

Consultative Group of Experts

2019 Work Plan

CGE side-event

18 June 2019



Mandate

- ❑ At COP24 in Katowice extended the mandate of the Consultant Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention for eight years, from **1 January 2019 to 31 December 2026** and **renamed** it the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE).
- ❑ CMA 1 decided that the CGE shall **also serve the Paris Agreement**, starting from 1 January 2019, to support the implementation of the enhanced transparency framework under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement by, inter alia:
 - ✓ **Facilitating the provision of technical advice and support** to developing country Parties, as applicable, including for the **preparation and submission** of their biennial transparency reports and **facilitating improved reporting over time**;
 - ✓ **Providing technical advice to the secretariat** on the **implementation of the training of the technical expert review teams**.

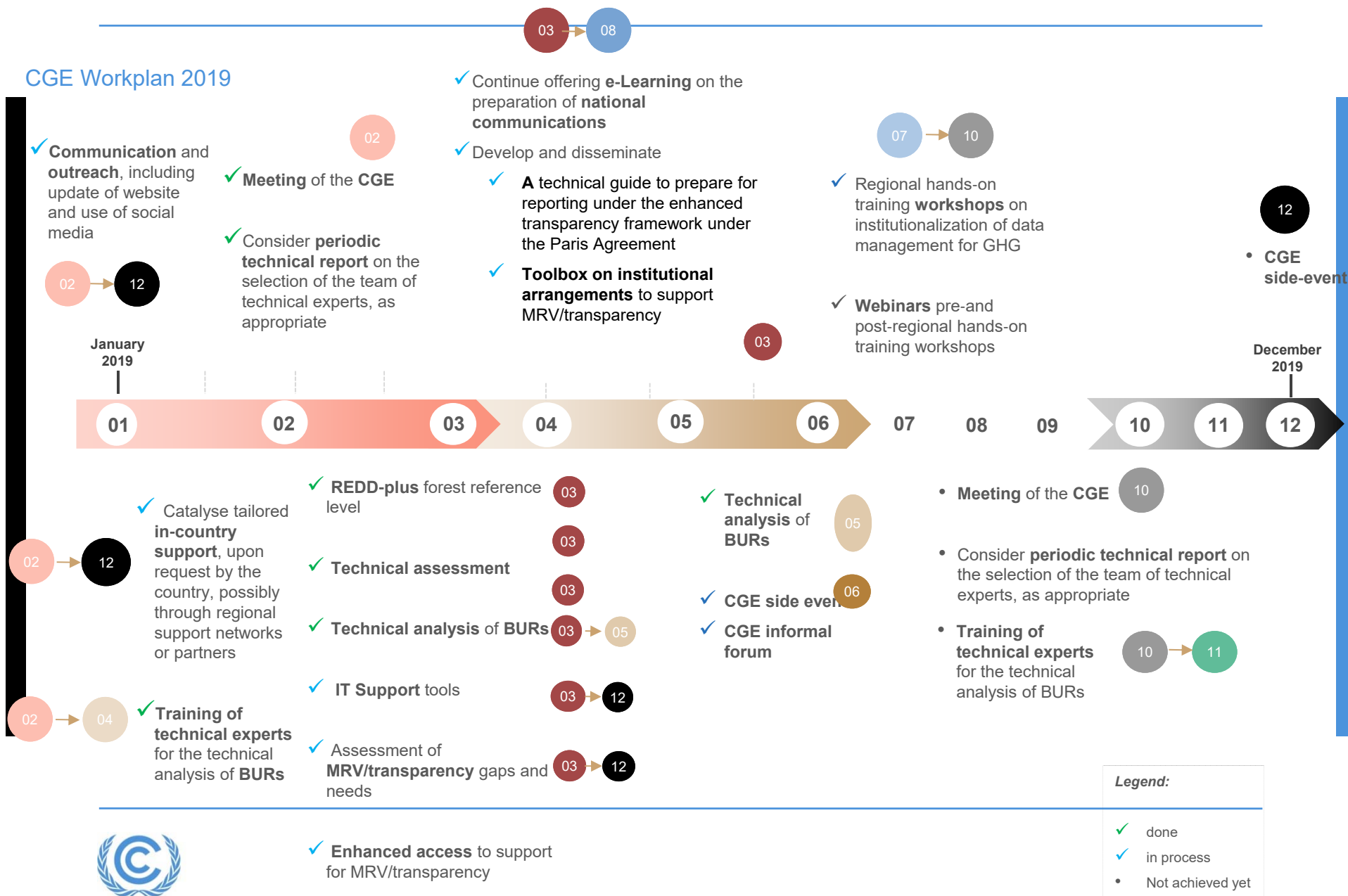


- ❑ The **CGE** set its priority for the year to be to **increase the number of submissions of national communications and biennial update reports**, and helping developing countries **prepare for reporting under the enhanced transparency framework**
 - ✓ Particularly of first BURs
 - ✓ Includes improving the GHG inventory systems of developing countries
- ❑ **CGE 2019 work plan** aims to **address the capacity building needs of developing countries** in a more targeted and strategic manner, which will facilitate improved reporting for developing countries over time.
- ❑ The **2019 work plan** reflects this aim **and** is organized into four main areas:
 - ✓ Cross-cutting issues – Conduct a needs survey
 - ✓ Knowledge delivery – through webinars and regional training workshops
 - ✓ Knowledge products – preparation of technical guidance handbooks
 - ✓ Other management issues



