
Completeness and transparency of information in BR4s – 2021 update

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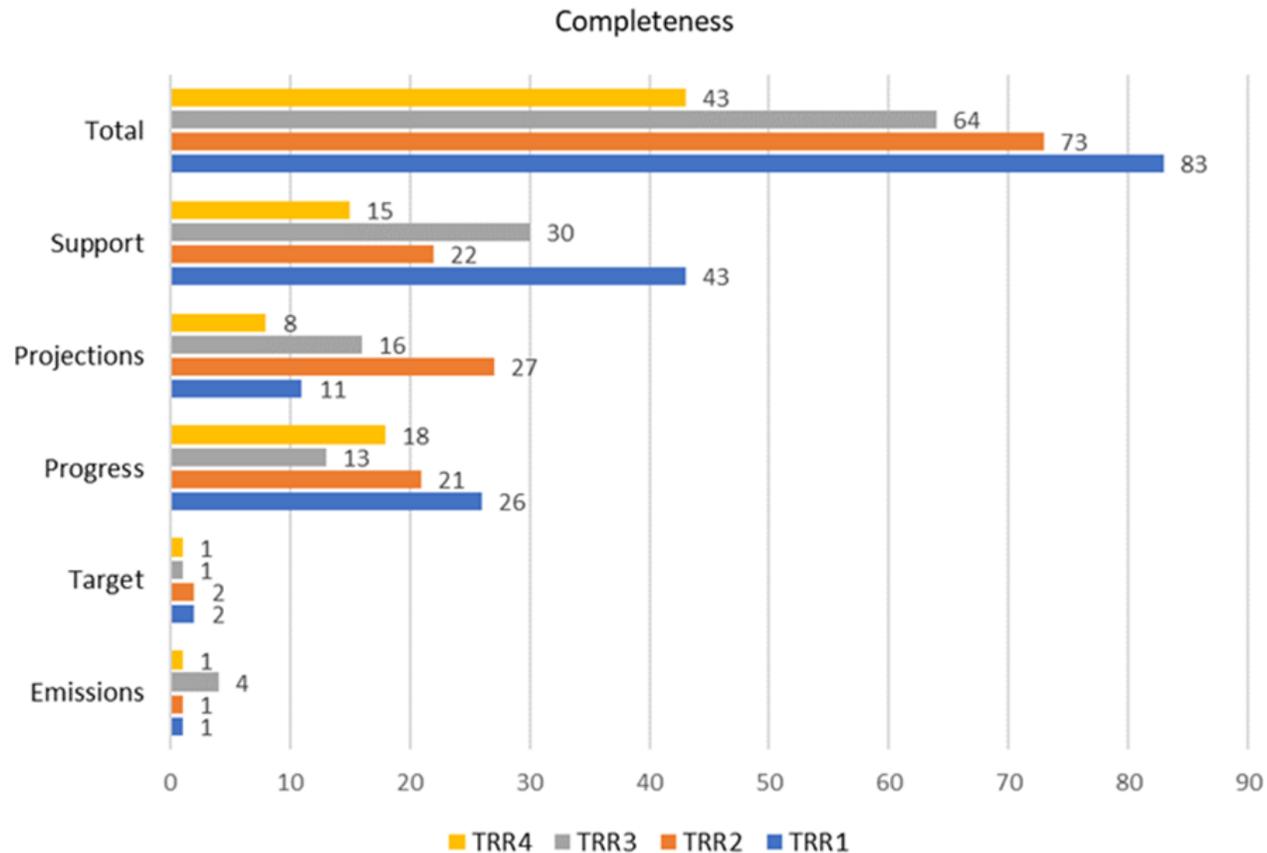
Completeness and Transparency Assessment of Information Reported in Technical Review Reports of 4th Biennial Reports – 2021 Update

Background paper for the 8th Lead Reviewers Meeting.

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- 30 BR4s reviewed in 2020 included in analysis
- Trend analysis of the assessment of completeness and transparency
- Consistency of ERTs' assessment across TRRs
- The most frequent recommendations and encouragements
- Recurring review issues
- Improvements due to resubmissions

