Work of the Consultative Group of Experts to support of implementation of the MRV framework by developing countries

*Activities and outreach 2014 – 2018*

10 December 2018
Objective of the CGE

- To **improve the process** of and **preparation** of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I) Parties.
- Expanded to cover **enhanced measurement, reporting and verification (MRV)** requirements resulting from the Cancun Agreements and the Durban Outcomes which included the preparation of biennial update reports (BURs) and the **training of experts** nominated to the UNFCCC roster of experts to **conduct the technical analysis** of BURs under the international consultation and analysis (ICA) process.
Implementation of the CGE work programme 2014 – 2018

1999
The CGE was established for the first time (8/CP.5)

2009
The CGE reconstituted for 2010-2012 (5/CP.15)

2012
The CGE extended for 2013 (18/CP.18)

2013
The CGE continued from 2014-2018 (19/CP.19)

Strategies
1. Build the capacity of developing country Parties to facilitate the implementation of MRV arrangements under the Convention
2. Enhance the sustainability of the NC and BUR process
3. Ensure availability of resources and optimal working arrangements for the operations of the CGE
4. Enhance collaboration and cooperation with other global initiatives
5. Enhance communication and outreach

Provision of technical advice and support to non-Annex I Parties

Preparation of NCs and BURs

- GHG
- V & A
- Mitigation
- Support

Technical analysis of BURs

Bodies under the Convention
- Adaptation Committee
- Least Developed Countries Expert Group
- Executive Committee on Warsaw International Mechanism

International organizations
- Durban Forum
- Paris Committee on Capacity-Building
- Standing Committee on Finance
- UNDP/UNEP Global Support Programme
- IPCC
- Multilateral organizations

Collaboration and cooperation

Proceedings of the CGE meetings and progress reports to the SBI

- Total of 21 CGE meetings were held
- Total of 15 technical reports and progress reports prepared for consideration by the SBI
Regional hands-on training workshops held in 2014-2018

1. CGE regional hands-on training workshops
   - CGE organized 15 workshops (6 on BURs, 6 on V&A, 3 on mitigation)

2. Regional hands-on training workshops on the building of sustainable national GHG management systems, and the use of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines
   - CGE participated in 8 workshops as resource persons
Achievements of the CGE

- Developing and disseminating a comprehensive set of training materials covering substantive areas of NCs and BURs
- Training 1,041 national experts through 23 regional hands-on training and 25 webinars covering 1,142 experts on different themes of NC and BURs
- Developing a training programme and training 385 experts on the UNFCCC roster of experts on the technical analysis of BURs
- Developing and disseminating online training resources and other technical guidance tools, such as an e-learning programme on NCs and a technical tool to help Parties prepare for and participate in the ICA process
- Undertaking targeted analytical work, such as compiling and synthesizing problems, constraints, lessons learned and best practices in the preparation of NCs and BURs, and formulating recommendations on elements to be considered in a future revision of the UNFCCC guidelines for the preparation of NCs from non-Annex I Parties
Key processes and arrangements that are also under the CGE’s mandate

- **Develop and organize** appropriate training programmes for experts nominated to the UNFCCC roster of experts on the technical analysis of BURs
- **Guide the secretariat** in selecting the members of the TTE and provide periodic advice to the secretariat to assist it in fulfilling the selection criteria contained in paragraphs 3 to 5 of the annex to the same decision
- **Be part of a TTE** that shall include, as a high priority and to the extent available, at least one CGE member and up to one third of the TTE
- **Technical advice and support** to developing countries for the implementation of guidelines for the preparation of NCs (decision 17/CP.8 and its annex) and biennial update reporting guidelines (decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 39–44 and annex III)
- **Engage** with the GSP and other partners with whom the CGE has been working closely
Understanding the impacts of its activities

- In the 5-year period, the CGE **successfully implemented a number of activities** geared towards **enhancing the technical capacities** of national experts from developing countries to prepare their national communications and biennial update reports.

- A **number of national communications and biennial update reports** submitted thus far indicate that developing countries have drawn inspiration from the explanations and examples provided through the CGE’s technical advice and support.

- Observed that the **time and effort needed to prepare the second BUR** is less arduous than the **first one** because Parties were able to make use of and build on the **processes and institutional arrangements** put in place for the preparation of their first BUR.

### Regional perspective of NC & BUR submissions as at 10 Oct 2018

![Regional perspective graph](image)
Understanding the impacts of its activities in supporting developing countries

- CGE assessed the effects of its implemented activities and the unique role it played.
  - One of the conclusions of this assessment was that the CGE was able to successfully facilitate the understanding and implementation of the NC and BUR guidelines, and ensure equitable access to CGE’s products and services across the regions.
  - In addition, the CGE acted as a bridge between the intergovernmental process and the practitioner on the ground and played an active role in the implementation of the existing MRV arrangements.

- Continued need and demand to enhance the national capacities of developing country Parties to implement the existing MRV arrangements under the Convention and the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement.
Lessons learned

- The CGE identified priority areas that could be useful in further enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of its provision of technical assistance to developing country Parties:
  - Enhancing efforts to collaborate with interested partners, with the assistance of the secretariat
  - Playing a catalytic role in promoting and attracting intervention from interested partners by providing strategic guidance and direction to respond to the needs of developing country Parties for their national reporting
  - Strengthening communication and outreach activities
  - Creating formal regional networks of experts and practitioners involved in the process and preparation of NCs and BURs
  - Facilitating, through regional forums or platforms, regional support and cooperation that aim to increase the regional capacity, and promoting sustainability of the institutional arrangements to prepare and submit NCs and BURs
Thank you