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**CGE side event**

**“BTR Dialogue”  
with the CGE and PAICC**

10 June 2024

# Programme

Moderator: Marcelo Rocha, CGE member, Brazil

**15 min**

## WELCOME REMARKS

Donald Cooper, Director, Transparency, UNFCCC Secretariat  
Miriam Liliana Hinostroza Suarez, CGE member, UNEP

**25 min**

## SESSION 1: Presentations

- **25 years of the CGE support**, Rehab Ahmed Hassan, CGE member, Sudan
- **BTR of Guyana: Experiences and Lesson Learned**, Pradeepa Bholanath, Guyana
- **BTR submission related provisions**, Christina Voigt, PAICC co-chair

**30 min**

## SESSION 2: Insights into BTRs

Moderated discussions on key messages for preparing and submitting BTRs

- Fazle Rabbi Sadeque Ahmed, CGE member, Bangladesh
- Pradeepa Bholanath, Guyana
- Sin Liang Cheah, CGE member, Singapore
- Christina Voigt, PAICC co-chair

Q & A session with participants

**5 min**

Feedback survey & closing

# BTR Dialogue with the CGE and PAICC

## Welcome Remarks



**Miriam  
Suarez,  
CGE member**



**Don  
Cooper,  
Director,  
UNFCCC**

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**25 years of the CGE support to  
developing countries**

**Rehab Ahmed Hassan, CGE member**

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# 25 years of the CGE


**Mandate:** The Consultative Group of Experts was established in 1999 under the Convention and continues to operate under the Paris Agreement, with the primary mandate to provide technical assistance and advice to developing countries on the process and preparation of transparency reports.

→ Over the years, the CGE has had **152 members** who have been driving the work of the CGE and ensuring a successful deliver on its mandate.



Group photo of the 11<sup>th</sup> CGE meeting

# CGE key activity areas



Capacity-  
building  
needs  
assessment




Knowledge  
Products



Knowledge  
Delivery



Collaboration  
and  
engagement



Address the  
challenges  
and needs



Support for  
preparing  
the reports

**Targeted support, fit for purpose.**

# Overview of CGE activities and achievements

## Technical materials

- ✓ CGE annual capacity building needs assessment (**CBNA**) reports
- ✓ Technical handbook on **MRV**
- ✓ CGE **toolbox on institutional arrangements**
- ✓ **ETF technical handbook**
- ✓ CGE training material on **adaptation**
- ✓ CGE training material on **mitigation/NDC reporting**
- ✓ .....



## Workshops, trainings, ...

- ☐ **90+** CGE regional workshops, **3000+** national experts.
- ☐ **45+** CGE webinars, **2400+** experts
- ☐ **16 rounds** of TTE training
- ☐ CGE eLearning courses: 300+ experts

## Collaboration, outreach

- ❖ CGE **side-events**
- ❖ Annual CGE **Informal Forums** since 2019
- ❖ **Collaboration** with other IOs and CBs:
  - IPCC, UNEP, UNDP, WMO, FAO ...
  - AC, ExCom, LEG, LCCIP, PCCB, PAICC, ...
- ❖ **Outreach**
  - CGE webpage, MRV helpdesk
  - LinkedIn and Facebook accounts





## Looking forward:

### Strategic priorities of the CGE for 2024-2026

- Gather lessons learned and good practices in relation to submitted BTRs
- Understand areas of improvement
- Refine the approaches and tools used to provide technical advice and support
- Continue facilitating implementation of the ETF, including for the preparation and submission of their BTRs, NCs and facilitating improved reporting over time





