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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the 2026 report of the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE),[1] which summarizes, inter alia, the progress of the CGE in implementing its workplan for 2026[2] and work programme for 2026–2029.[3]

2. The SBI expressed appreciation to the CGE for its oral report[4] at this session on the report referred to in paragraph 1 above.[5]

3. The SBI also expressed appreciation to the CGE for continuing to provide technical advice and support to developing country Parties for fulfilling their reporting obligations under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

4. The SBI recognized that the CGE plays an important role in facilitating the provision of technical advice and support to developing country Parties for preparing and submitting national communications (NCs), biennial update reports (BURs) and biennial transparency reports (BTRs), as well as in facilitating improved reporting over time under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement (ETF), as applicable.

5. The SBI acknowledged the achievements of the CGE in implementing its workplan for 2026 and work programme for 2026–2029, in particular:

(a) Publishing compilations of examples (1) of indicators, reported in BTRs, for tracking progress in relation to the adaptation and mitigation components of NDCs,[6] (2) of the application of the flexibility provisions set out in the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement (MPGs)[7] in preparing BTRs,[8] (3) of information reported in BTRs on loss and damage[9] and (4) of information reported in BTRs on response measures and just transition;[10]

[1] FCCC/SBI/2026/25.
[2] Contained in document FCCC/SBI/2026/25, annex II.
[3] Contained in document FCCC/SBI/2026/25, annex I.
[4] Available at https://docs.unfccc.int/documents/10000250.
[5] As per document FCCC/SBI/2023/21, para. 23.
[6] Available at https://unfccc.int/documents/656692.
[7] Decision 18/CMA.1, annex.
[8] Available at https://unfccc.int/documents/660063.
[9] Available at https://unfccc.int/documents/663023.
[10] Available at https://unfccc.int/documents/664020.

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(b) Continuing work on developing technical materials on (1) reporting information in BTRs related to climate change impacts and adaptation, (2) improvement plans, and quality assurance and quality control plans for preparing BTRs and (3) facilitating consistency of reporting across thematic areas of the BTR;

(c) Undertaking targeted analytical work, including preparing the updated technical paper on problems, constraints, lessons learned and capacity-building needs related to preparing NCs, BURs and BTRs;[11]

(d) Conducting three regional hands-on training workshops and preparatory webinars for two of those workshops in collaboration with partners, which were attended by 114 participants from 85 developing country Parties and helped to support improved BTR preparation and effective participation in the BTR technical expert review and facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress processes;[12]

(e) Continuing to offer the CGE e-learning courses for national experts on preparing NCs and BURs;[13]

(f) Continuing to provide technical advice to the secretariat on the implementation of the training programme for technical experts participating in the BTR technical expert review;

(g) Continuing to collaborate and cooperate with international organizations, other UNFCCC constituted bodies and expert groups, and partners[14] to amplify the reach and effectiveness of CGE support;

(h) Increasing awareness of CGE activities among stakeholders engaged in providing support to developing country Parties in the areas of measurement, reporting and verification under the Convention and implementation of the ETF, including bilateral and multilateral entities, through side events at sessions of the subsidiary bodies, as well as via CGE web pages and social media platforms;

(i) Participating as an observer in the 2026 technical assessment of submissions on proposed forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels.

6. The SBI noted the experience of and recognized the challenges faced by developing country Parties, in particular those with the least capacity with regard to reporting, such as the least developed countries and small island developing States, in fulfilling their reporting requirements under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

7. The SBI requested the CGE, in developing and implementing its workplan for 2027 and work programme for 2026–2029, to consider the following activities, to the extent possible, giving special consideration to the least developed countries and small island developing States:

(a) Organizing in-person regional hands-on training workshops, featuring practical exercises and opportunities for peer learning, tailored to the needs, priorities and national circumstances of developing country Parties taking into account findings from the technical paper and biennial CGE stocktake survey referred to in paragraph 7(b) below and the reports prepared pursuant to paragraph 9 of decision 15/CMA.7;

(b) Preparing an updated technical paper on problems, constraints, lessons learned and capacity-building needs related to preparing NCs, BURs and BTRs drawing on, inter alia, the findings of the 2027 biennial CGE stocktake survey;[15]

(c) Strengthening synergies across the implementation of CGE activities and the activities listed in paragraph 9 of decision 15/CMA.7;

[11] FCCC/TP/2026/3.

[12] See document FCCC/SBI/2026/19.

[13] See https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/consultative-group-of-experts/cge-eLearning.

[14] A list of the partners can be found in the table in document FCCC/SBI/2026/19.

[15] See the CGE work programme for 2026–2029.

(d) Continuing to collaborate with other UNFCCC constituted bodies and expert groups, as well as with relevant multilateral programmes and organizations;

(e) Continuing to support developing country Parties in preparing BTRs and participating in the technical expert review and facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress processes by developing further practical guidance and technical materials, including on the application of the flexibility provisions set out in the MPGs;

(f) Continuing to provide targeted support to developing country Parties for strengthening national transparency systems and improving the sustainability of institutional arrangements and inventory systems, the availability of data and the retention of national technical expertise across reporting cycles.

8. The SBI also requested the CGE to consider relevant findings set out in the 2026 synthesis report on BTRs,[16] the report prepared by the secretariat on the technical expert review of BTRs[17] and the reports on the technical expert reviews of BTRs[18] in developing its workplan for 2027.

9. The SBI expressed gratitude to the Governments of China, Guatemala and Mozambique for hosting the regional hands-on training workshops referred to in paragraph 5(d) above and expressed appreciation to the partners that collaborated with the CGE on the delivery of the workshops.[19]

10. The SBI also expressed appreciation to Parties that provided financial contributions to support the work of the CGE in 2026.

11. The SBI underlined the importance of the secretariat having adequate and sustained financial resources available to support the CGE in implementing its workplan for 2027 and its work programme for 2026–2029.

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[16] Available at https://unfccc.int/2026-Synthesis-Report-of-Biennial-Transparency-Reports.
[17] FCCC/PA/CMA/2026/10.
[18] Available at https://unfccc.int/first-biennial-transparency-reports.
[19] A list of the partners can be found in the table in document FCCC/SBI/2026/19.