

Summary of comments
from
BA2 breakout session

What was good about BA1?

- **The onion diagram.** It was an information-dense visual reference that was referred to a lot
- **The process of preparing BA1 started a conversation** – a ‘climate finance discourse’ – among the broader climate finance community, and the technical discussions helped with coherence and coordination among aggregators and data providers.
- **BA1 was an honest ‘snapshot with relevance’.** The range was broad, but those were our best available estimates.
- **The estimates helped put climate finance in a broader context:** of brown vs green investment, and of how the Convention funds sit within a broader context.
- **The recipient context was useful.**
- **It identified gaps in our methods, and delivered concrete recommendations**

What can we work on for BA2?

- The onion diagram. Can we draw it to scale? How can we convey range and uncertainty?
- Can we use a website to provide back-end information?
- Definitions: “climate finance”; private finance flowing from public interventions
- Can we get better (any?) estimates of flows of domestic resources?
- Can we include sectoral data/approaches?
- Take stock of progress on recommendations
- Communications: BA1 was not “universally welcomed”, and we need to do a better job of outreach and communication of key messages (including on what the range means, and why it’s so broad)
- Include some aspect of needs assessment?

What can we work on for BA2?

- Include trends for context (but be wary of the effect of changing methods on estimates from one BA to the next)
- Include some external review
- Make recommendations more specific
- On process:
 - Give clear terms of reference
 - Define – and stick to! – an agreed structure
 - Encourage greater collaboration among contributors/consultants

How can we make those improvements?

- **Work on the onion**
 - concentric circles vs. Venn diagram.
 - Can we draw it to scale?
 - Employ a data designer early!
 - Do we need more than one, each showing a different context?
 - Think about a slick website with data tables for disaggregated analysis
- Think about how to convey uncertainty
- Think about whether/how to include things not in estimates
- Capture brown investment for context – and in visually compelling ways

How can we make those improvements?

- Keep some things clearly separate:
 - Analysis from recommendations
 - Objective data reporting vs. subjective assessment
- Focus on providing actionable and/or adoptable recommendations
- Think about outreach!