

Biennial Update Reports as part of National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.

Views presented by Brazil

General remarks

- Biennial update reports are part of National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;
- Biennial update reports should contain streamlined and updated information communicated through national communications;
- Biennial update reports demand commensurate support for reporting by all developing country parties, with additional flexibilities, consistent with capabilities and national circumstances.

Content of the biennial update report

Before getting into the discussion on the content of the biennial update reports, it is important to highlight that, in accordance with the Cancun agreement, no decision was taken to review the current guidelines for national communications from NAI Parties (guidelines which are contained in decision 17/CP. 8).

The annex to decision 17/CP.8 contains all the elements that are needed in building the outline of the biennial update report:

1. Executive Summary;
2. Information on national circumstances and on institutional arrangements relevant to the preparation of the national communications on a continuous basis;¹
3. National Greenhouse Gas Inventory² following the methodologies of the current guidelines.;

Summary of national GHG emissions by sources and removals by sinks (containing an update based on the best information available).

4. Programmes containing Measures to Mitigate Climate Change³
5. Constraints and Gaps, and Related Financial, Technical and Capacity Needs⁴, containing information on:
 - Financial support received
 - Other support received

¹ which corresponds to the Section II and part of the content of para 5 of the annex to Decision 17/CP.8

² which corresponds to the Section III of the annex to Decision 17/CP.8

³ which corresponds to Section IV.B of the annex to Decision 17/CP.8

⁴ which corresponds to Section VI of the annex to Decision 17/CP.8

- Financial Needs
- Technical and Capacity Needs

The language contained in the current guidelines offers the level of flexibility necessary to build upon the outline needed.

We believe that this process should allow for enhanced information by Non Annex I Parties, either through their national communications or through the biennial update reports, pending the provision of support and according to national capabilities and circumstances.

In terms of procedure, beyond our suggestion, previously presented, for a GEF report on ways that financing could be offered for biennial updates and a technical paper from the Secretariat on additional options for future financing of biennial updates, both for the next session, we believe that any expert work should be undertaken in-session, to ensure broad participation.