

Training for reviewers of BRs and NCs and training for technical teams of experts for analysis of BURs

4th BRs and NCs lead reviewers meeting



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Presentation outline

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Background

- COP 20 (December 2014):
 - Requests the secretariat to develop and implement the “Training programme for review experts for the technical review of biennial reports and national communications of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention”, including the **examination of experts**.
- 2nd and 3rd LR meetings (March 2015 and March 2016):
 - LRs noted the scope and focus of the courses and the **examination requirements**, which **new review experts and LRs must pass**.
 - LRs considered that **experienced review experts and LRs should acquire** the new practical skills and knowledge for reviews **provided in the courses**
 - LRs would benefit from taking the **general and cross-cutting course and its examination**, and **courses and examinations of their expertise**.
 - The LRs **strongly encouraged** these experts to **undertake the indicated courses**.



Training programme (decision 15/CP.20)

- Courses of the training programme:
 1. **General and cross-cutting aspects of the review of national communications and biennial reports:**

Target audience: New review experts and lead reviewers.

Examination requirements: New review experts and **lead reviewers must pass the examination.** Online examination.

2. **Technical review of targets and of policies and measures, their effects and their contribution to achieving those targets:**

Target audience: New review experts reviewing targets and PaMs and LRs.

Examination requirements: New review experts **must pass the examination.** Online examination.



Training programme (decision 15/CP.20)

3. Technical review of GHG emissions, emission trends, projections and the total effect of PaMs:

Target audience: New review experts reviewing emission trends, projections and the total effect of PaMs, and lead reviewers.

Examination requirements: New review experts **must pass the examination**. Online examination.

4. Technical review of the provision of financial support, technology transfer and capacity-building:

Target audience: New review experts reviewing the provision of financial support, technology transfer and capacity-building, and lead reviewers.

Examination requirements: New review experts **must pass the examination**. Online examination.



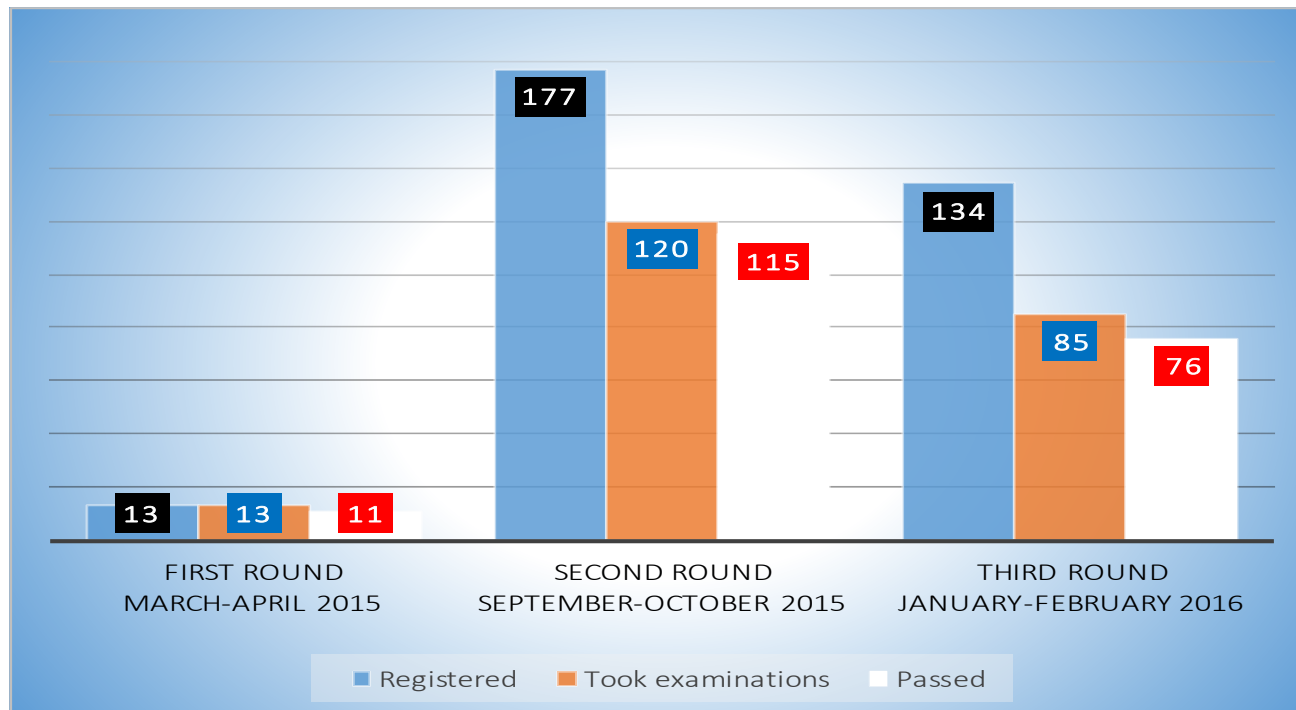
Training activities in 2015 – 2016: Milestones