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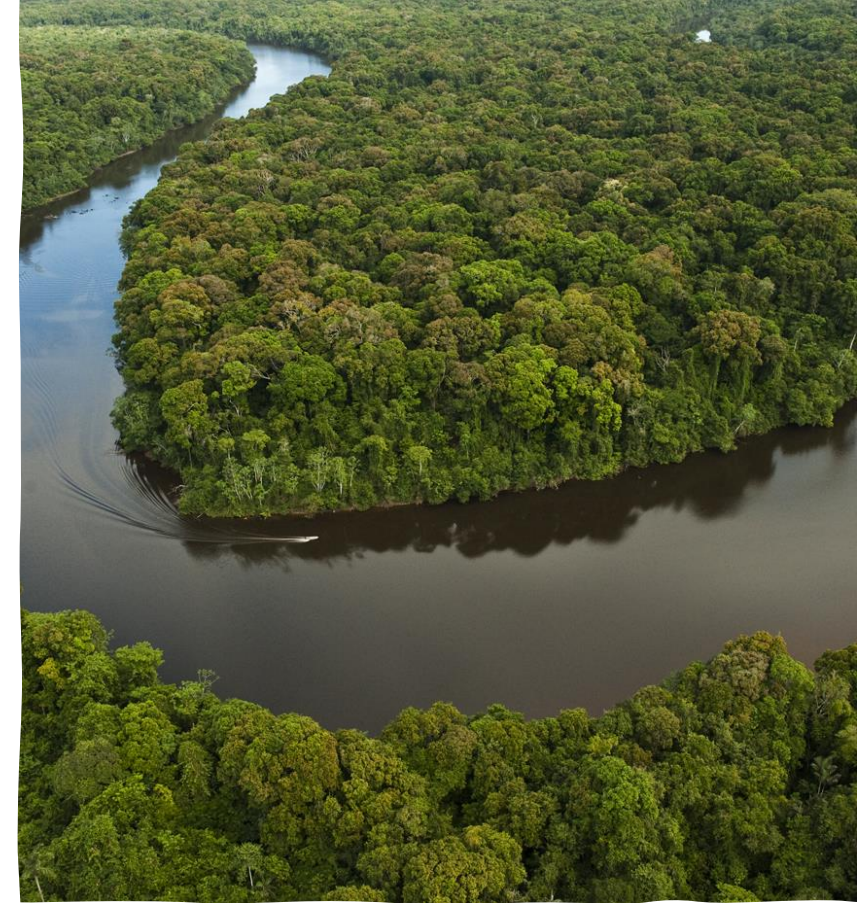
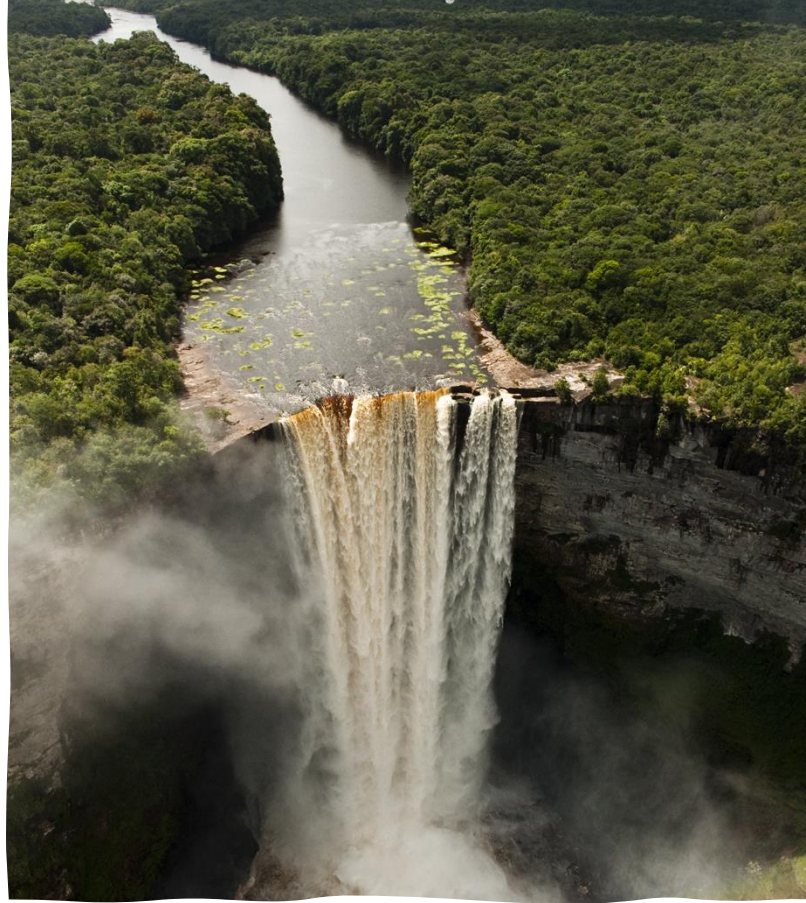
# Thank you

