



Subsidiary Body for Implementation

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Item 5(b) of the provisional agenda

Nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties Composition, modalities and procedures of the team of technical experts under international consultations and analysis

Efficient, cost-effective and practical international consultations and analysis process

Note by the secretariat

1. At its thirty-sixth session, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) initiated, but did not conclude, consideration on the composition, modalities and procedures of the team of technical experts. It decided to continue the consideration on this matter at its next session, on the basis of the draft text contained in document FCCC/SBI/2012/15/Add.2, taking into account decisions 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17, and Article 4, paragraph 7, of the Convention, with a view to recommending a draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session.¹

2. The SBI also recognized the need to have an efficient, cost-effective and practical international consultations and analysis process, which does not impose an excessive burden on Parties and the secretariat, and requested the secretariat to prepare additional input to the discussion under this agenda item at its thirty-seventh session in this regard.²

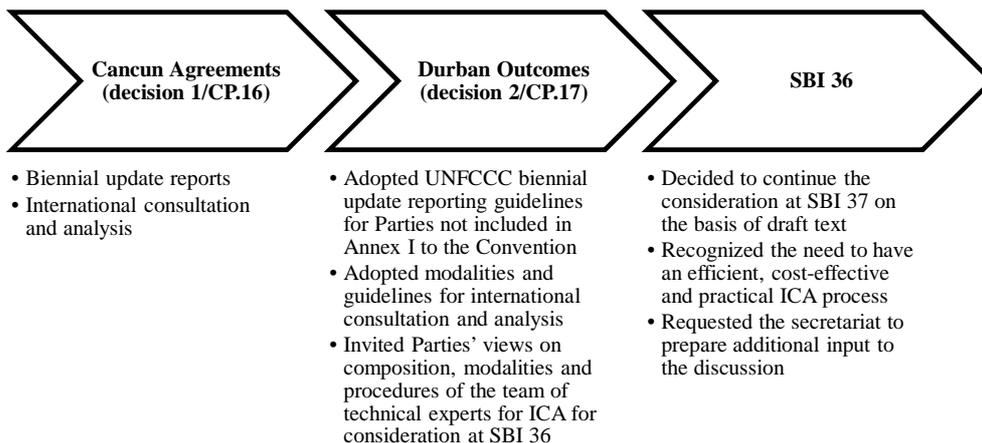
3. In response to the request from the SBI referred to in paragraph 2 above, input from the secretariat will be presented to the relevant meeting on this agenda item at the thirty-seventh session of the SBI on the basis of information provided in the PowerPoint slides contained in this report.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2012/15, paragraph 77.

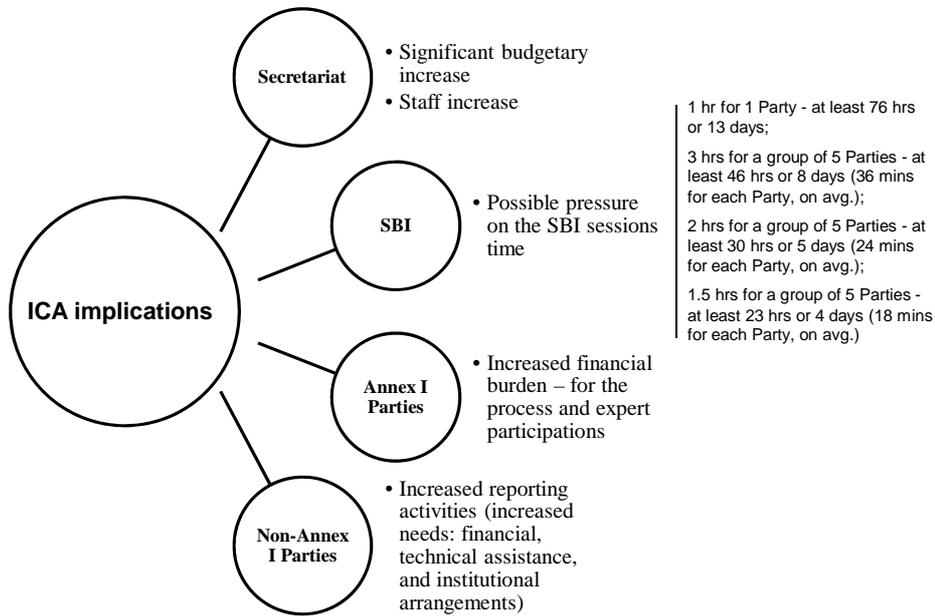
² FCCC/SBI/2012/15, paragraph 78.