- Reviews of BR1s and NCs in 2015:
 - Online training materials and examinations offered in an e-learning format covering the four courses of the training programme (pilot training for 3 ERTs: March – April 2015).
- Reviews of BR2s in 2016:
 - Online training materials and examinations offered in two rounds covering four courses of the training programme (all experts: September 2015 and January – February 2016).
- So far the implementation of the training programme has been very successful, but:
 - ✓ There are financial constrains for offering the courses often and without limited study periods
 - ✓ Even continuation with the existing modalities might not be possible due to cut in resources



Training activities in 2015 – 2016: Results

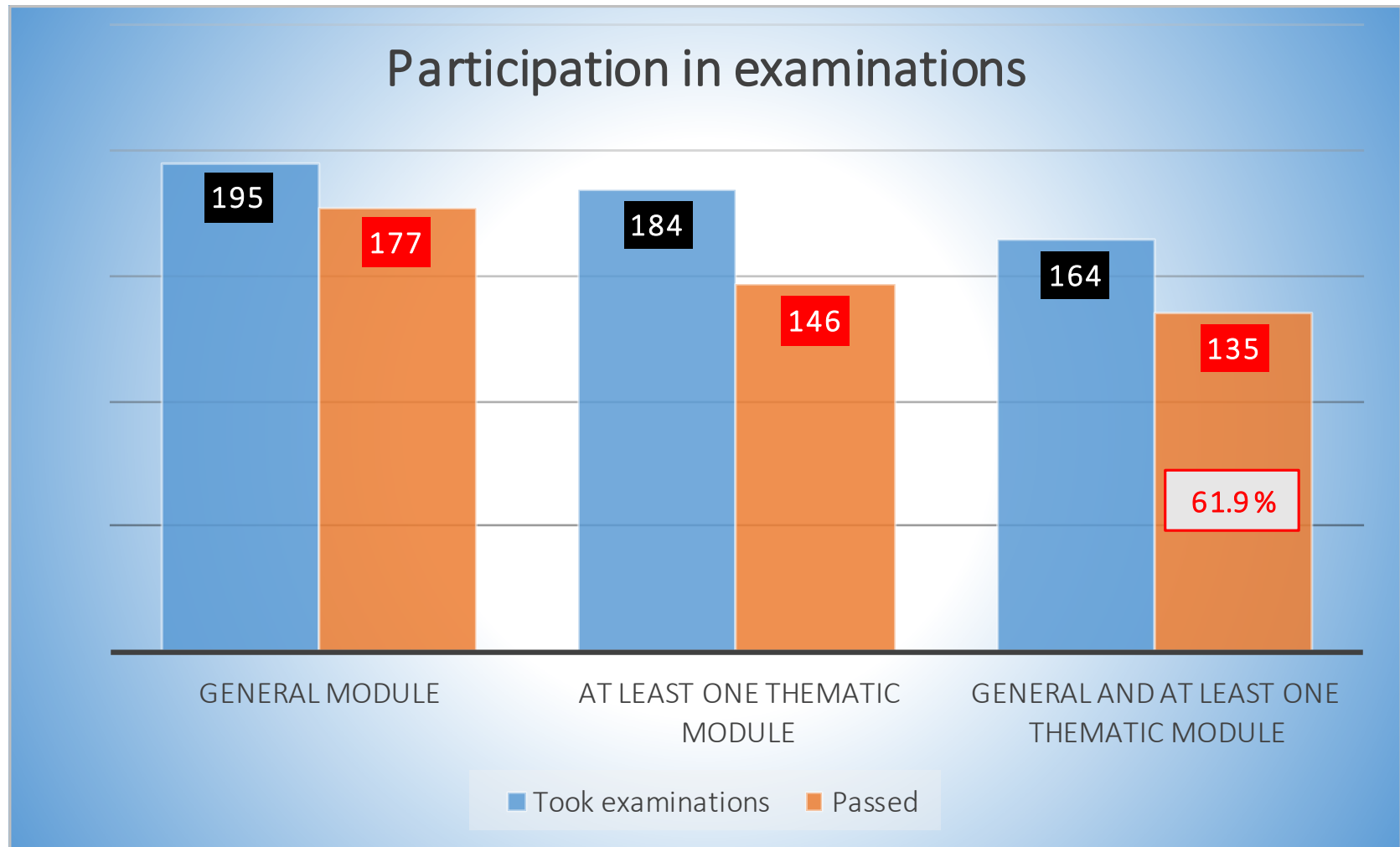
- Sent 629 invitations → Contacted approximately 460 experts
- Received 324 registrations (70.4 %)
 - Participated 271 experts (83.6 %) and 218 took exams (67.3 %)



