Special event on the transparency framework and relevant MRV experiences

Outlines for reporting

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Current MRV system: Basis for BTR and NID

Process	Current MRV		ETF (MPGs)
	Developed countries	Developing countries	All countries
National Communication (NC)	Yes	Yes	Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) and National Inventory Document (NID)
GHG Inventory (GHGI)	Yes (Annual standalone GHG inventory submissions)	Yes (GHG inventory sections in NC and BUR)	
Biennial Report(BR)/ Biennial Update Report (BUR)	Yes	Yes	
Outline in decisions	 NC and GHGI – outlines provided BR – topics defined 	NC/BUR – topics defined	To be developed by SBSTA

Lessons from current MRV: BTR

Need to streamline reports and guidelines

Different approaches to reporting information

Improved reporting through experience and capacity-building



Lessons from current MRV: NID

Detailed outline helpful in ensuring transparency and comparability of reporting

Useful to draw from experiences in reporting of both developed and developing countries

Annex I NIR outline is a good starting point



Annex I NIR Outline

FCCC/CP/2013/10/Add.3

spreadsheets or databases used to compile inventory data, should enable estimates of emissions and removals to be traced back to the original disaggregated EFs and AD. Also, relevant supporting documentation related to QA/QC implementation, uncertainty evaluation or key category analyses should be kept on file. This information should facilitate the process of clarifying inventory data in a timely manner when the secretariat prepares annual compilations of inventories or assesses methodological issues.

I. Systematic updating of the guidelines

59. The UNFCCC Annex I inventory reporting guidelines on annual GHG inventories shall be reviewed and revised, as appropriate, in accordance with decisions of the COP on this matter.

J. Language

60. The NIR shall be submitted in one of the official languages of the United Nations. Annex I Parties are encouraged to submit an English translation of the NIR to facilitate its use by the expert review teams.

Appendix

An outline and general structure of the national inventory report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- ES.1. Background information on greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories and climate change (e.g. as it pertains to the national context)
- ES.2. Summary of national emission and removal-related trends
- ES.3. Overview of source and sink category emission estimates and trends
- ES.4. Other information (e.g. indirect GHGs)

Chapter 1: Introduction

- 1.2. A description of the national inventory arrangements
 - 1.2.1. Institutional, legal and procedural arrangements
 - 1.2.2. Overview of inventory planning, preparation and management
 - 1.2.3. Quality assurance, quality control and verification plan

Indicate:

- Quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures applied
- QA/QC plan
- Verification activities
- Treatment of confidentiality issues



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Opportunities: BTR and NID

One outline for all countries to ensure comparability and consistency

Ensure consistency with MPGs

Incorporate flexibility

Build on existing experience on what has worked well and where capacity building needed



Adaptation information: current arrangements

MAIN INFORMATION CHANNELS WITH ADAPTATION-SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

1999: National communications of annex I Parties (FCCC/CP/1999/7)

2002: National communications of non-annex I Parties (17/CP.8)

2015/2018: Adaptation communications (PA Art 7 + 9/CMA.1)

2015/2018: Biennial transparency reports (PA Art 13 + 18/CMA.1)

ADAPTATION-SPECIFIC PROCESSES INVOLVING REPORTING/COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION

NAP-related documents (5/CP.17, 3/CP.20, 8/CP.24)

NAPAs (28/CP.7)

ADAPTATION OR RELATED INFORMATION ALSO CONTAINED IN

INDC components (1/CP.20)

BR/BURs

Low-GHG emission dev strat (PA Art 4.19)



Adaptation information: further considerations

Role of adaptation information in BTRs vis-à-vis other arrangements?

Ensuring that arrangements meet national and global information needs, complementarity, avoid duplications

Important to consider related ongoing work (adaptation committee, NC guidelines, NAPs)

