United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Overview of the current status of the work

Workshop on the revision of the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Annex I Parties, 13-14 May, 2016, Bonn



Progress made in 4 SBI sessions

SBI 40 2014 June

- Work initiated, mandate (Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 18) to conclude by COP20
- Parties views submitted by March 2014 on BR1 experience
- Parties views on experience with BR1 recognize inconsistencies between the NC and BR reporting guidelines and indicate where NC GLs need to be updated.
- Request for additional views from Parties by August 2014

SBI 41 2014 Dec

- Technical Paper prepared, including views from Parties
- Discussion on the "Introduction"
- No conclusions



Progress made in 4 SBI sessions

SBI 42 2015 June

- Inclusion of CTF tables on projections and financial support and capacity building (5, 6a, 6b, 6c, 7, 7a, 7b and 9)
- Advanced its discussion of the revisions to the projection timeline specified in paragraph 37
- Call for further views
- Request to update the technical paper

SBI 43 2015 Dec

- Request to organize pre-sessional workshop
- Request to prepare workshop report which will to serve as input to the discussion on this matter at SBI 44.
- Finalisation at SBI 44 the revised guidelines and recommendation to adopt them at COP 22.



Technical paper – basis for the discussions

Technical Paper includes an Annex with the NC Guidelines under revision, which is the working document for this workshop.

The technical paper presents:

- a) Parties' views submitted through 3 rounds of submissions in response to the invitations of COP 17 and SBI 40 and 42;
- b) Revisions proposed by Parties during discussions at SBI 42;
- Transparently attributed to the Parties proposed approaches and options.



Technical paper – how to read it?

- Proposals from Parties are presented in green text within the relevant paragraphs,
- Suggestions without specific text are presented in blue text with a placeholder,
- Matters discussed and agreed at SBI 42 are highlighted in blue.
- 'Strikethrough' formatting is used to denote suggested deletions of text in the current guidelines,
- Bracketed names of Parties (e.g. (Japan), (EU), (Saudi Arabia) indicate the origin of the proposal,



Technical paper – how to read it? – Example

37. In view of the objective of the Convention and the intent to modify longer-term trends in emissions and removals, Parties should include historical emissions and removals information on a quantitative basis for the period 1990 (or another base year, as appropriate) to the latest inventory year available. This information should be presented for the years 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 and for the latest inventory year available (NZ). Parties should include projections on a quantitative basis starting from the most recent inventory year, and subsequent years that end in either a 0 or a 5, extending at least 15 years from the latest inventory year (i.e. 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035). Projections should be presented in a tabular format by sector and gas for each of these years, together with actual data for the period 1990 to 2000 or (NZ) the latest year available. The tabular format used shall be consistent with Tables 6 of the common tabular format for biennial reports (tables 2 below). For Parties using a base year different from 1990 for their inventories, in accordance with Article 4.6 of the Convention, actual data for that year shall be given.

EU proposal: Wording in para 37 could be modified as it is currently not clear whether it entails the requirement to present a split per sector for each gas.

Placeholder: proposed text by the EU



Technical paper – what next?

- The Annex of the technical paper will be revised to reflect the proposed revisions of the guidelines;
- The workshop report will be prepared, which will include revised guidelines;
- The report will be published on the secretariat website before the negotiations under SBI 44 under this agenda item;