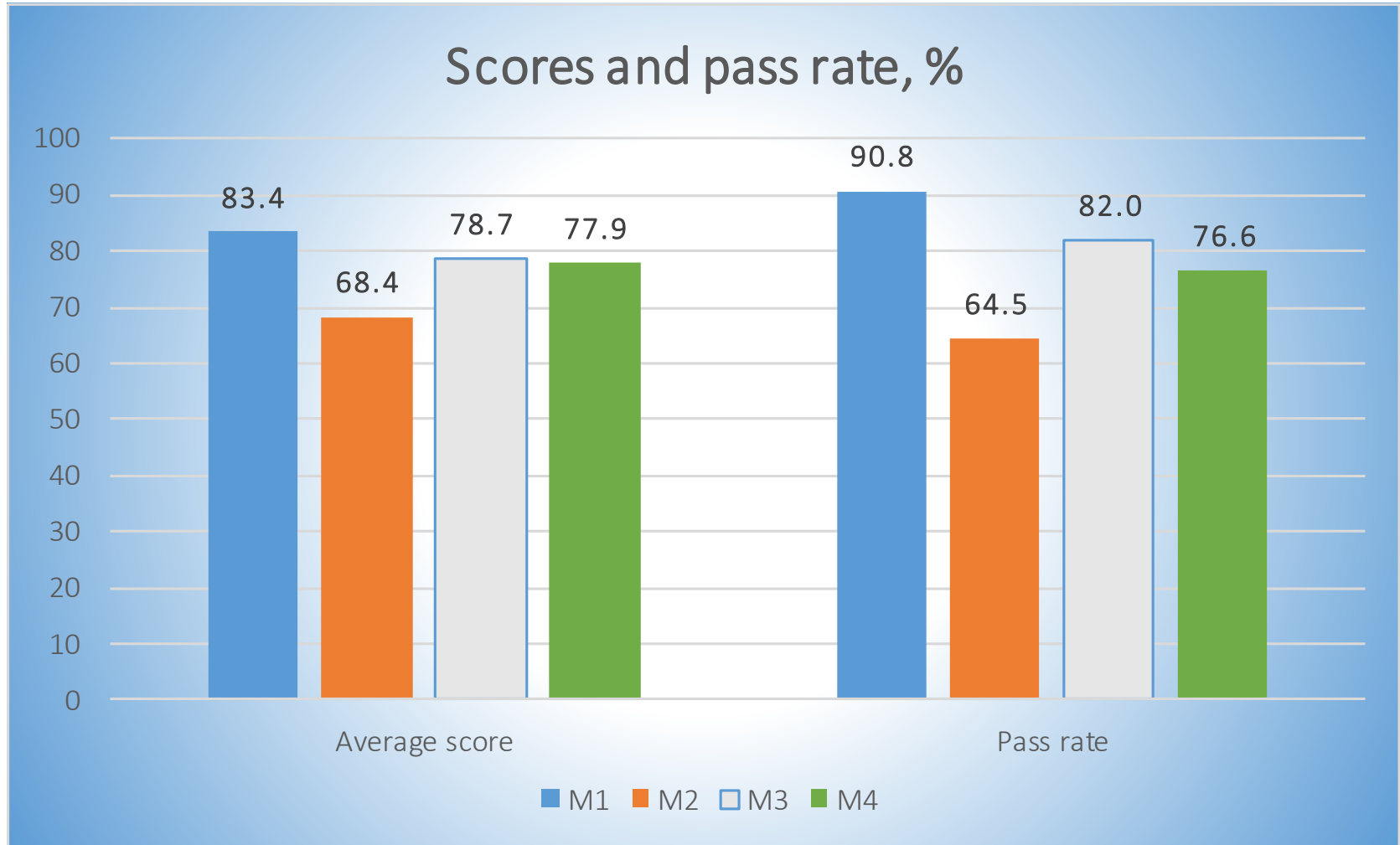
- **TOTAL: 202 experts passed one or more examinations (92.7 %).**
- **Of 74 LR, 38 passed the mandatory exam on “General and cross-cutting aspects of the review of BRs and NCs” (51.4 %).**



