Improvements in the review process

2nd BRs and NCs lead reviewers meeting
Outline of presentation

Overview of review process

Statistics of BR1 and NC6 reviews

Potential improvements
Review process - Overview

Organization

- Composition of ERTs
- Provision of all relevant reported information

Preparation of individual review

- Desk review (relevant reported information, review tools)
- → Preliminary questions and focal areas for the review

Review week

- Review of additional material, identification of potential issues
- → Findings and zero order draft review report

Preparation of review report

- Draft review report
- Comments by the Party
- → Published review report
Review process - Overview

Organization

Preparation of individual review

Review week

Preparation of review report

15 months

1 week

16 weeks

2 – 3 months
Statistics of BR1 and NC6 review cycle 2014/2015

All reviews of NC6 and BR1, except three, finalized within 15 months!

All reports of reviews in the first half of 2014 ready for MA at SBI 41!

All reports of reviews in the second half of 2014 ready for MA at SBI 42!

41 Parties reviewed until now; 3 in April 2015

2 review reports for each Party, TRR and IDR

4 out of 41 review reports finalized within 16 weeks

2/3 of the review reports finalized within 24 weeks
Potential improvements - Organization

*Early organization essential for timely provision of all relevant reported information to ERT by secretariat*

- Strengthening the organization by secretariat
  - Preliminary check of availability of experts
  - Earlier completion of full ERTs (2-3 months before review week)

- Enhancing the roster of experts by Parties
  - Nomination of new experts for BR/NC reviews
  - Keep roster up to date

- Enhancing participation of experts through flexibility by ERT
  - For last minute requests to join an ERT or redistribution of tasks, in case of last minute drop-out of experts
Potential improvements - Preparation of individual review

Well prepared ERT essential for a successful desk review before the review week

- Enhancing preparation of ERT
  - Participation in training programme of all experts
  - Making use of available review tools (checklists, country brief, etc.)
  - Timely submission of preliminary questions to the Party

- Strengthening the communication with and guidance to the ERT (especially on important substantive issues in the NC/BR submission) by LRs

- Enhancing the review tools by the secretariat
  - e.g. by addressing issues raised in previous review reports
Potential improvements - Review week

Timely delivery of outputs by the ERT is essential for a smooth review week

- Ensuring timely preparation of (Friday) presentations to the Party and zero-order drafts by ERT
- Ensuring that communication with the Party is done effectively and transparently
  - Channeling all communication through the RO
  - Make use of BR VTR, if possible

(GLs: The secretariat shall coordinate, together with the lead reviewers, the communication during the review and maintain a record of communications)
Continued participation in the review and use of all available tools are essential for delivering a high quality review report by the ERT

- Ensuring the availability of experts post review week (especially around key milestones) and their timely response
- Enhancing the use of tools developed by the secretariat for the preparation of the review reports
  - BR VTR, country briefs, etc.
- Strengthening the quality control of draft review reports by LRs and ROs
Thank you!!

Any questions?