Additional input to the discussion on composition, modalities and procedures of the team of technical experts under ICA

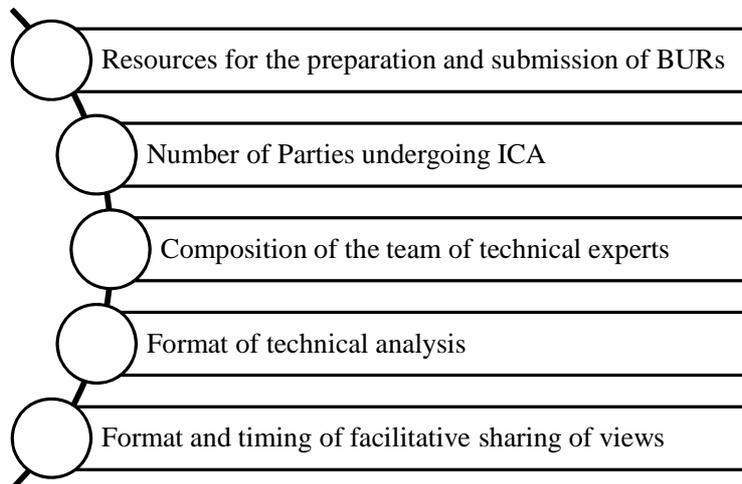
Background



Implications of the ICA process



Factors affecting the ICA process



Assumptions for estimating resource requirements

Without prejudging the outcomes of the negotiation, the following assumptions were used to derive a first order estimates

- Number of Parties undergoing ICA: 76* (at a minimum)
- Composition of the team of technical experts: 5-9 experts
- Format of technical analysis: 3 scenarios – desk analysis, centralized and in-country
- Format and timing of workshop on facilitative sharing of views: in-session, pre-session, post-session and inter-sessional
- Number of BURs analyzed by each team of 5-9 technical experts in a round of technical analysis: desk analysis – 3; centralized – 4 and in-country – 1

*As at 26 November 2012 there are 76 non-Annex I Parties that are neither SIDSs nor LDCs.

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Estimated resource requirements

Two options on who shall be responsible for serving as the team of technical experts

- The technical analysis to be conducted by a team of technical experts drawn from the existing UNFCCC roster of experts.

- The Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from non-Annex I Parties (CGE) shall serve as the team of technical experts for technical analysis.

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Estimated resource requirements (cont.)

ICA process	Indicative resources ('000)
<i>Scenario 1: Technical analysis by expert teams</i>	USD 3,528 - 10,826*
• Cost of technical analysis	USD 3,528 - 9,336 ^{a)}
• Cost of facilitative sharing of views	USD 0 - 1,490 ^{b)}

* All the costs are for biennial.

^{a)} The lowest estimate is for desk analysis by experts at no cost plus supporting work by UNFCCC staff; the highest estimate is for in-country visits by expert teams, paid with expert fees, to every country plus supporting work by UNFCCC staff; if centralized analyses are used instead of in-country visits, the costs would be in-between the two estimates shown.

^{b)} The lowest estimate (no cost) assumes consideration of information through two three-day in-session workshops; the highest estimate is for two inter-sessional three-day workshops; pre-sessional or post-sessional workshops would cost less.

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Estimated resource requirements (cont.)

ICA process	Indicative resources ('000)
<i>Scenario 2: Technical analysis by the CGE with assistance of the expert teams</i>	USD 3,611 - 10,915*
• Cost of technical analysis	USD 3,611 - 9,424 ^{a,b)}
• Cost of facilitative sharing of views	USD 0 - 1,490 ^{c)}

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^{a)} The lowest estimate is for desk analysis by experts at no cost plus supporting work by UNFCCC staff; the highest estimate is for in-country visits by expert teams, paid with expert fees, to every country plus supporting work by UNFCCC staff; if centralized analyses are used instead of in-country visits, the costs would be in-between the two estimates shown.

^{b)} The range also reflects the difference in the assumed composition of funded CGE members: 15 or 16 experts; support of UNFCCC staff is included in the cost.

^{c)} The lowest estimate (no cost) assumes consideration of information through two three-day in-session workshops; the highest estimate is for two inter-sessional three-day workshops; pre-sessional or post-sessional workshops would cost less.

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Estimated resource requirements (cont.)

ICA process	Indicative resources ('000)
<i>Scenario 3: Technical analysis by the CGE itself</i>	USD 5,746 - 7,269*
• Cost of technical analysis	USD 5,746 – 5,778 ^{a)}
• Cost of facilitative sharing of views	USD 0 - 1,490 ^{b)}

* All the costs are for biennial.

^{a)} Work on 76 reports biennially is done by the CGE with enhanced support from the secretariat.

^{b)} The lowest estimate (no cost) assumes consideration of information through two three-day in-session workshops; the highest estimate is for two inter-sessional three-day workshops; pre-sessional or post-sessional workshops would cost less.

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Estimated resource requirements (cont.)

Enabling Activities	Estimate cost
Technical assistance for preparation of BURs (user manual for the guidelines, toolkit on institutional arrangements)	USD 91,000
Update/develop/maintain roster of experts	USD 20,000
Capacity building of experts for preparation of BUR and technical analysis under ICA	USD 120,000 - 360,000
Development, operation and maintenance of technical support tools (GHG inventory software for NAI Parties, submission portal, virtual team-room, checklist and guidance documents for teams of technical expert, Sharepoint solutions for the ICA workflow)	USD 64,000-192,000

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Conclusions

- Technical analysis of BURs represents a significant and regular/continuous effort required under the ICA process
 - Significant amount of tasks to be completed by the team of technical experts as well as the SBI (every two years)
 - Significant resource implications on all Parties and SBI
 - Opportunities exist for designing efficient, cost-effective and practical ICA process
 - The assumptions used for the purpose of estimating resource requirements may, or may not, match the final outcome; they were used to derive indicative estimates
 - The assumptions used for this exercise do not prejudge the outcome of the negotiation; it will be useful to revisit and revise the estimates as the options on the table become further refined
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