

Decision 5/CP.15

Work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Convention, in particular Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3 and 7, and Article 12, paragraphs 1, 4, 5 and 7,

Recalling also decisions 8/CP.5, 3/CP.8, 17/CP.8 and 8/CP.11,

Acknowledging that the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention has made a substantial contribution to improving the process of preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) by providing technical advice and support and therefore enhancing the capacity of such Parties to prepare their national communications,

Emphasizing the importance of providing relevant technical advice and support for the process of preparation of national communications, as well as the importance of providing a forum for non-Annex I Parties to share experiences of this process,

Recognizing that the preparation of national communications is a continuing process,

1. *Decides* to reconstitute the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention for a period of three years from 2010 to 2012;
2. *Also decides* that membership of the Consultative Group of Experts shall be the same as in decision 3/CP.8, annex, paragraphs 3–8;
3. *Further decides* that the Consultative Group of Experts shall be composed of experts drawn from the UNFCCC roster of experts with expertise in greenhouse gas inventories, vulnerability and adaptation assessment, mitigation and other matters related to the process of preparation of national communications;
4. *Encourages* regional groups, in nominating their experts to the Consultative Group of Experts, to make all efforts to ensure balanced representation in the areas of expertise indicated in paragraph 3 above;
5. *Decides* that the Consultative Group of Experts, in fulfilling its mandate, shall function in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the annex to this decision;
6. *Also decides* that the term and the mandate of the Consultative Group of Experts and the need for continuation of the group shall be reviewed by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session;
7. *Requests* the secretariat to facilitate the work of the Consultative Group of Experts, in accordance with Article 8, paragraph 2(c), of the Convention and decision 17/CP.8, by:
 - (a) Organizing meetings and workshops of the Consultative Group of Experts and compiling reports of its meetings and workshops for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

- (b) Providing technical support to the Consultative Group of Experts as required, particularly in the areas of national greenhouse gas inventories, vulnerability and adaptation assessment, mitigation assessment, research and systematic observation, education, training and public awareness, technology transfer and capacity-building, as they relate to the process of and the preparation of national communications, in accordance with the provisions in the budget;
- (c) Disseminating the information materials and technical reports prepared by the Consultative Group of Experts to Parties, relevant experts and organizations;

8. *Invites* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention to contribute financial resources to support the work of the Consultative Group of Experts.

ANNEX

**Terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts
on National Communications from Parties not included
in Annex I to the Convention**

1. The Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention shall have the objective of improving the process of and preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), by providing technical advice and support to non-Annex I Parties, including those Parties that have not yet completed their initial national communications.
2. The Consultative Group of Experts, in fulfilling its mandate, shall:
 - (a) Provide technical assistance to non-Annex I Parties for the regular development of national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, vulnerability and adaptation assessment, mitigation assessment, research and systematic observation, education, training and public awareness, technology transfer and capacity-building, with a view to improving the accuracy, consistency and transparency of information in their national communications;
 - (b) Provide recommendations, as appropriate, on elements to be considered in a future revision of the guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, taking into account the difficulties encountered by non-Annex I Parties in the preparation of their most recent national communications;
 - (c) Provide technical advice to non-Annex I Parties to facilitate the development and long-term sustainability of processes, and the establishment and maintenance of national technical teams, for the preparation of national communications, including GHG inventories, on a continuous basis;
 - (d) Provide technical advice and support to Parties, upon request, on the provision of information on steps to integrate climate change considerations into relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions, in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 1(f), of the Convention;
 - (e) Provide non-Annex I 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 national communications by non-Annex I Parties;
 - (f) Provide technical support on issues mentioned above in paragraph 2 (c) above, and to the extent possible paragraph 2 (a) above, including through workshops, hands-on training and training of trainers, building on experiences of Parties and/or lessons learned, in the preparation of national communications, subject to the availability of resources.
3. The Consultative Group of Experts shall, in defining and implementing its work programme, take into account other relevant work by expert groups under the Convention in order to avoid duplication of work.
4. The Consultative Group of Experts shall forward recommendations on matters indicated in paragraph 2 above for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

5. The reconstituted Consultative Group of Experts shall develop, at its first meeting, a work programme for 2010–2012.

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