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Rethinking the TEC annual report

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Background*

The TEC shall report to the Conference of the Parties (COP) and Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), through the subsidiary bodies, on its activities and the performance of its functions.

The TEC, with support from the secretariat and in adherence with the UNFCCC standard practices for the preparation of official documents, has reflected such guidance in the formulation of its annual reports on a continual basis.

At TEC 27, the TEC noted that the current format of the annual report, including the limit on the word count of text for translation, has hindered the TEC from adequately presenting the full scope of its activities and findings from its work, and requested the secretariat to present options for addressing this matter.

**Note: this presentation is focused on the annual report of the TEC and does not address matters reported in the joint chapter of the joint annual report of the TEC and CTCN*



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i. Overview of reporting-related mandates and guidance by the COP/CMA to the TEC



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The TEC shall report to the COP and CMA, through the subsidiary bodies, on its activities and the performance of its functions, including on 9 key elements:

- 1- TEC **recommendations** to Parties
- 2- **Linkages** between the Technology Mechanism and Financial Mechanism
- 3- **Challenges and lessons learned** in the implementation of TEC work and efforts to address them
- 4- **Monitoring and evaluation**
- 5- **Gender**
- 6- **Engagement** with stakeholders and **outreach** efforts including related to national designated entities
- 7- Responsiveness to **Parties' guidance & TF alignment** in activities/reporting
- 8- Actions undertaken in response to the outcomes of the first periodic assessment of the effectiveness and adequacy of the support provided to the Technology Mechanism in supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement on matters relating to technology development and transfer (**PATM**)
- 9- **Resource mobilization**



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ii. Review of current format and content of the TEC annual report vis-à-vis the guidance by the COP/CMA



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Current table of contents in the latest TEC annual report	Status of the inclusion of key reporting elements, per guidance by the COP/CMA
Meetings and membership	Procedural info related to the function of the TEC
Implementation of the rolling workplan for 2023–2027 (Workstreams 1-4) (+ link to TEC documents e.g. meeting reports)	2-TM-FM linkages; 5-Gender; 6-Engagement & outreach including NDE; 7-Responsiveness to Parties' guidance & TF alignment in activities/reporting; 9-Resource mobilization
Monitoring and evaluating impacts (+ link to TEC documents on M&E)	4-M&E
Communications and stakeholder engagement (+ link to TT:CLEAR)	6-Engagement & outreach including NDE
Gender mainstreaming	5-Gender
Challenges and lessons learned	3-Challenges, lessons learned & efforts to address them
Key messages and recommendations	1-TEC recommendations
+ link to TT:CLEAR: Responses from the TEC to guidance from Parties, including the PATM	7-Responsiveness to Parties' guidance & TF alignment in activities/reporting; 8-Actions on PATM

The current format of the TEC annual report **covers all reporting-related mandates** by COP/CMA. However, some information are **double-reported or fragmented** across different chapters (e.g. [engagement with stakeholders and outreach](#)), and some **issues are reported with few details** (e.g. [alignment with the technology framework](#) and [findings from individual activities of the TEC workplan](#)).



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iii. Options for potential amendments in the formulation of future reports



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Proposed approaches and options for potential amendments in the formulation of future reports (non-exhaustive):

1. Streamlining the current organization of the content, e.g. through

- Inclusion of new chapter/sub-chapters for issues that are currently reported as part of broader sections or in multiple places, e.g. [TM-FM](#), [Resource mobilization](#), [Responsiveness to Parties' guidance & TF alignment in activities/reporting](#) that are currently reported under the implementation of the rolling workplan
- Combining and streamlining reporting on issues of similar nature, e.g. [Communications and stakeholder engagement](#), [Gender](#), [M&E](#) that currently reported in separate sections as well as in the context of individual activities



Proposed approaches and options for potential amendments in the formulation of future reports (non-exhaustive):

2. Making use of additional reporting space and webpages to expand the information provided beyond the word limit for translation, e.g. through

- Use of Annexes or INF documents for conveying in-depth information from TEC's work e.g. [key messages and recommendations](#) (this has been done before in case of multiple and lengthy sets of recommendations)
- Use of TT:CLEAR webpages for conveying information e.g. on [Communications and stakeholder engagement](#) (this has been piloted in 2023 through the participation webpage on TT:CLEAR)
- Use of other TEC reports and documents (e.g. meeting reports, TT:CLEAR webpages) for inclusion of relevant information e.g. [on Responsiveness to Parties' guidance & TF alignment in activities/reporting](#) (this has been piloted in 2023 through tracking for response TEC mandates, placed on TT:CLEAR)

Proposed approaches and options for potential amendments in the formulation of future reports (non-exhaustive):

3. Adjusting and refining the content of the report to better reflect the full scope of TEC activities and their findings, e.g. through

- Refining the content of existing chapters to highlight key outcomes of the annual work of the TEC across different activities of its workplan, e.g. to use the [challenges and lessons learned](#) section to include findings of the TEC technical work, in addition to operational challenges faced and lessons learned by the TEC in the implementation of its mandate
- Including a new chapter/section/annex to highlight key achievements of the TEC [in response to Parties' guidance & TF alignment in activities/reporting](#), including its high-level events, flagship outputs [and key messages and recommendations to Parties](#), taking into account current practices of other UNFCCC bodies (e.g. the Adaptation Committee uses a section 'highlights' in its annual report to shed light on its key achievements)
- Reducing the share of wordcount on procedural aspects of the TEC work to the absolute necessity [across the entire report](#) and using the majority of the wordcount for highlighting technical and policy-oriented findings and outcomes of the TEC activities

iv. Looking ahead

Proposed approach: These approaches and options may be implemented separately or in combination, used in a stepwise approach, and adjusted over time, as deemed necessary by the TEC.

Expected action @ TEC28: The TEC is invited to consider the information provided and discuss follow-up action(s), if any, with a view to inform the preparation of the TEC annual report for 2024.



Thank you!

