
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CGE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2010-2012

COP18 / CMP8 side-event

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The CGE mandate

- ❑ Core of the mandate: providing **technical advice and support**, and therefore **enhance the capacity** of non-Annex I Parties to prepare their national communications
 - ❑ The **Terms of Reference of the group** are contained in annex to decision 5/CP.15
 - ❑ There are **6 elements in the ToR** and all address the capacity building of non-Annex I Parties
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Elements in the ToR

- ❑ Provide technical advice/assistance/support to the NAI Parties addressing:
 - Process and preparation of NAI NCs (para 2(a))
 - Establishment and maintenance of the national technical teams, for the preparation of NCs, including GHG inventories, on a continuous basis (para 2(c))
 - Mainstreaming of climate change considerations (para 2(d))
 - Dissemination of information on existing activities and programmes to facilitate and support the preparation of NCs (para 2(e))
- ❑ Provide **recommendations**, as appropriate, on elements to be considered in a future revision of the guidelines for the preparation of NAI NCs (para 2(b))

* Paragraph numbers here refer to those contained in annex to decision 5/CP.15

PARA. 2(a) of annex to DECISION 5/CP.15

- ❑ **Survey – technical problems, constraints and capacity building needs** in the process of preparing national communications
 - Collect information from NAI Parties on technical problems, constraints and capacity-building needs for the preparation of national communications
 - 56 NAI Parties participated
 - ❑ **Compilation of information from NAI NCs**
 - Objective: identify concerns, difficulties and related capacity gaps reported in the NCs
 - Assessed 27 second national communications from non-Annex I Parties
 - ❑ **SBI 33 considered the results/recommendations**
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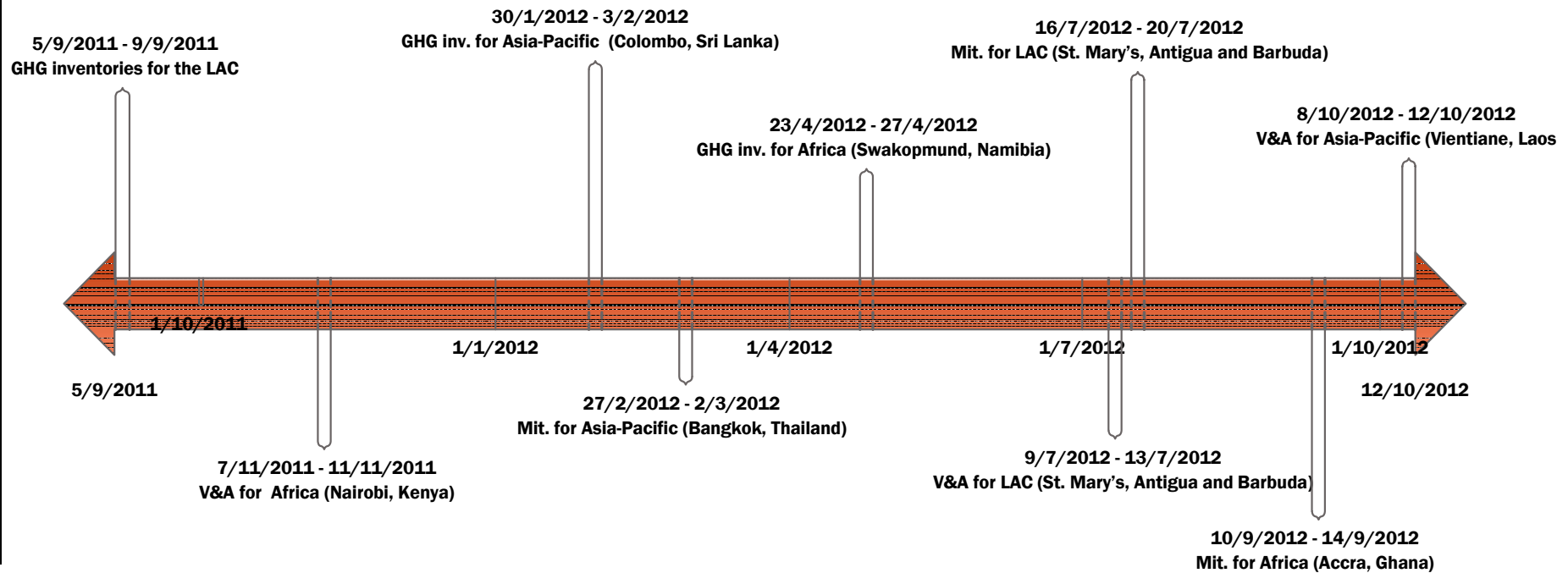
PARA. 2(a) of annex to DECISION 5/CP.15