The CGE will continue to be the main body to support developing countries for transparency



Feedback questionnaire on the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) technical materials.

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# GUYANA

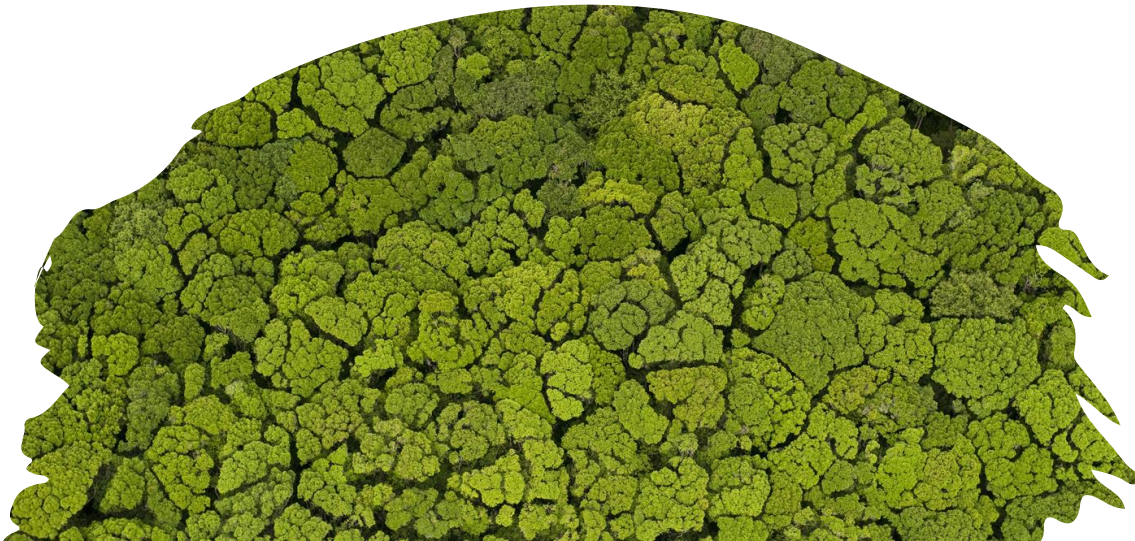
## BIENNIAL TRANSPARENCY REPORT

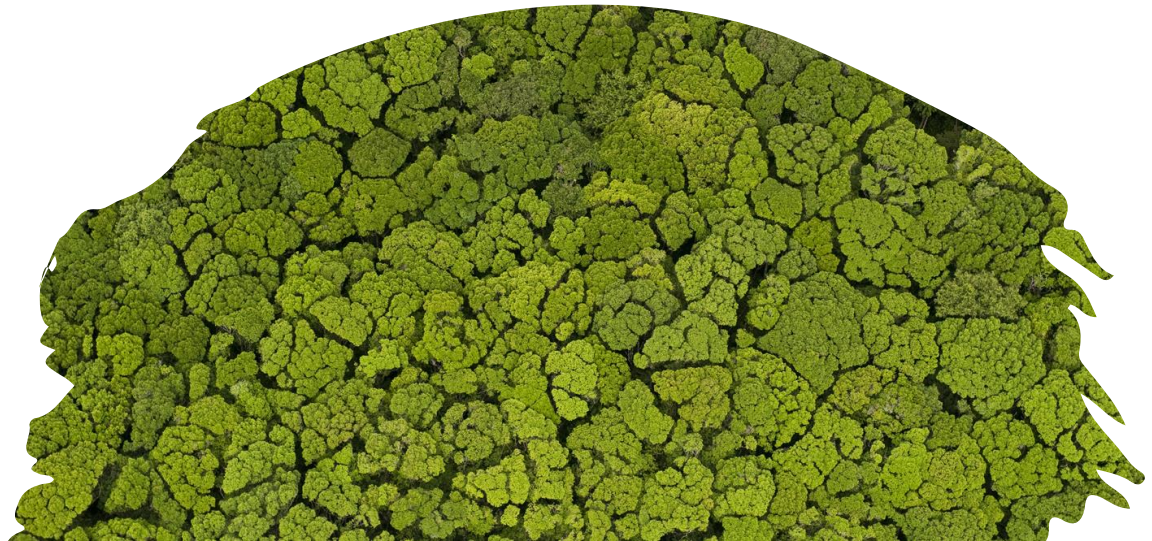
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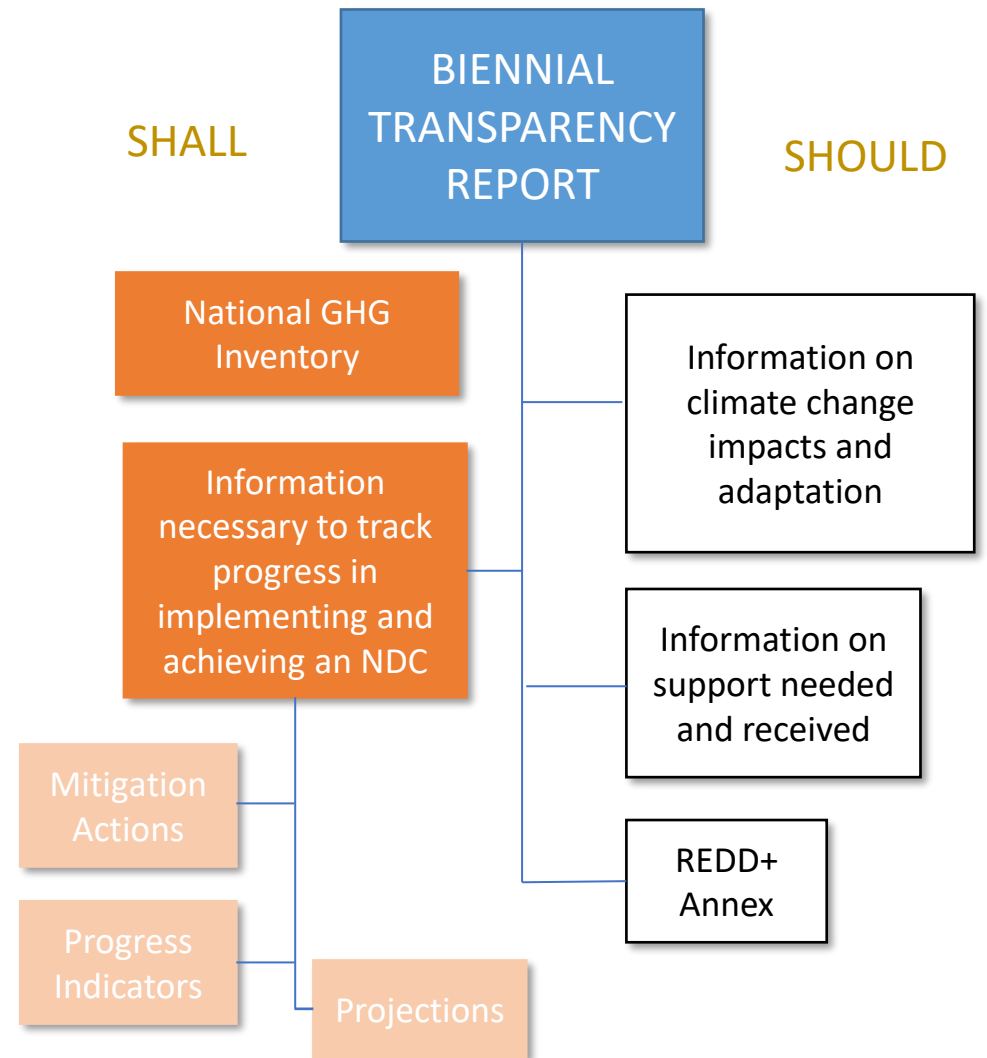
## THE BIENNIAL TRANSPARENCY REPORT (BTR)