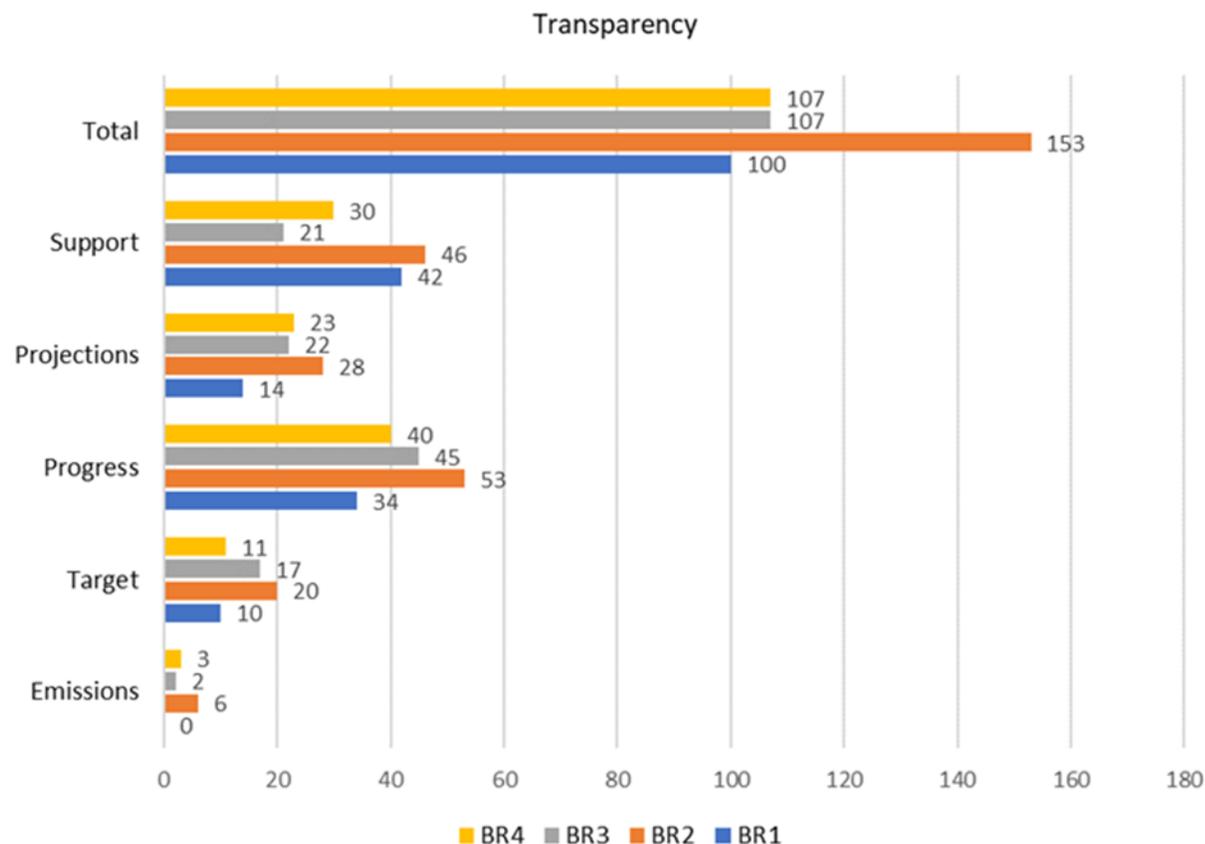
Completeness of BR4s has significantly improved



- Number of recommendations has decreased by 33% in comparison to BR3.
- 10 out of 30 Parties didn't receive any recommendation for completeness.
- 6 out of 30 Parties received only one recommendation.
- Most recommendations were related to mitigation impacts, allocation channels for finance support, changes in domestic institutional arrangements and expected contribution of MBMs and LULUCFs.
- 15 reiterated recommendations from previous TRR (35%).



Transparency of BR4s remains at the same level as in BR3s



- Each Party received at least one recommendation for transparency.
- Two Parties received only one recommendation.
- Most recommendations were related to information on estimated impacts of individual PaMs in 2020.
- 7 reiterated recommendations from previous TRR (7%).