- ❑ **Update of the CGE training materials** on GHG inventories, V&A and mitigation assessments
 - To take into account the relevant updated information on science, methods, tools and data
 - Guided by results of the survey on **technical problems and constraints and capacity building needs**, in the process of preparing national communications and recommendations thereof from the group
 - Updated training materials – available on the UNFCCC website (http://unfccc.int/national_reports/non-annex_i_natcom/training_material/methodological_documents/items/349.php)
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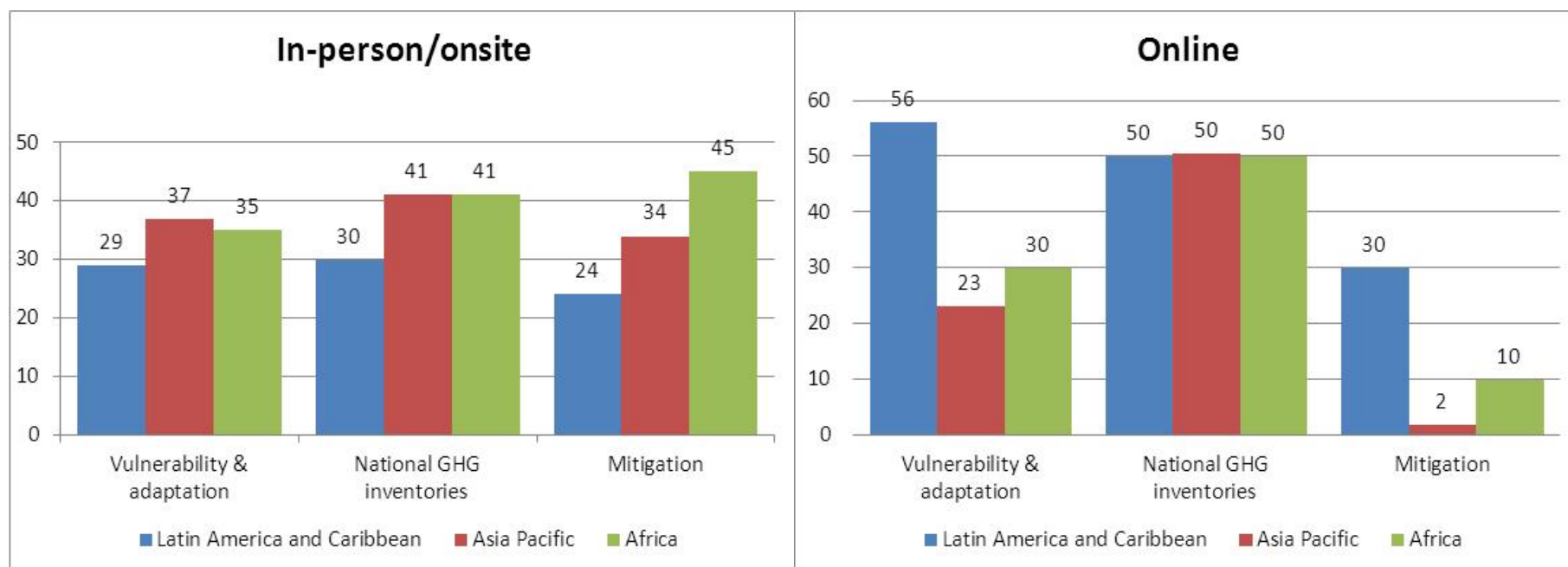
❑ Regional hands-on training workshops

- Conducted 9 training workshops



PARA. 2(a) of annex to DECISION 5/CP.15 (cont)