- The BTR is regarded as a key component under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) (of the Paris Agreement) and has two main functions:
  - i. To facilitate transparency;
  - ii. To track progress in implementing and achieving the NDC.





# IMPORTANT POINTS



# COMPARISON OF BTR, NC, AND BUR

## Existing MRV arrangements

### Biennial update reports

National greenhouse gas inventory

Mitigation actions and their effects

Finance, technology and capacity-building needs

Cancun Agreements (1/CP.16) and Durban Outcomes (2/CP.17)

## Enhanced Transparency Framework

### National communications

National greenhouse gas inventory

Programmes containing measures to facilitate adaptation to climate change

Programmes containing measures to mitigate climate change

Transfer of technology

Research and systematic observation

Education, training and public awareness

Capacity-building

Information and networking

Constraints and gaps, and related financial, technical and capacity-building needs

Article 4.1 and 12.1 of the Convention; decision 17/CP.8

### Biennial transparency reports

National greenhouse gas inventory

Progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs

Climate change impacts and adaptation (as appropriate)

Financial, technology transfer and capacity-building support needed and received

*Flexibility*

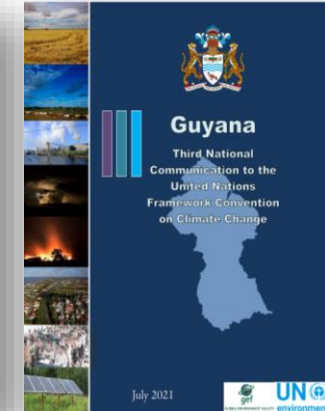
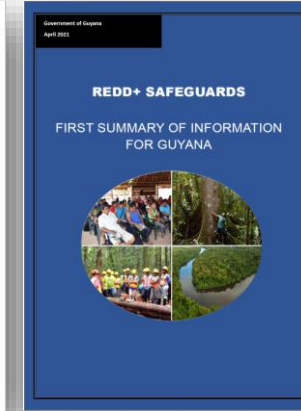
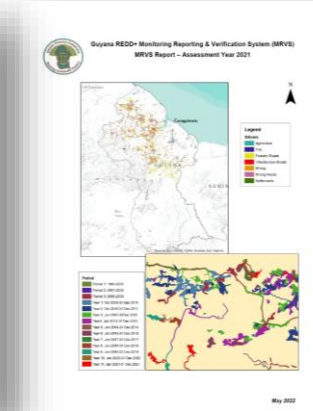
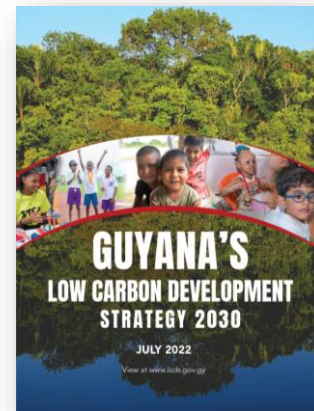