Consistency across BR4s remains at a high level



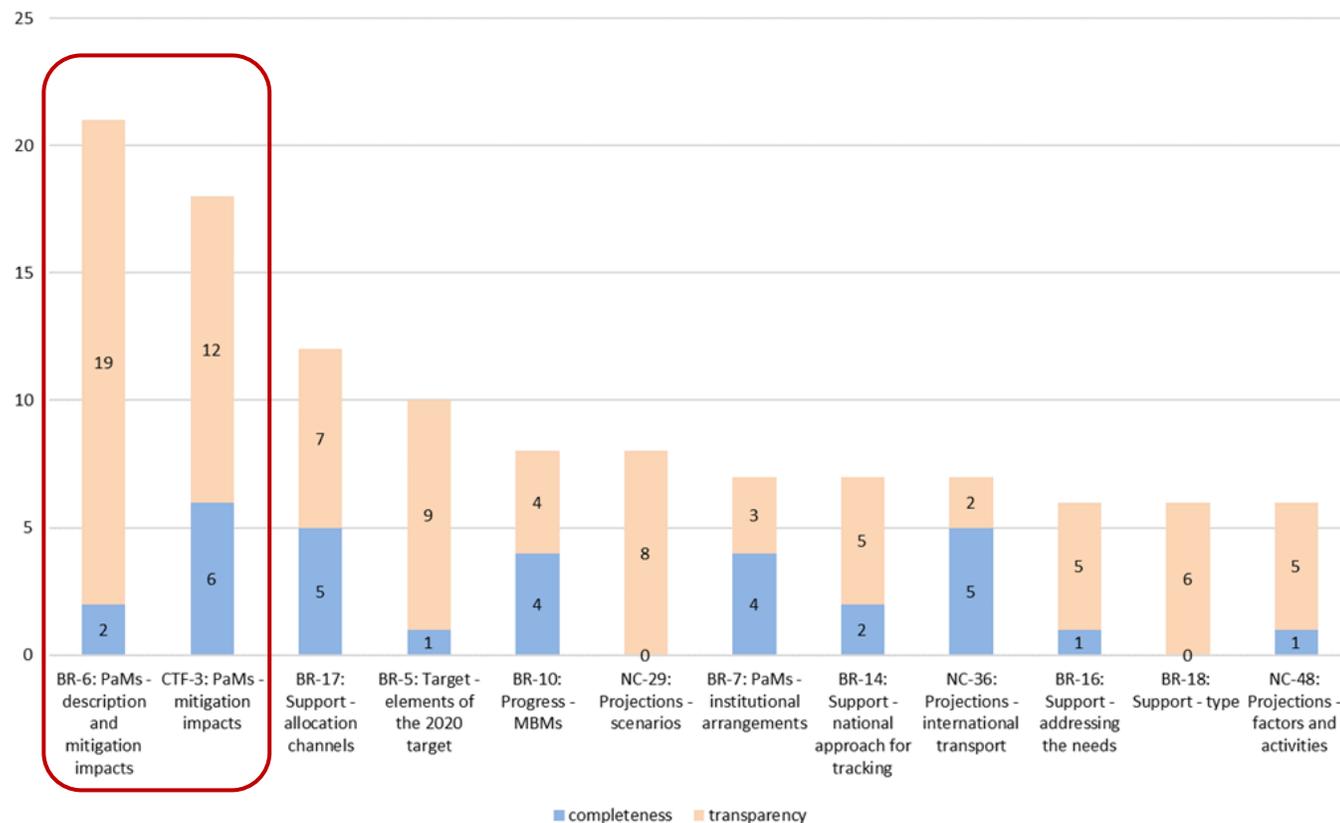
Assessment	NT								
	PT			1					
	MT		7	1					
	FT	21							
Assumptions, conditions and methodologies related to the target		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
		Number of recommendations							

Assessment	NT								
	PT					1		1	
	MT		4	8	8	1	1		
	FT	6							
Progress made towards the target		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
		Number of recommendations							

- ERTs followed the completeness and transparency scoreboard from RPG in majority of cases.
- Two cases when the same number of recommendations led to a different assessment of transparency.
- One case when mostly transparent (MT) was given instead of partially (PT) (according to scoreboard).