Non-Annex I national experts trained through the regional hands-on training workshops, by region and subject



PARA. 2(a) of annex to DECISION 5/CP.15

❑ **E-learning** programme and a **web-based platform for a network** of experts

E-learning programme

- Concept note
- Development and implementation – pending

Web-based platform for network of experts

- Technical requirements defined
 - Development (deployment by November 2012)
 - An introductory presentation on the e-network platform will be made tomorrow by the secretariat at the national communications side-event scheduled for 13:15 – 14:45 in the same room.
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PARA. 2(b) of annex to DECISION 5/CP.15

- ❑ Provide **recommendations**, as appropriate, on elements to be considered in a future revision of the guidelines for the preparation of NAI NC
 - **Survey** to *assess difficulties, challenges, technical problems, and constraints faced by NAI Parties in preparing their national communications* (2(a) and 2(b));
 - **Workshop** to *exchange views on possible elements to be considered in a future revision of the UNFCCC guidelines for preparation of non-Annex I national communications* (21-23 March 2011, Antigua and Barbuda) (FCCC/SBI/2011/5/Add.1);
 - **CGE made recommendations to SBI 34** (FCCC/SBI/2011/5);
 - **SBI 34 encouraged Parties** to take into account these recommendations as appropriate (FCCC/SBI/2011/L.8).
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PARA. 2(c) of annex to DECISION 5/CP.15

- ❑ Provide **technical advice** to NAI Parties to facilitate the development and long-term sustainability of processes, and the establishment and maintenance of national technical teams, for the preparation of NC, including GHG inventories, on a continuous basis.
 - CGE conducted a **survey to collect information** on *problems related to the sustainability of the NC process and maintenance of national technical teams for the preparation of NC including GHG inventories, on a continuous basis (FCCC/SBI/2011/5/Add.2)*;
 - Workshop on *facilitating the development and long-term sustainability of processes, and the establishment and maintenance of national technical teams, for the preparation of NCs, including GHG inventories, on a continuous basis* (20-21 June 2011, Bonn, Germany) (FCCC/SBI/2011/10/Add.2).
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PARA. 2(d) of annex to DECISION 5/CP.15

- ❑ **Para 2(d) of decision 5/CP.15:** Provide **technical advice and support** to Parties, upon request, on the provision of information on steps to integrate climate change considerations.
 - Technical advice and support on this matter was provided mostly during the workshops
 - Compendium of sources of information on steps to integrate climate change considerations (contributed by NCSP)

PARA. 2(e) of annex to DECISION 5/CP.15

- ❑ Provide NAI Parties, upon request, with **information** on existing activities and programmes, including bilateral, regional and multilateral sources of financial and technical assistance, to facilitate and support the preparation of NC by NAI Parties.
 - Technical support to a workshop organized by the NCSP to provide general guidance to and facilitate the sharing of experiences among national teams, on the key technical and policy issues related to preparation of their INCs (Manila, Philippines)
 - Compendium of information on regional center of excellences that provide training on national communication related substantive areas (contributed by UNEP)
 - Information was provided mostly during the workshops

FULFILLING THE CGE MANDATE

Collaborations with other relevant bodies under the Convention

- ❑ Provided input to the in-depth discussion on capacity-building work in institutions and initiatives under the Convention (AWG-LCA 14, Panama City, 1 - 7 October 2011)
 - ❑ Represented in the first session of the Durban Forum, held in Bonn, Germany, on 22 and 23 May 2012
 - ❑ Continuous exchange of information between the CGE and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and coordination of planning and implementation of activities under the work programme of both groups
 - ❑ Opportunities exist for further collaboration and cooperation with other expert groups and/or constituted bodies under the Convention, such as the LEG, the Technology Executive Committee, the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the Adaptation Committee
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FULFILLING THE CGE MANDATE

Collaborations with NCSP and IPCC

NCSP

UNDP

Workshop on the key technical and policy issues related to preparation of their INCs (Manila, Philippines)

Regional hands-on training workshops (financial contribution)

Update of CGE training materials (financial contribution)

Compendium of sources of information on steps to integrate climate change considerations

UNEP

Regional hands-on training workshop for Africa region on V&A (host and financial contribution)

