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Reporting and review pursuant to Article 13 of the Paris Agreement: provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for reporting and capacity-building

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1. The SBI noted that 132 biennial transparency reports (BTRs)[1] had been submitted as at 12 June 2026 and expressed appreciation to the Parties that submitted them.

2. The SBI encouraged Parties that have not yet submitted their BTR1 to do so as soon as possible, and reminded Parties to submit their BTR2 and national inventory report, if submitted as a stand-alone report, at the latest by 31 December 2026,[2] noting that the least developed country Parties and small island developing States may submit this information at their discretion.[3]

3. The SBI recalled Article 13, paragraphs 14–15, of the Paris Agreement, which state that support shall be provided to developing country Parties for the implementation of Article 13 and that support shall also be provided for building the transparency-related capacity of developing country Parties on a continuous basis.

4. The SBI welcomed the written statement prepared by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for this session on the ongoing provision by the GEF of support to developing country Parties for implementing the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement (ETF),[4] including through the joint programme of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) and the Global Support Programme.

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Option 1 [The SBI noted [with deep concern] that the current resources made available under the GEF and its implementing agencies [are insufficient to meet][do not fully meet] [and often face challenges in relation to accessing and timely disbursement of funds] the transparency-related needs of [some] developing country Parties [in a sustainable and predictable manner, noting that the ninth replenishment cycle of the GEF, totalling USD 3.9 billion, represents a reduction from the record USD 5.3 billion from its eighth replenishment cycle, and that][in a stable manner, noting that][and also noted that] the ability of the GEF to provide [timely, adequate and predictable] support depends on [sufficient and consistent replenishment of its funding.][the availability of funding.]]

Option 2 [The SBI also welcomed the resource allocation to the climate change focal area set aside for enabling activities and the CBIT in the ninth replenishment cycle of the GEF, which was maintained at the same level as in its eighth replenishment cycle (USD 220 million), and is a 36 per cent increase over its seventh replenishment cycle. This allocation corresponds to USD 75 million for the CBIT and USD 145 million for reporting activities by developing country Parties. It further welcomed the steps taken by the GEF to simplify and streamline approval procedures in accessing funding and improving its internal efficiency in response to developing country needs, and noted the importance of submitting project applications to the GEF in a timely manner in order to facilitate timely access of developing country Parties to funds for submitting BTRs.]

Option 3 [The SBI also welcomed that, as at 15 May 2026, support from the GEF has covered 237 BTRs in 118 countries, including 118 BTR1s, 84 BTR2s and 35 BTR3s. It further welcomed that developing country Parties under the Paris Agreement can access up to ÚSD 600,000 from the GEF for stand-alone BTRs and up to USD 633,000 for a combined BTR and national communication, and, if additional resources are needed, Parties may draw from their System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) allocation; and welcomed the

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[1] See https://unfccc.int/first-biennial-transparency-reports.
[2] Decisions 1/CP.21, para. 90, and 18/CMA.1, para. 3–4.
[3] Decision 18/CMA.1, para. 4.
[4] Available at https://docs.unfccc.int/documents/10000089.

support from the GEF for ETF implementation through the CBIT, which has supported 115 projects totalling USD 205 million since September 2016.[5]]

6. The SBI [[also] welcomed][took note of] the report[6] on the results of a survey[7] to gather information from Parties about the benefits and outcomes of and lessons learned from the implementation of activities mandated in decisions 18/CMA.5 and 21/CMA.6[; noted that practical, interactive and peer-based approaches, including workshops, regional exchanges and discussion-based formats, can be particularly effective in supporting Parties; and also noted that online delivery can help to broaden participation to and improve cost-effectiveness of the mandated events][. It [also] took note of] the synthesis report on views submitted by Parties on experience and challenges related to implementing Article 13 of the Paris Agreement,[8] including on preparing BTRs, as well as information reported in developing country Parties' BTRs, and welcomed the organization by the secretariat of the workshop held in world café format at this session for Parties to reflect on the aforementioned reports and to engage in a structured dialogue with the GEF and its implementing agencies.[9]

7.

Option 1 The SBI noted the challenges faced by developing country Parties in implementing Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, as summarized in the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 6 above, and [affirmed that strengthening national reporting systems and institutional arrangements, [and capacity constraints,] for implementing the ETF remains a key challenge and requires][the importance of] [continuous and dedicated support from the GEF and its implementing agencies.] [, and sufficient funding to enable the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) and the secretariat to provide technical support to developing country Parties for reporting and transparency-related capacity-building, as mandated.]

Option 2 [The SBI noted, as summarized in the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 6 above, that many Parties reported that experience gained from preparing national communications and biennial update reports facilitated the transition to reporting under the ETF and that existing systems and processes were adapted, particularly institutional and technical arrangements.]

8.