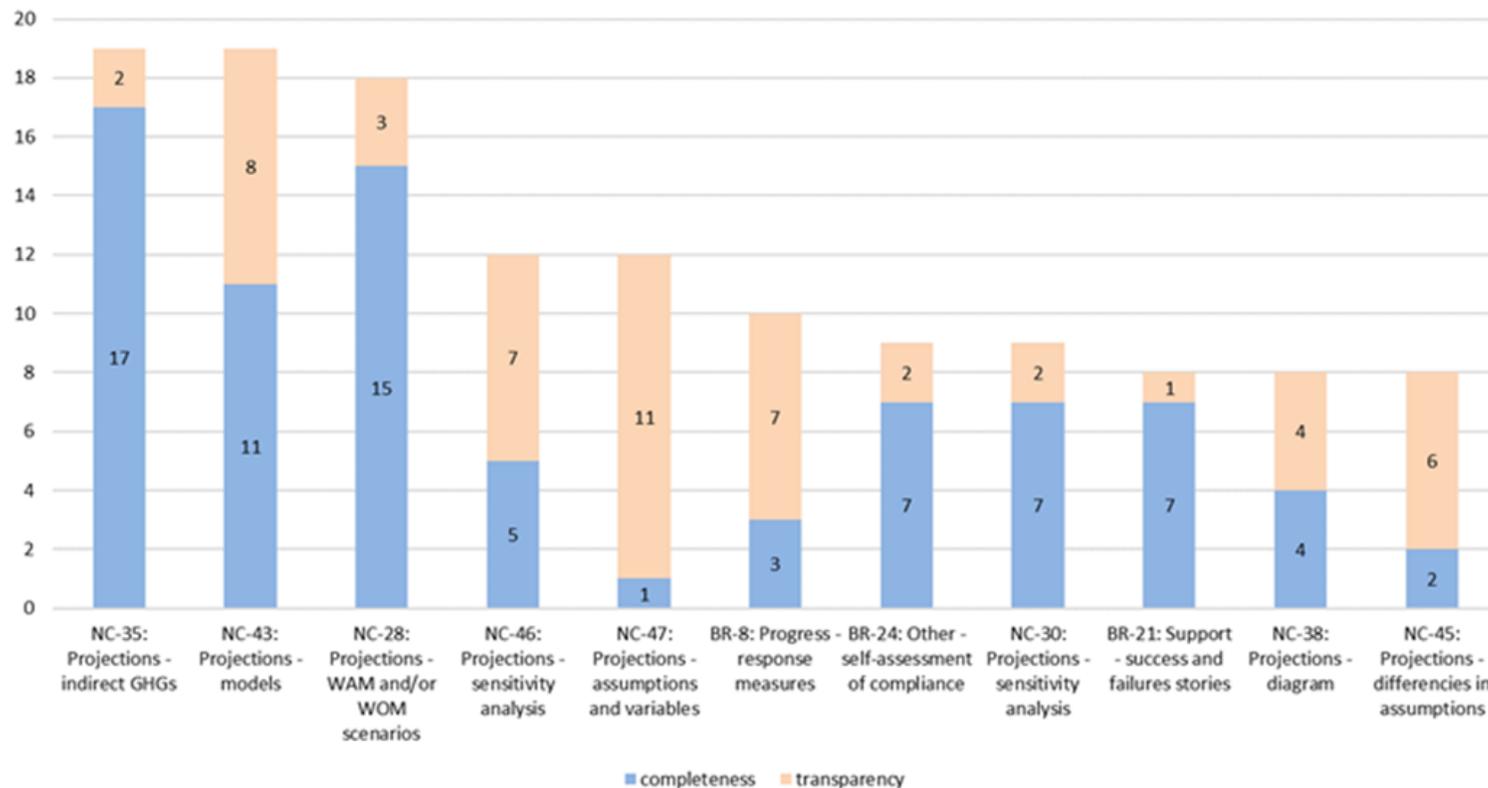


The most frequent recommendations in BR4s



The most challenging was reporting on estimated impacts of individual PaMs or adequately explaining why such impacts cannot be quantified.

The most frequent encouragements in BR4s



- A large majority (91%) of encouragements are targeting projections.
- The top 3 are covering indirect GHG, information on models and not reporting WAM/WOM projections.





- **Parties are continuously improving the quality of their reports.** 17 out of 30 Parties resubmitted their CTF tables as a result of preliminary findings by the ERTs that were communicated with Parties early in the review week that resulted in a fewer number of recommendations.
- **Recurring reporting issues is an early warning signal for Enhanced Transparency Framework.** In total 22 reiterated recommendations and 56 encouragements in TRR4s. Several specific reporting requirements remain a challenge to Parties in all review cycles. Many of these requirements (e.g. estimation of mitigation impacts, information on projections) are included in MPGs.
- It seems appropriate that the ERTs, where justifiable, acknowledge improvements in reporting (e.g. decreasing number of recommendations and encouragements compared to previous cycle) as well as to note recurring reporting issues in the final TRR5.



The LRs took note of the **background paper** “Completeness and transparency assessment of information reported in technical review reports of fourth biennial reports – 2021 update” prepared by the secretariat and acknowledged that the analyses contained therein facilitate improvements to the review process.

Based on the results of the analysis presented during the eight meeting of LRs, the **overall completeness and transparency of information provided in the BR4s has increased** in comparison with the BR3s and the ERT’s assessment across the TRR4s remains highly consistent.

The LRs also noted that a number of Parties had **resubmitted their BRs as a result of preliminary findings** by the ERTs communicated with Parties early in the review week that further improved the completeness and transparency of information provided in BRs.



The LRs requested the secretariat to **continue compiling the review findings and to update the analysis** carried out in the background paper based on the results of the remaining technical reviews of the BR4s and present the analysis as an input for discussion during the next meeting of LRs in the context of the update of the RPG.

The LRs further noted that **acknowledging continuous improvements made by Parties and noting recurring reporting issues** in their BRs would improve the comprehensiveness of technical reviews and further assist Parties in improving their reporting of information.

The LRs requested the secretariat **to include these findings in the review report templates** that will be used during the review of the eight national communications and fifth biennial reports and present them during the next meeting of LRs for their considerations.



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