

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



The BR/NC training programme 2014: Background

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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- Based on the NC5s and their review reports
 - No BR review experience at the time of the preparation of the training courses
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- Based on the BR and NC GLs
 - Based on the review GLs for BRs and NCs
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BR/NC training programme 2014: Four courses developed and implemented

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

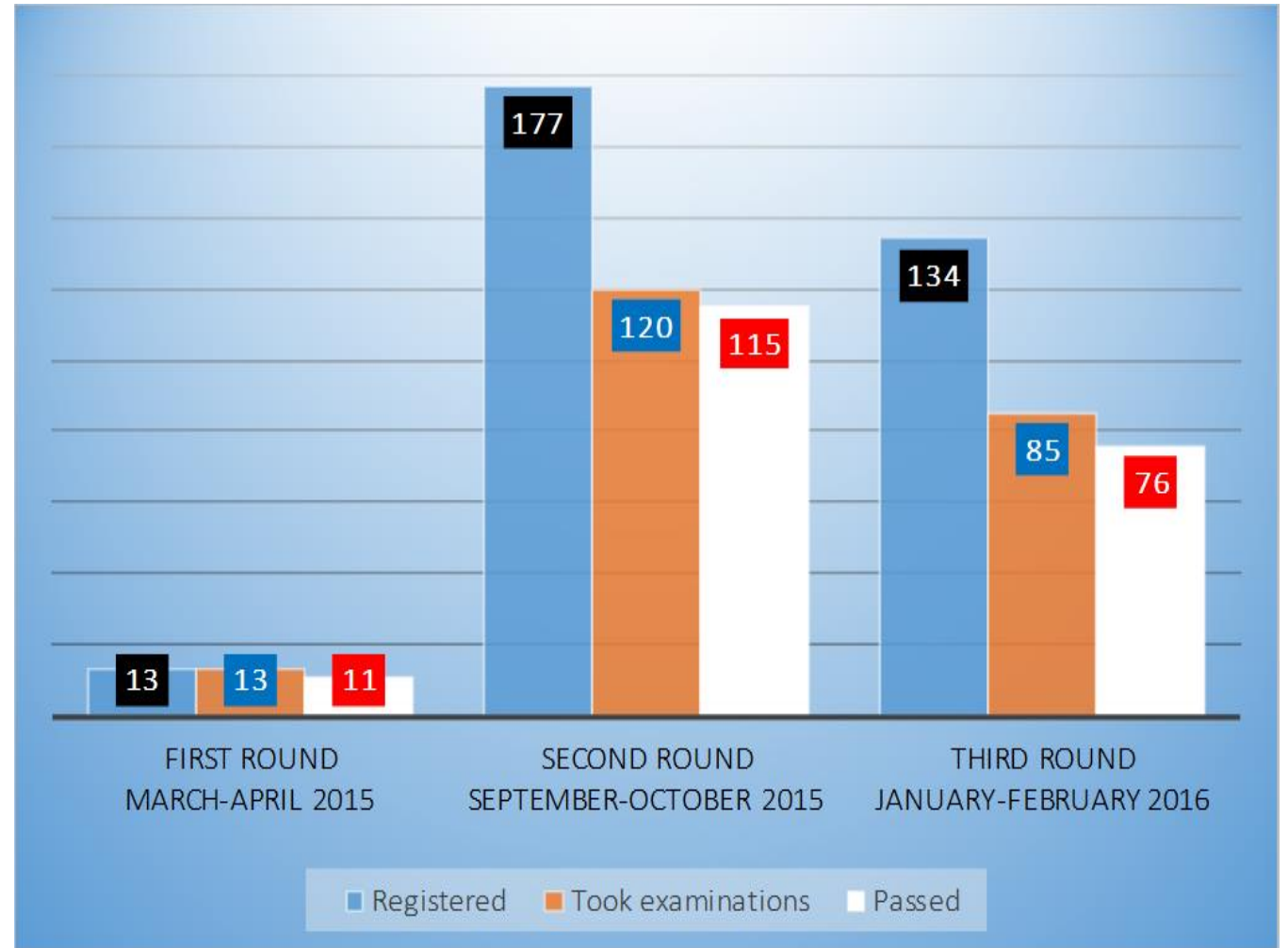
4. Technical review of the provision of financial support, technology transfer and capacity building

For new experts



BR/NC training programme 2014: Three successful rounds of BR/NC training in 2015 - 2016

- 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”



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



Update BR/NC training 2017

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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- 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



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



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

Guidance to the Expert Review Teams on How to complete a technical review report template

Revised version (3 May 2016)

Read below before you start writing!

- This template is a UNFCCC internal working document used to guide experts during the review of the second biennial reports (BR2) submitted by developed country Parties. The template should be used by the expert review team (ERT) in the preparation of the technical review reports (TRRs), which will facilitate the multilateral assessment under the international assessment and review (IAR) process.
- The purpose of this template is to facilitate the preparation of a consistent, comparable, reader-friendly, accurate and compelling document. The secretariat staff assigned to the reviews will help during this process and answer the questions related to the use of the template.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I prepare for the review?

- Preparation for the review starts with the review checklist, which is used to assess completeness and transparency of reported information. The checklist is a review tool prepared by the secretariat based on the UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties and the relevant elements of the UNFCCC guidelines for preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. There are reminders included at the beginning of each chapter of the template referring you to the relevant tables of the checklist.
- Only once you have completed the checklist should you start to draft the TRR. Both documents are equally important for the successful completion of the review.

Which information submitted by Parties is used as the basis for the TRR?

Part I. Status of Reporting of Information

1. General Requirements

Table 1. General reporting requirements to be filled by Lead Reviewers

Reporting requirement as per guidelines ^a	Whether reported in BR2 ^a	Issue raised in TRR.1 ^b	
1. The objectives of these guidelines for preparing the biennial report are: ^a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(a) To assist Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) in meeting their commitments for reporting under Articles 4 and 12 of the Convention enhanced by decision 1/CP.16; ^a			
(b) To ensure the provision of consistent, transparent, comparable, accurate and complete information by developed country Parties; ^a			
(c) To ensure that the biennial reports include information on the progress made by Annex I Parties in achieving their quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets, projected emissions, and the provision of financial, technological and capacity-building support to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties); ^a			
(d) To facilitate the international assessment of emissions and removals related to progress towards the achievement of the quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets; and ^a			
(e) To facilitate reporting by Annex I Parties of information on any economic and social consequences of response measures. ^a			
26. The information identified in these guidelines shall be communicated electronically by Annex I Parties to the secretariat and shall be in one of the official languages of the United Nations. Parties are encouraged to submit an English translation of the biennial report to facilitate its use in the review process. ^a	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	Completeness ^a <input type="checkbox"/>
			Transparency ^a <input type="checkbox"/>



Transparency

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



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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!!