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Feedback from experts, both new and experienced: VERY POSITIVE

- **Materials used and appreciated** by reviewers participating in NC6s/BR1s and BR2s reviews;
- **Adequate scope and focus** of the training courses, including final examinations;
- Training materials referred by LRs and ERTs during reviews, **facilitating a consistent approach across reviews** of Annex I Parties.

Further possible steps:

- **The experience gained during these review cycles** may be used to update and further develop the training courses:
 - **Focus on the reporting and review requirements**
 - **Examples from published review reports and last submitted NCs and BRs**
 - **Exercises for drafting findings and the report**
 - **Incorporating the review practice guidance (RPG)**
- Need to consider the **possible revised UNFCCC reporting guidelines on NCs**.
- **An updated training programme may offered to new and experienced experts in the second half of 2017 in advance of the review of NC7s and BR3s**
 - **Strengthening of resources, including human resources, is essential for this update**



Points for consideration by LRs

- Welcome the **information on training activities performed in 2016 and activities planned for 2017.**
- Secretariat has received **very positive feedback** from Parties and experts on the **scope and focus of the courses of the training programme.**
- Training **materials helped to enhance knowledge on substantive matters and approaches for review**, facilitated the **common understanding of the review steps and consistent approach across reviews.**
- **Recommend/strongly reiterate encouragement** that experienced experts and in particular LRs **undertake the relevant courses and pass the relevant exams.**
- Parties are **encouraged to continue nominating experts** for the training programme in order to have **more qualified reviewers available for the NC7/BR3 review cycle.**



Points for consideration by LRs

- The **experience gained during the past review cycles** may be used to **update and further develop the courses** of the training programme with the aim to **enhance the consistency** of the review process undertaken by ERTs.
- The **updated training programme** would help the review experts to gain **up-to-date knowledge of substantive matters** and to **further strengthen their common understanding of review approaches and steps**.
- The **updated training programme** would **facilitate a consistent approach to reviews** across Parties, taking into account the possible adoption of the **revised UNFCCC reporting guidelines on NCs** and the experience gained so far with reviews.
- Parties are **encouraged** to provide **sufficient resources to continue and strengthen the implementation** of the training programme.



TTE training programme: Background

- COP 19 (December 2013):
 - **Decision 20/CP.19 (para. 4) requested the CGE to develop and organize a training programme, based on the most up-to-date training materials of the CGE, for experts participating in the teams of technical experts (TTEs) undertaking the technical analysis of submitted biennial update reports (BURs).**
 - **The objective of the training programme is to ensure that experts nominated to the RoE are fully conversant with the relevant reporting requirements for developing country Parties, and the modalities and procedures for the international consultation and analysis, including the technical analysis of BURs.**
 - **Only those nominated experts who have successfully completed the CGE training programme shall be eligible to serve in the TTE.**



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Structure of the TTE training programme

The training programme consists of three clusters of training modules. Some of the activities in the course are highly experiential and require participation in a number of activities relating to reporting. Please refer to the Convention time sheet (see experiential for a virtual experience and acquire. Accordingly, the amount of training required varies.

(1) Provisions on reporting information in the SDGs and conducting national reviews under the enhanced consultation and analysis (CA) process.

