Training courses for reviewers of BRs and NCs: the Rationale for the update

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Decision 15/CP.20

(Dec. 2014)

- Request the secretariat to develop and implement the training programme for review experts for technical review of BRs and NCs of Annex I Parties

Conclusions of BR/NC

Lead Reviewers meetings

(2015-2017)

- Encourage new and experienced experts to take the relevant courses;
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- Encourage LRs to take relevant courses

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BR/NC training 2014

- Based on the NC5s and their review reports
- No BR review experience at the time of the preparation of the training courses

- Based on the BR and NC GLs
- Based on the review GLs for BRs and NCs

1. General and cross-cutting aspects of the review of NCs and BRs

For new experts and LRs

2. Technical review of targets and of PaMs, their effects and their contribution to achieving those targets

For new experts

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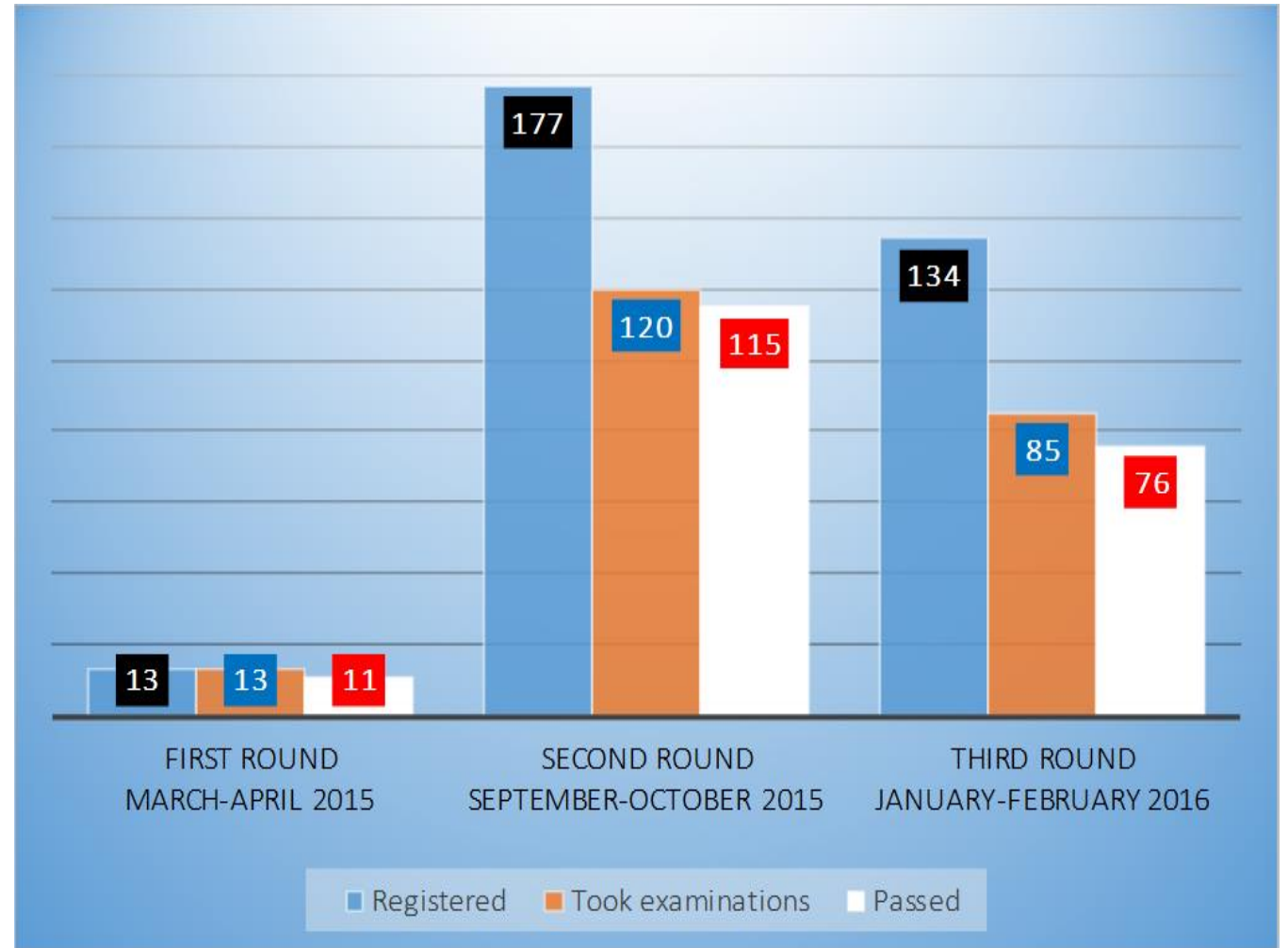
For new experts