Compendium of information on regional center of excellences that provide training on national communication related substantive areas

IPCC

Regional hands-on training workshops (financial contribution and resource persons)

Update of training materials on national GHG inventories

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Contribution from Parties

Financial contribution

Romania
Switzerland
European Union
United Kingdom
Norway
Finland
NSCP (UNDP/UNEP)
IPCC TFI-TSU
Japan
Canada
United States

In-kind contribution (workshops/meetings venue, logistical support)

Philippines
Chile
NCSP/UNEP
Thailand
Sri Lanka
Namibia
Antigua and Barbuda
Ghana
Lao PDR

Implementing the work programme

Lessons learned (1)

- ❑ The importance of continuity in providing the technical support and regular updates
 - ❑ The CGE received requests for continued capacity-building support
 - ❑ The regional hands-on training workshops provided the CGE with a better understanding of the technical support needs and with practical solutions
 - ❑ A focus of future hands-on training workshops could increasingly address the implementation of adaptation options
 - ❑ The approach of providing hands-on training, directly involving practitioners at the national level, found to be very useful
 - ❑ The ability to deliver its work programme in a timely manner provided that the required resources are available in a timely
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Implementing the work programme

Lessons learned (2)

- ❑ The training materials are more helpful and relevant when enriched with regional examples
 - ❑ Recognised the difficulties in using models, including the use of local data sets in hands-on training sessions, and welcomes related improvements to be considered in future hands-on training programmes;
 - ❑ Acknowledges the relevance of adapting training programmes to the specific region
 - ❑ The interest in the structural and institutional aspects of reporting procedures, including the specific need to take into account the new challenges resulting from new and emerging developments, in particular new reporting requirements for non-Annex I Parties under the Convention.
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Assisting the CGE implement its work programme

Challenges

- ☐ An ambitious work programme for a period of three years
- ☐ Ensuring financial resources are available in a timely manner
- ☐ Lack of predictability of financial resources
- ☐ Inability to identify and mobilize relevant experts to participate in the surveys and workshops
- ☐ Difficulty in maintaining high standards and updating training materials tailored to meet the needs of very diverse stakeholders
- ☐ Limitation in the group's ability to respond to the evolving needs of the Parties due to the prescriptive and limited nature of the mandate
- ☐ Language barriers
- ☐ Limited availability of trainers for the workshops
- ☐ Conducting the work of the CGE by thematic groups

Assisting the CGE implement its work programme

Recommendations: delivery and dissemination of training materials

- ☐ Continuing with the practice of distributing electronic versions of CGE training materials in advance of the training workshop
- ☐ Replicating such training materials at the national level, will increase their usefulness
- ☐ The updated training materials should be made publicly available to the public

Recommendations: further enhancing participation

- ☐ Encourage workshop participants to share and disseminate what they learned with their colleagues at the national level after the workshops
 - ☐ Undertake planning and preparation for the organization of workshops well in advance
 - ☐ Encourage workshop participants to devote time to basic theoretical material, including preparatory exercises, before the workshop begins
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Assisting the CGE implement its work programme

Recommendations: further enriching the CGE training materials

- ☐ Include more case studies from both Annex I Parties and non-Annex I Parties
 - ☐ Include more practical examples, case studies and best practices from the different regions
 - ☐ Any future updates and refinement of the CGE training materials should be guided by the objective of improving the accuracy, consistency and transparency of information
 - ☐ Take into account the regional constraints and gaps, as well as needs, and any new reporting requirements under the Convention
 - ☐ Include more information on non-energy sectors and additional country-related examples in the mitigation training materials
 - ☐ Address the issue of using models in the absence of sufficient national data
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Assisting the CGE implement its work programme

Recommendations: further enhancing capacity-building

- ☐ E-learning could respond to the needs expressed by participants for in-country training
 - ☐ Establishing a network of experts
 - ☐ Build a database of professionals trained at CGE workshops
 - ☐ Increase the awareness of national GHG inventory teams about the availability of new methodologies and tools
 - ☐ Need to provide continued support for capacity-building of national experts for the preparation of national GHG inventories at the regional and national level
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Thank you