing technical support and advice for the implementation of the ETF, including on the preparation and submission of BTRs;

(b) Help developing country Parties to enhance and maintain appropriate institutional arrangements and national capacities;

(c) Continue seeking to promote gender and geographical balance among experts from developing countries participating in activities of the CGE;

(d) Collect the relevant lessons learned, best practices, and the challenges, constraints and needs of developing country Parties in the process of preparing their NCs, BURs and BTRs;

(e) Address the needs of developing countries to use the reporting tools referred to in decision 5/CMA.3, paragraph 8;

(f) Give special consideration to the least developed countries and small island developing States in providing technical support and advice.

7. 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 4(a) above.

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

¹⁰ 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>.

¹¹ See https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/consultative-group-of-experts-cge/transparency-needs-assessment#_23.

¹² 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>.

¹³ See <https://unfccc.int/CGE>.