(2) Background material covering methods and options on the theme addressed in SDGs and

(3) Provisions relevant to the technical analysis of a technical annex concerning information on results-based actions relating to REDD-plus activities.

NEWS

13 January 2017

The next training round, including the new online training, starts on 18 January 2017!

Feel free to check out the online training, even if you have already completed a module. The online version includes additional examples and is based on experiences of the first three rounds of national analyses.

12 July 2016

The next training round will begin on 12 July 2016!

Feel free to check out the online training, even if you have already completed a module. The online version includes additional examples and is based on experiences of the rounds of national analyses.

Access online training courses

Course navigation
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All experts

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For clusters A and C, if you are needed, you will be able to update the assessment of a module in the table provided in the next round of assessments. All updates are reflected in the assessment in modules. You do not need to re-take the module. Please note that the REDD-plus can only be started if you have the LULUCF experience in your completed module 2.2a-LULUCF.LULUCF. If in doubt, please check with us at ica@unfccc.int.

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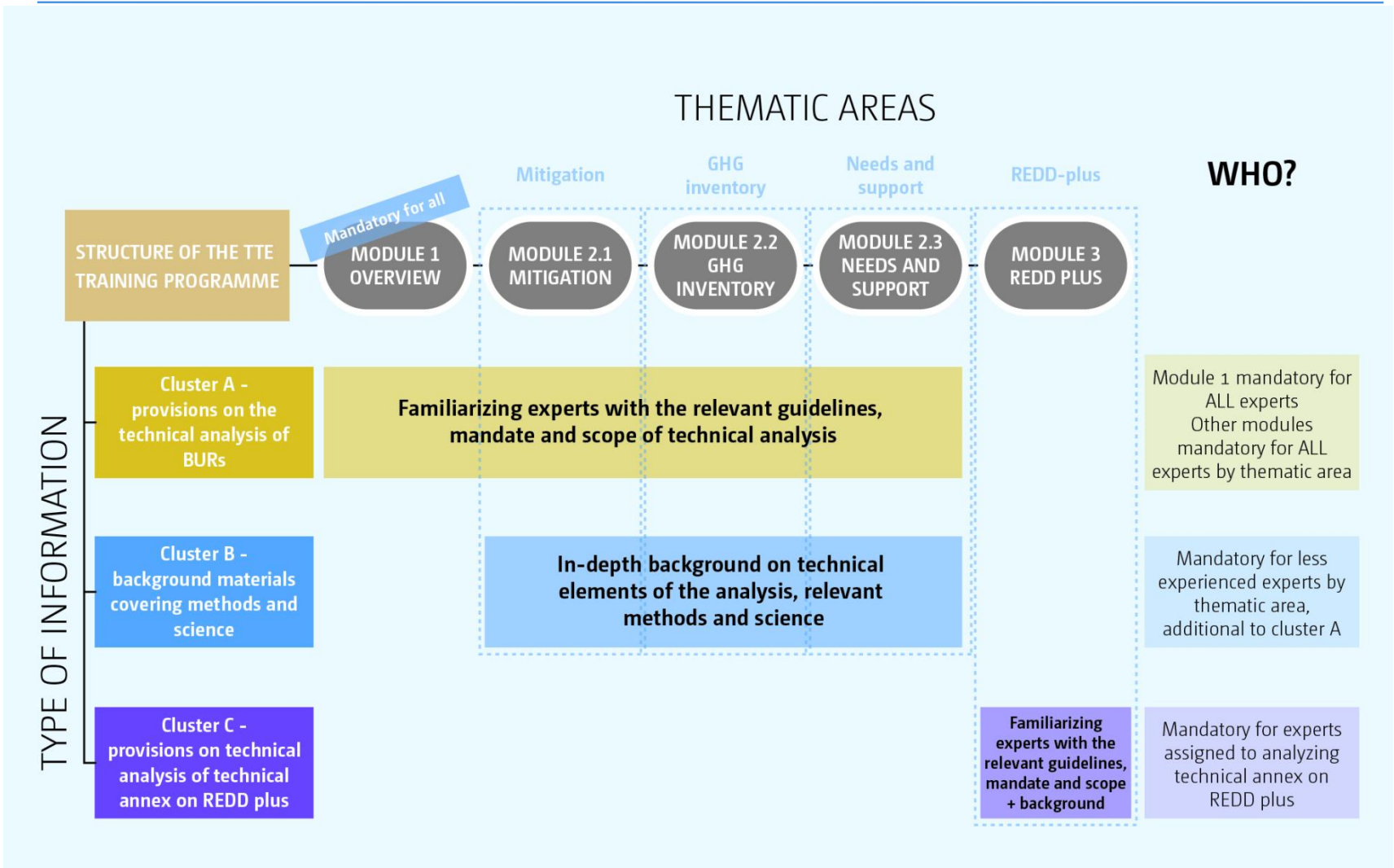
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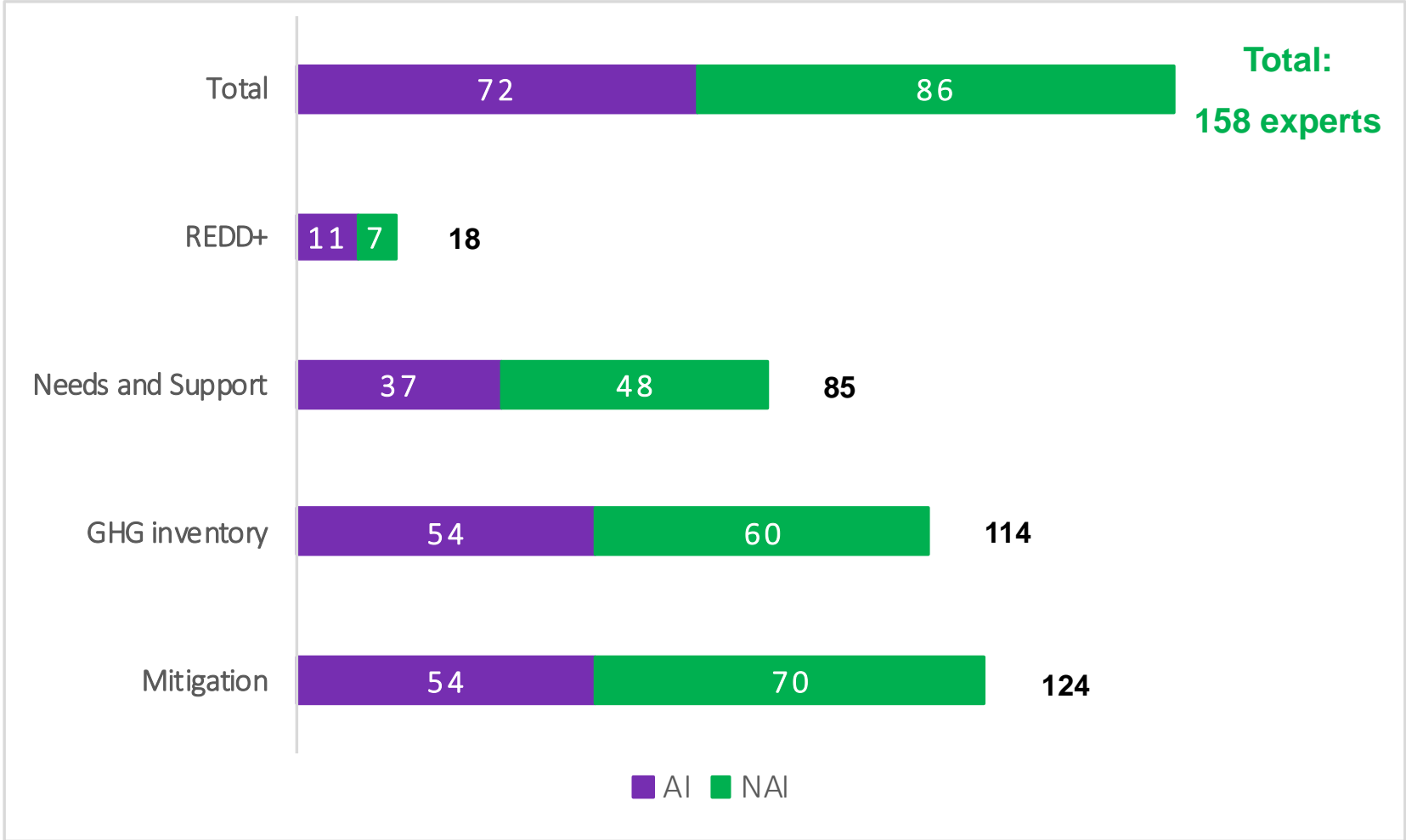
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Structure of the CGE training programme for TTE