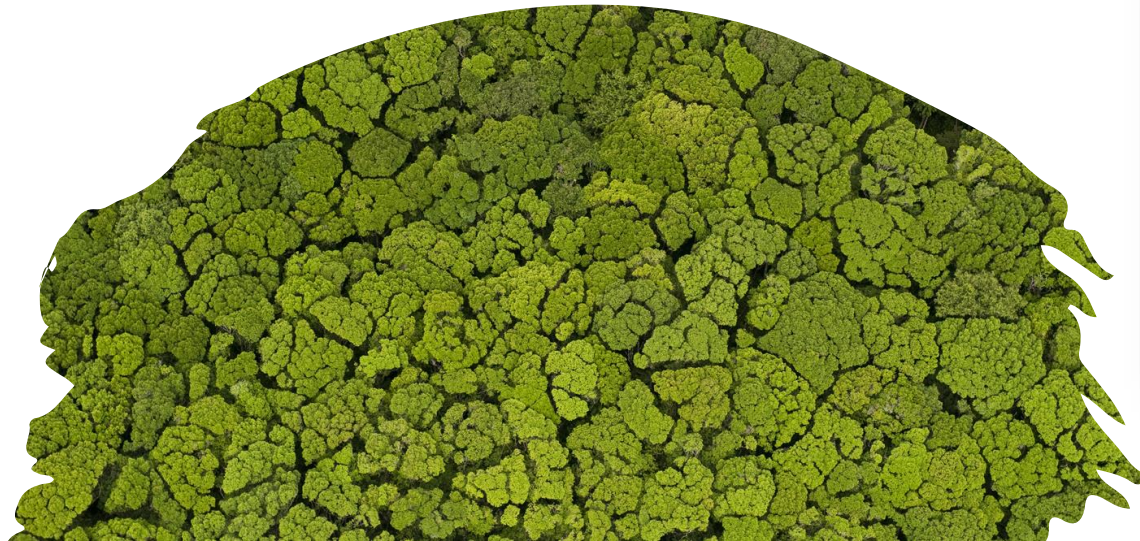
*Areas of improvement*

Article 13 of the Paris Agreement; decisions 18/CMA.1, 5/CMA.3



# GUYANA'S FOUNDATION FOR REPORTING

- Built on work done on MRV Reporting for LULUCF sector with Annual Reports
- Low Carbon Development Strategy; REDD+ Safeguards: First Summary of Information; National Communications to UNFCCC; ART TREES reporting



# Challenges, Lessons Learned, Recommendation

## Challenges

- Information from some sectors was not available to the same level of details like for other sectors.
- Final Version of the Reporting Tool not available at time of drafting of the BTR, integrating IPCC reporting tables for GhG with Common Reporting Templates and Common Tabular Formats.
- Capacity at institutional level are at various stages of development.

## Lessons Learned

- The ETF for the BTR provides a flexible and adaptable structure that allows for varying levels of information to be integrated.
- Create a mechanism for a continuously updated GhG Inventory is helpful.
- Guyana was progressing in parallel with its Third National Communication, some overlaps.
- The BTR process helped Guyana advance Article 6 reporting.

## Recommendations

- The BTR process should be driven by national programmes and strategies.
- Reporting on NDC should be closely aligned with BTR Reporting
- Future developments are helpful to be identified upfront to chart the path to continuously strengthening submission.
- NAPs and other sector specific document are helpful to come as next steps if not done already.