Option 1 [The SBI requested the secretariat to consider the information in the reports referred to in paragraph 6 above and the points presented below, to the extent possible, in organizing, in collaboration with the CGE [and other UNFCCC constituted bodies] and relevant partners, as appropriate, the [activities referred to in decision 15/CMA.7][remaining activities to be undertaken under decision 15/CMA.7 in 2026, namely activities referred to in paragraph 9(g–i) below as appropriate:]

Option 2 [The SBI requested the secretariat to consider the information in the reports referred to in paragraph 6 above and the points presented below, to the extent possible, in organizing, in collaboration with the CGE and other UNFCCC constituted bodies and relevant partners, as appropriate, the activities referred to in decision 15/CMA.7:]

(a) Using existing transparency-related networks and platforms and collaborating with partners, as appropriate, in organizing the regional workshops referred to in paragraph 9(g) of decision 15/CMA.7 with a view to avoiding duplication of efforts, ensuring the efficient use of resources and maximizing the reach and effectiveness of the workshops;

(b) [Acknowledging the key role that the technical expert review plays in guiding Parties in preparing their BTR2s, and noting with concern the delays in completing the technical expert review of the BTR1s, providing during the regional workshops referred in paragraph 9(g) of decision 15/CMA.7 training for [national experts from developing country Parties on the technical expert review and facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress

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[5] Available at https://docs.unfccc.int/documents/10000089.
[6] FCCC/SBI/2026/12, prepared in accordance with decision 15/CMA.7, para. 9(b).
[7] Conducted pursuant to decision 15/CMA.7, para. 9(a).
[8] FCCC/SBI/2026/10/Rev.1, prepared in accordance with decision 15/CMA.7, para. 9(d).
[9] As per decision 15/CMA.7, para. 9(e).

processes with a view to facilitating [their][Parties'] effective participation in those processes;][Strengthening national reporting systems and institutional arrangements for implementing the ETF;]

(c)

Option 1 [Facilitating during the workshop referred to in paragraph 9[(e)][(i)] of decision 15/CMA.7 the exploration of solutions and sharing of best practices for addressing challenges[, set out in the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 9(d) of decision 15/CMA.7,] faced by developing country Parties related to implementing Article 13 of the Paris Agreement[and ensuring that the structured dialogue to be held with the GEF and its implementing agencies under the workshop facilitates a discussion on the experience of developing country Parties accessing support from the GEF and its implementing agencies, explores existing opportunities for developing country Parties to access funding for GEF enabling activities and CBIT projects[, and facilitates an understanding of the process for applying for funding under the GEF and its implementing agencies [with a view to further simplifying and streamlining these processes];]]]

Option 2 [Facilitating during the workshop referred to in paragraph 9(i) of decision 15/CMA.7 the exploration of solutions and sharing of best practices for addressing challenges, set out in the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 9(d) of decision 15/CMA.7, faced by developing country Parties related to implementing Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, and ensuring that the structured dialogue to be held with the GEF and its implementing agencies in the workshop facilitates a discussion on the experience of developing country Parties accessing support from the GEF and its implementing agencies, explores existing opportunities for developing country Parties to access funding for GEF enabling activities and CBIT projects;]

Option 3 [Facilitating during the workshop referred to in paragraph 9(e) of decision 15/CMA.7 an understanding of the process for applying for funding under the GEF and its implementing agencies with a view to further simplifying and streamlining this process and exploring adapted modalities and procedures for project approval that enable workflows from an existing project to continue, recognizing that this approval modality would focus on the updated workplan and budget, particularly for developing country Parties for which there is no change in the executing agency or implementation modality and that have a proven record of successful submissions;]

(d)

Option 1 [Facilitating an understanding of the process for applying for funding under the GEF and its implementing agencies during the workshop referred to in paragraph 9(i) of decision 15/CMA.7, with a view to exploring ways of further simplifying and streamlining this process, and exploring, including through adapted modalities and procedures for project approval that enable workflows from an existing project to continue, recognizing that this approval modality would focus on the updated workplan and budget, particularly for developing country Parties for which there is no change in the executing agency or implementation modality and that have successfully submitted their national communication or BTR, thereby ensuring continuous implementation while avoiding the time-intensive administrative procedures associated with preparing new project documentation and clearance processes for disbursements.]

Option 2 [Facilitating an understanding of the process for applying for funding under the GEF and its implementing agencies during the workshop referred to in paragraph 9(i) of decision 15/CMA.7, with a view to exploring ways of further simplifying and streamlining this process, and exploring adaptive modalities and procedures for project approval that enable workflows to continue from the current project, recognizing that this approval modality would focus on the updated workplan and budget, particularly for developing country Parties for which there is no change in the executing agency or implementation modality and that have successfully submitted their national communication or BTR, ensuring continuous implementation while avoiding the time intensive administrative procedures associated with preparing new project documentation and clearance processes for disbursements.]

9.

Option 1 [The SBI [stressed that [the availability of support for implementing Article 13 of the Paris Agreement is not a measure of its adequacy][effective and simplified access to support is as critical as its availability] and, recalling [paragraph 10 of decision 18/CMA.5 and] paragraph 5 of decision 15/CMA.7,] highlighted the importance of the adequacy, predictability and timeliness of the support provided to developing country Parties, recognizing the special circumstances of the least developed countries and small island developing States, for building and enhancing their institutional and technical capacity for implementing the ETF on a continuous basis and in a sustainable manner.]

Option 2 [Recalling paragraph 10 of decision 18/CMA.5 and paragraph 5 of decision 15/CMA.7, the SBI highlighted the importance of the adequacy, predictability and timeliness of the support provided to developing country Parties [, recognizing the special circumstances of the least developed countries and small island developing States,] for building and enhancing their institutional and technical capacity for implementing the ETF on a continuous basis and in a sustainable manner.]

10. [The SBI acknowledged the financial, technical and capacity-building support that is available to developing country Parties through bilateral, multilateral and other channels for addressing challenges in implementing the ETF and invited the providers of such support [through such channels] to consider the information in the reports referred to in paragraph 6 above [with a view to improving the provision of that support.][when designing and implementing their support.]]

11. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs X above.

12. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.