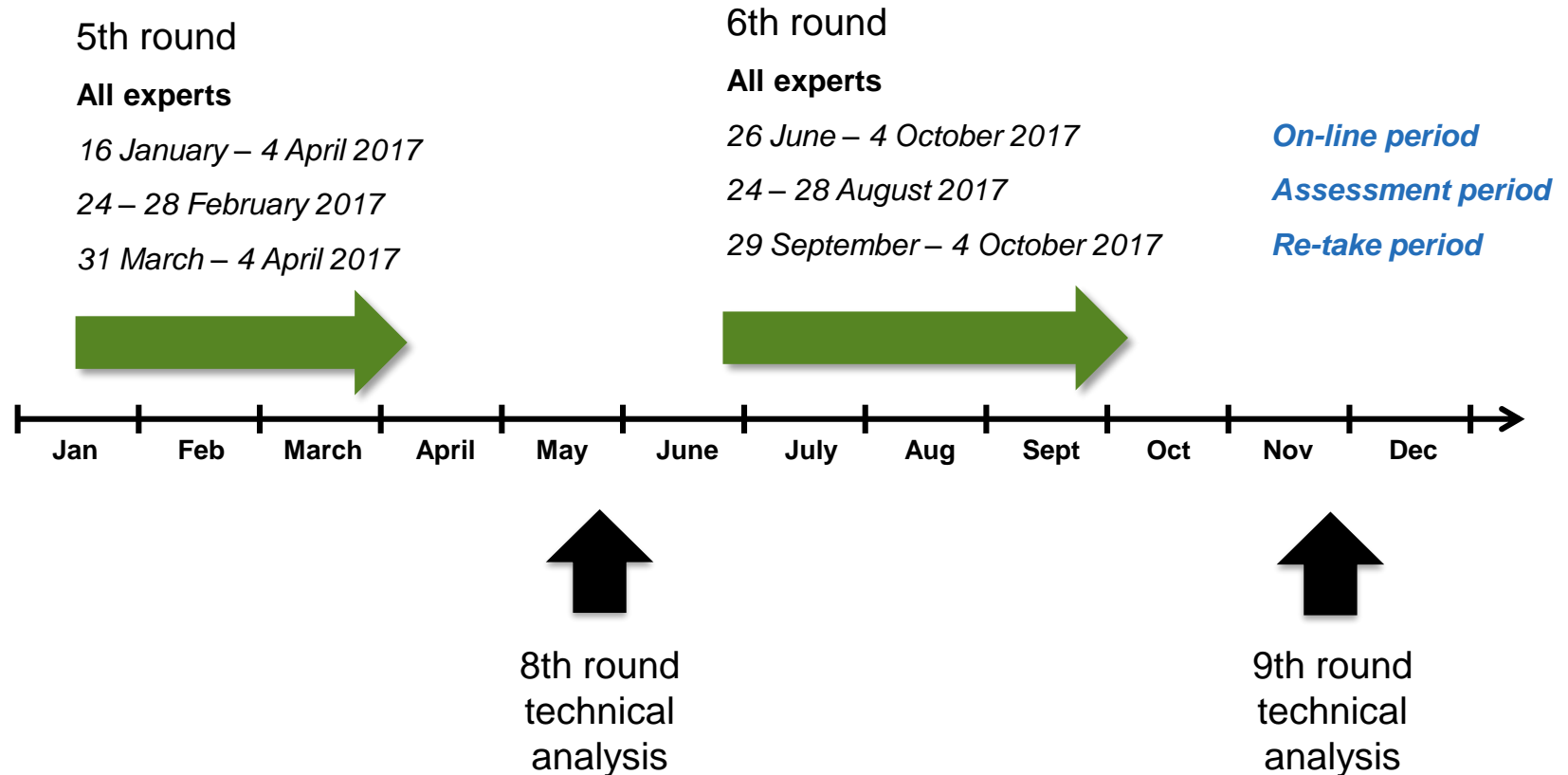


Experts successfully passed examinations and training requirements: by thematic areas



CGE training programme – 2017

Cycle of training for 2017



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