CGE 2019 Technical Advice and Support Work Plan Implementation

CGE Workplan 2019



2019 CGE Activities

❑ 3 Regional hands-on training workshops are planned

- ✓ **Objective:** respond to the **data-related issues** highlighted by developing countries and seek to **enhance the technical capacity of experts from developing countries to institutionalize data collection and management** in their national GHG inventory arrangements for reporting.
- ✓ **Target audience:** experts who are **actively involved in preparing and managing data** for the preparation of national communication, biennial update report, in particular with national GHG inventory.
- ✓ **Approach:** Introducing participants to professional **good practices in data management, including governance, QA/QC, archiving and stakeholder engagement;**
 - ✓ Workshop “phases” to improve effectiveness of technical advice and support
 - ✓ Interactive discussions prompting exchange of experiences and lessons learned, including hands-on group and individual exercises
 - ✓ Simulate a scenario of an actual challenge faced by a country and design solutions to address the challenge to
 - ✓ gain first-hand experience with certain data management techniques and tools.
- ✓ Already conducted **preparatory webinar** for the Latin America and the Caribbean region – available on the UNFCCC youtube [site](#)



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Technical guide to prepare for the implementation of the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement

- ❑ **Objective:** facilitate developing countries understanding of the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement and its modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs) so they can consider opportunities to improve current reporting and start planning implementation needs for future reporting.
 - ❑ A living document
 - ❑ **Technical guide will**
 - ✓ Introduce the enhanced transparency framework and its MPGs, including context, principles, purposes, and key features (reporting, technical expert review, and facilitative multilateral consideration of progress);
 - ✓ Explain key concepts and features of the enhanced transparency framework and its MPGs through examples and illustrations;
 - ✓ Discuss how countries can build on and enhance their existing MRV arrangements, such as those supporting compilation of biennial update reports, can serve as a foundation for the enhanced transparency framework;
 - ✓ Show how the existing MRV arrangements and the enhanced transparency framework are harmonized;
 - ✓ Provide a brief description of considerations in improving/building institutional arrangements to support future reporting under the enhanced transparency framework;
 - ✓ Explain, in brief, linkages between the enhanced transparency framework and other elements of the Paris Agreement.
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2019 Stocktaking of MRV/transparency gaps and needs to inform CGE technical advice and support to developing countries

- ❑ Conduct an **assessment of the existing and the emerging MRV/transparency gaps and needs of developing countries** to inform its strategy and delivery of technical assistance and advice to developing countries.
- ❑ Through an **annual survey that takes stock of MRV/transparency needs** arising from developing countries.
- ❑ The information captured through the survey will **provide a fundamental basis for the CGE to develop its work plan** for the subsequent year.
- ❑ The survey **comprises 4 parts**:
 - ✓ Demographic information;
 - ✓ Existing MRV arrangements under the Convention;
 - ✓ Enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement;
 - ✓ Expectation from the Consultative Group of Experts.
- ❑ Survey launch on 24 May and preliminary results will be provided at the Pilot CGE informal Forum on Saturday 22 June

