

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Questionnaires to Parties and ERTs Review cycle 2014

Overview of results

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Overview

- Background information
- Overview of results from the questionnaire
 - ❖ Experts participating in ERTs
 - ❖ Parties
- Elements of possible LR conclusions



Background

Questionnaire to Parties

Request sent on 25 November 2015

Objectives:

- to collect feedback regarding the review process
- and as part of our continuing effort to improve the efficiency of the review process
- Welcoming all Parties' feedback based on their experience in 2014 or previous review cycles

17 Parties provided feed-back (39%)

Questionnaire to ERTs

Request sent on 26 November 2015

Objectives:

- a survey on the GHG inventory review cycle in 2014 in order to collect feedback regarding the review process,
- Aiming to use the experience and views of the ERT in the effort to improve the efficiency of the review process

68 responses received (out of 191 – 36%)



QUESTIONNAIRE TO REVIEW EXPERTS (ERT)



What questions were made to ERTs?

- ❑ Seeking feed-back on the 2014 review cycle, including:
 - ❖ Organization of ERTs: size and composition; number of Parties
 - ❖ Were ERTs well prepared?
 - ❖ How was communication within ERT? Were ERTs well informed of the progress of reviews?
 - ❖ Feed-back on the usefulness of the review tools, templates and other materials, and comparisons
 - ❖ Statistical checks under S&A, parts I and II
 - ❖ ARR template
 - ❖ Data comparison to IEA
 - ❖ iVTR
 - ❖ Pre-filled ARR
 - ❖ Review tools
 - ❖ Sectoral advisory groups
 - ❖ What is the one thing, if done differently, would lead to the greatest improvement in the efficiency of the review process?



The key thing to change

- ❑ The majority of experts referred to issues related to:
 - ❖ Early preparation of reviews
 - ❖ Preparation of ERTs; Distribution of responsibilities; availability of materials; questions; early preparation of FOD
 - ❖ Tools and templates
 - ❖ Organization of reviews
- ❑ Other recommendations related to:
 - ❖ Organization of the review week
 - ❖ Focusing on key categories
 - ❖ Improving the efficiency of the wrap-up meetings
 - ❖ Organization after the review week
 - ❖ Improving the processing time of reviews



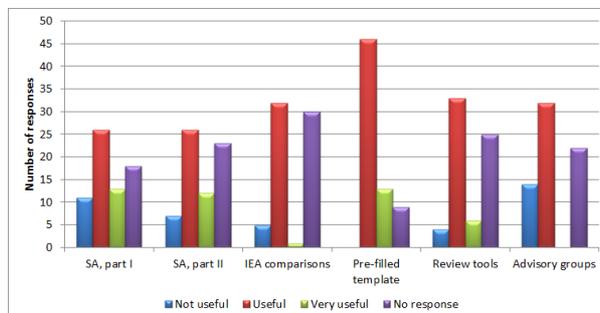
Selected drivers for change (new ideas)

- creating a review calendar and make an agreement to adhere to the calendar as a part of the registration for the ERT participation.
- Use a tabular format that would be converted into a word document at the very latest stage of the preparation of the ARR. The table could be structured similarly to the review transcript (...)
- Leave the ARR editing to the LRs and UNFCCC review officer.
- Shorten the time between the beginning and the end of the process. It is very hard to go back on issues after several weeks.
- Summary of the previous review transcripts which states what aspects merit further attentions and what have already been revised in detail
- to arrive at the review week with a FOD of the sectoral review
- questions to the parties send previously and draft RT done prior to the week
- Experts that do not meet expectations should not be considered for future reviews.
- It seems that also the Secretariat would need to have extra resources for working with the draft reports from the ERT right after the review. I



Organization and preparation of reviews and review tools and materials

	Yes	No
Where invitations made in a timely manner?	62	3
Was the ERT prepared?	50	11
Was it better prepared?	37	14



QUESTIONNAIRE TO PARTIES



What questions asked to Parties?

- Seeking feed-back on the 2014 review cycle, including:
 - ❖ what date can you receive the ARR and it still be helpful for the next review cycle?
 - ❖ Views on the usefulness of data comparisons and statistical checks
 - ❖ SA, parts I and II;
 - ❖ Comparison to IEA data
 - Note: 4 Parties do not agree that their comments to the comparison of EIA data with CRF data be provided to the IEA
 - ❖ Views on the ARR Template
 - ❖ Inconsistent treatment of issues
 - ❖ Information on the review process
 - ❖ What is the one thing, if done differently, would lead to the greatest improvement in the efficiency of the review process?



The key thing to change

- Parties referred to issues related to:
 - ❖ Review practices
 - ◇ Do not revisit issues addressed in previous reviews
 - ◇ Focus on KC
 - ◇ Timeliness
 - ◇ Shorter and pragmatic reports
 - ❖ Communication
 - ◇ Communication portal
 - ◇ Questions no later than Thursday during the review week
 - ◇ Questions send in one batch
 - ◇ Providing archived documents to the next ERT



Are Parties well informed?

- ❖ Were Parties sufficiently informed of the timing/expectations for the review prior to and during the review week
 - ◇ 14 Parties responded "Yes"
 - ◇ 2 Parties responded "No"
- ❖ Were Parties well informed of the progress of your annual review report?
 - ◇ 9 Parties responded "Yes"
 - ◇ 7 Parties responded "No"
 - Main comments: the status of report!



CONCLUSIONS



Possible elements of LR conclusions

- Recognize the importance using factual information from ERTs and Parties to identify opportunities to improve the review process
- Encourage the continuation of the questionnaires to ERTs and Parties
- Specific recommendations
 - ❖ Early preparation of materials, preparation of review tools and templates and the organization of reviews have a special role as opportunities to enhance the review process
 - ❖ Optimize the time available
 - ❖ Review tools, materials and templates are generally useful, and there are opportunities for improvements