# Thank *You*



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# **THE PARIS AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (PAICC)**

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Co-chair of the Paris Agreement Implementation and  
Compliance Committee

# I. ROLE OF PAICC

Purpose: **Facilitate implementation of and promote compliance** with the provisions of the Paris Agreement (Art. 15.1 PA)

Overall aim:

- enhance the effectiveness of the Agreement's implementation and compliance, as well as to ensure accountability of Parties
- enhance mutual trust and confidence

Expert-based, facilitative in nature, transparent, non-adversarial, **non-punitive** (Art. 15.2 PA)

Avoid duplication of efforts, shall not function as enforcement or dispute settlement mechanism, **not impose sanctions or penalties**, shall respect national sovereignty (Decision 20/CMA.1, Annex, para 4)

## 2. HOW DOES AN “ISSUE” GET TO THE COMMITTEE?

### 2.1. INITIATION BY A PARTY

Submission **by a party** on any provision of the PA with respect to its **own** implementation or compliance (20/CMA. I, Annex, para 20)

## 2.2. INITIATION BY THE COMMITTEE

Initiation **by the committee** where a *specific mandatory* requirement is not met; based on the information listed in Decision 20/CMA.I, Annex, para 22(a)

## 20/CMA.1, Annex, paragraph 22 (a)

The Committee:

- (a) ***Will initiate*** the consideration of issues in cases where a Party ***has not***:
- (i) Communicated or maintained a **nationally determined contribution** under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement, based on the most up-to-date status of communication in the public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement;
  - (ii) Submitted a mandatory report or communication of **information under Article 13**, paragraphs 7 and 9, or Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement;
  - (iii) Participated in the **facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress**, based on information provided by the secretariat;
  - (iv) Submitted a mandatory communication of information under Article **9, paragraph 5**, of the Paris Agreement.

## 2.3 INITIATION BY THE COMMITTEE WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PARTY

Discretionary initiation **by the committee, with consent of Party**, in cases of ***significant and persistent inconsistencies*** of reporting under art. 13.7 and 13.9 PA, based on recommendations in Technical Expert Review Report

(Decision 20/CMA.1, Annex, para 22(b))

### 3. WHAT CAN THE COMMITTEE DO?

Shall take **appropriate measures**, which **may** include:

1. Engaging in a dialogue with the Party to share information, identify challenges and recommend solutions (Decision 20/CMA.1, Annex, para 30 a)
2. Assist the Party in engaging with support bodies and arrangements and make recommendations to the Party (and communicate those to the support bodies/arrangements) (para 30 b and c)
3. Recommend development of an action plan (30 d)
4. Issue findings of fact in relation to specific matters listed in para 22 a (para 30 e)

## 4. SYSTEMIC ISSUES

- **Systemic issues** (Decision 20/CMA.1, Annex, paras 32-34), either:
  - Upon request from CMA to examine systemic issues, or
  - By committee itself (based on its own information)
- Recommendations to the CMA
- Systemic issues not related to individual Parties



## 5. WHAT'S NEXT?

- **Deadline for BTRs: 31 December 2024** (Must contain elements listed in decision 18/CMA.1, Annex, para 10:
  - (a) Each Party shall provide a **national inventory report** of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases (GHGs),
  - (b) Each Party shall provide the **information necessary to track progress** in implementing and achieving its NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement,
  - (d) Developed country Parties shall provide information pursuant to **Article 13, paragraph 9**.
- **Deadline for successive NDCs: 10 February 2025**
- **Deadline for Communications under Art. 9.5 (for developed country parties): 31 December 2024**



# Insights on BTRs

## Moderated discussion on key messages for preparing and submitting BTRs

- Fazle Rabbi Sadeque Ahmed, CGE member, Bangladesh
  - *As an LDC, how will Bangladesh apply flexibility provisions and discretion under the ETF? What are the key messages you would like to share with LDCs and SIDS, from the perspective of a CGE member or Bangladesh?*
- Pradeepa Bholanath, Guyana
  - *Could you please share with us how you collected and prepared the data in accordance with the common reporting tables and common tabular formats?*
- Sin Liang Cheah, CGE member, Singapore
  - *From the CGE perspective, what is your advice to developing countries on preparation and submission of BTRs?*
- Christina Voigt, PAICC co-chair
  - *Are there other details you would like to share with the participants regarding BTR submission related provisions?*

## Question and answer session with participants

Thank you!

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