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

For new experts

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- ➤ 202 experts passed one or more examinations

- ➤ Positive feedback from trainees

- ➤ Materials were used by reviewers of NC6s/BR1s and BR2s

- ➤ Training materials were referred to by LRs as "facilitating a consistent approach across reviews"

Bar chart showing Registered, Took examinations, and Passed across three rounds:

FIRST ROUND MARCH-APRIL 2015: 13, 13, 11
SECOND ROUND SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2015: 177, 120, 115
THIRD ROUND JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2016: 134, 85, 76

Legend: Registered, Took examinations, Passed

Update BR/NC training 2017	Integrate recent reporting experience
	Integrate recent review experience
	Reflect the updated legal basis
	Introduce the enhanced review tools
	Develop a more interactive and appealing design
	Set a basis for a possible training programme under the Transparency Framework for action and support

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Integrate the BR1/NC6, BR2 and CTF reporting examples

Developed country Parties	Second Biennial Reports (BR2) (due 1 January 2016)
Australia	BR2 (3039 kB) Submission date: 23 Dec. 2015 BR2 CTF (1127 kB) Submission date: 23 Dec. 2015
Austria	BR2 (479 kB) Submission date: 29 Dec. 2015 BR2 CTF (1013 kB) Submission date: 29 Dec. 2015
Belarus	BR2 (872 kB) Submission date: 30 Dec. 2015 BR2 (1061 kB) (English, informal translation) Submission date: 16 May 2016 BR2 CTF (1042 kB) Submission date: 30 Dec. 2015
Belgium	BR2 (3420 kB) Submission date: 17 Dec. 2015 BR2 CTF (1623 kB) Submission date: 17 Dec. 2015
Bulgaria	BR2 (1427 kB) Submission date: 29 Dec. 2015 BR2 CTF (1004 kB) Submission date: 29 Dec. 2015
Canada	BR2 (2616 kB) (English) BR2 (2664 kB) (French) Submission date: 10 Feb. 2016 BR2 CTF (1465 kB) Revised version: 20 Sept. 2016 Submission date: 25 Apr. 2016 CTF tables on Canada's Policies and Measures French (2100 kB) and English (2036 kB) receive

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Update BR/NC training 2017

- Review Practice Guidance (RPG) recommended by LRs based on the BR1/NC6 and BR2 reviews to ensure consistency of reviews across the Parties and review cycles

- RPG describes the review issues and their solutions

- RPG is updated to include new review issues after each review cycle

- The updated training could also integrate the relevant LRs conclusions on the review approaches

REVIEW PRACTICE GUIDANCE 2017

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For Reviews of National Communications and Biennial Reports of Developed Country Parties

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Update BR/NC training, 2017

New COP decisions and SB conclusions agreed after the course was launched, namely related to:

- GHG inventories reporting (i.e. NF3 reporting)
- Reporting on support in BR CTF

Update BR/NC training 2017

- The checklists and the review report templates (for IDRs and TRRs) have been enhanced to support the consistency and comparability of reports

- Virtual Team Room has been enhanced and widely used during the reviews

- The schedule of the review week has changed and now includes peer review process

Update BR/NC training 2017

Develop a more interactive and appealing design:

- Include updated tests, exams, quizzes and other learning instruments to enhance learning experience and knowledge uptake

- Improve packaging of information and visual presentation

Update BR/NC training 2017

Set an improved basis for possible training courses under the Transparency Framework (TF):

Based on Article 13, the TF builds on and enhances the transparency arrangements under the Convention, training is likely to be one of

the elements of the modalities and procedures of the TF

Article 13

1. In order to build mutual trust and confidence and to promote effective implementation, an enhanced transparency framework for action and support, with built-in flexibility which takes into account Parties' different capacities and builds upon collective experience is hereby established.

2. The transparency framework shall provide flexibility in the implementation of the provisions of this Article to those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities. The modalities, procedures and guidelines referred to in paragraph 13 of this Article shall reflect such flexibility.

3. The transparency framework shall build on and enhance the transparency arrangements under the Convention, recognizing the special circumstances of the least developed countries and small island developing States, and be implemented in a facilitative, non-intrusive, non-punitive manner, respectful of national sovereignty, and avoid placing undue burden on Parties.

Thank you!!