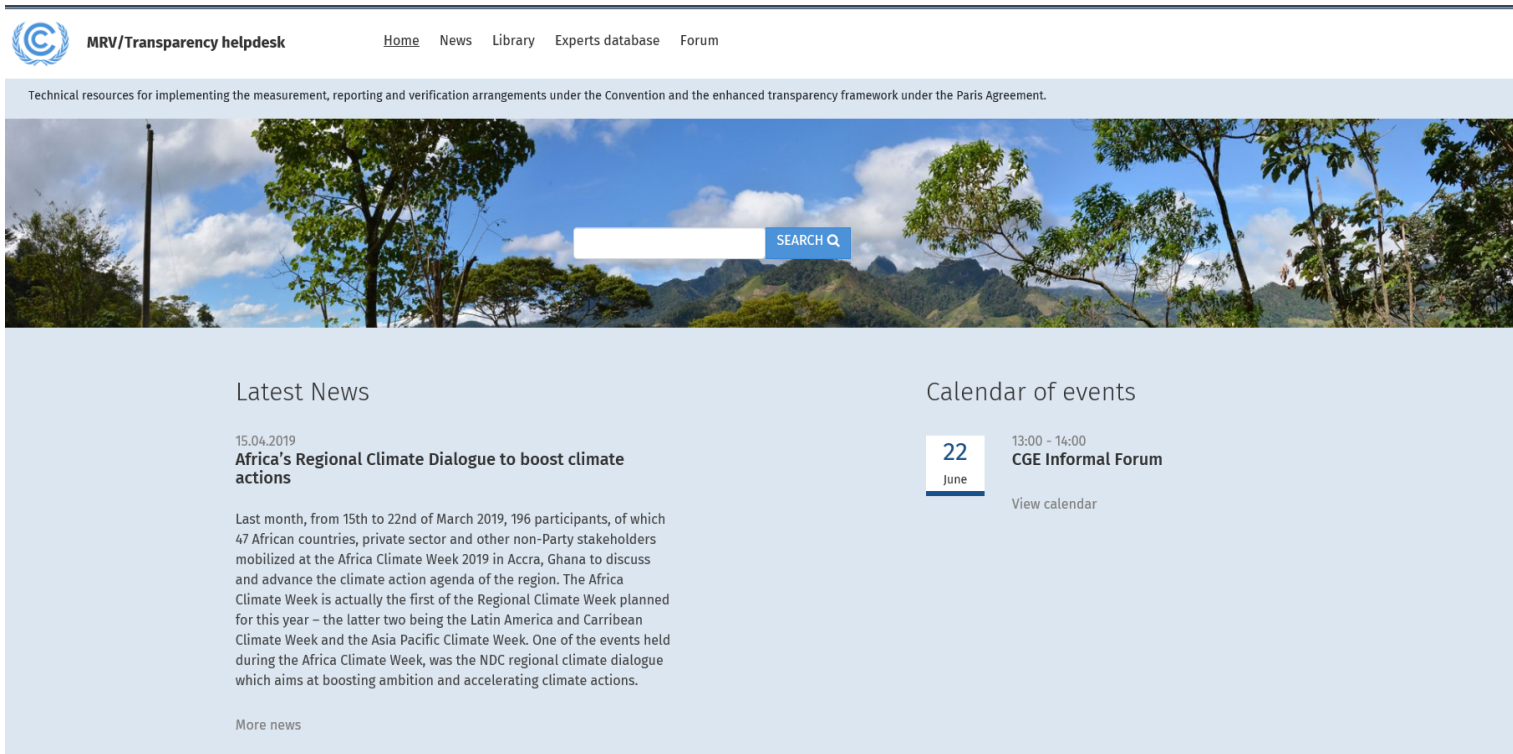


Development of toolbox on institutional arrangements to support MRV/transparency of climate action and support

- ❑ **Objective:** A set of tools for institutional arrangements to facilitate **MRV/transparency of climate action and support** will be developed with an aim to assist developing countries in strengthening their institutional arrangements for MRV/transparency of climate action and support.
- ❑ **Design:** The toolbox will be comprised of three major resource products:
 - ✓ **Guidance document:** *review and revamp* the existing materials on institutional arrangements, with a view to *incorporating* aspects relating to the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement and *streamlining the structure* to promote conceptual understanding and practical examples of institutional arrangements for the national MRV/transparency process.
 - ✓ **Compilation of country experiences and lessons learned in more usable/accessible formats, such as written and video interviews:** Call for country cases, interviews with national experts/practioners, publication.
 - ✓ **Compilation of references to other relevant technical resources in the MRV/Transparency Helpdesk:** provide a space called “*Technical resources corner*” where users can easily access relevant technical resources.



MRV/Transparency helpdesk



The screenshot shows the homepage of the MRV/Transparency helpdesk. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the UN logo, the title "MRV/Transparency helpdesk", and links for Home, News, Library, Experts database, and Forum. Below the navigation bar is a banner image of a tropical landscape with a search bar and a "SEARCH" button. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "Latest News", features a news item dated 15.04.2019 about "Africa's Regional Climate Dialogue to boost climate actions". The right column, titled "Calendar of events", shows a calendar for June with the 22nd highlighted, indicating the "CGE Informal Forum" from 13:00 to 14:00. A "View calendar" link is provided below the event.

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Technical resources for implementing the measurement, reporting and verification arrangements under the Convention and the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement.

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Latest News

15.04.2019
Africa's Regional Climate Dialogue to boost climate actions

Last month, from 15th to 22nd of March 2019, 196 participants, of which 47 African countries, private sector and other non-Party stakeholders mobilized at the Africa Climate Week 2019 in Accra, Ghana to discuss and advance the climate action agenda of the region. The Africa Climate Week is actually the first of the Regional Climate Week planned for this year – the latter two being the Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week and the Asia Pacific Climate Week. One of the events held during the Africa Climate Week, was the NDC regional climate dialogue which aims at boosting ambition and accelerating climate actions.

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Calendar of events

22
June

13:00 - 14:00
CGE Informal Forum

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- News
- Library
- Expert database (coming soon)
- Calendar of events



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