

# **9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Lead Reviewers for the Review of Biennial Reports and National Communications of Annex I Parties**

**Virtual Meeting  
March 2022**

## **Agenda**

### **Wednesday, 2 March 2022 (14:00 – 15:00 CET) Joint opening of the 2022 annual meeting of lead reviewers**

#### **Welcome and opening of the LRs meeting**

*Donald Cooper*, Director, Transparency division, UNFCCC

#### **Overview of the transparency outcomes from Glasgow**

*Xuehong Wang*, Manager, MRV and ETF Reporting and Review subdivision, Transparency division, UNFCCC

#### **From MRV to transparency – Preparing for the ETF**

*Lisa Hanle*, Team lead, ETF Coordination unit, Transparency division, UNFCCC

### **Wednesday, 2 March 2022 (15:05 – 16:30 CET) CGE & Lead reviewers: Training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review of BTRs**

Decision 5/CMA.3 requested the secretariat, incorporating, as appropriate, technical advice from the Consultative Group of Experts and lead reviewers, to develop the training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review of biennial transparency reports (as outlined in annex VII of the decision), taking into account experience and lessons learned from developing existing training programmes under the Convention. To that end, the secretariat would like to invite you to this event.

**Monday, 7 March 2022 (11:00 – 14:00 CET)**

## **Opening & Introduction**

### **11:00 – 11:45 Welcome and opening**

*Ruta Bubniene, Team lead, BR and NC unit*

### **Overview of the agenda**

*Veronica Colerio, Programme officer, BR and NC unit*

### **Approach to consider conclusions and recommendations**

*Davor Vesligaj, Programme officer, BR and NC unit*

*The LRs are invited to consider the approach for work on conclusions and recommendations of the 9<sup>th</sup> LRs meeting. The secretariat will prepare and publish relevant analytical papers at least 2 weeks before the meeting. The conclusions and recommendations will reflect the responses to the requests made by the LRs in the previous LRs meetings and will address further relevant matters. The elements of draft conclusions will be elaborated during the relevant sessions. The draft conclusions and recommendations will reflect the views expressed by the LRs during the meeting and will be posted on the LRs meeting website at the end of Day 1 and Day 2. The draft will be discussed during the dedicated session on Day 3. The final version of the conclusions will be published shortly after the meeting.*

## **Tuning in**

### **11:45 – 12:30 Experience of the IAR4 cycle and outlook to the IAR5 cycle in 2022-2024**

*Ruta Bubniene, Team lead, BR and NC unit and BR/NC unit team*

*The BR reviews and the Multilateral Assessment (MA) processes provide for opportunities to test review approaches and tools that will facilitate implementation of the Enhanced Transparency Framework under the Paris Agreement.*

*Despite the virtual format, BR4 reviews for all but one Party were completed within the mandated timeline of 4 months thanks to commitments by the ERTs and innovative approaches used in delivering the reviews. The MA of 40 Parties, conducted virtually in 2020–2021 had demonstrated Parties' engagement and commitment to continue excelling the MRV process despite the extraordinary circumstances.*

*Developed countries have continuously improved their reporting in BR4 compared to previous BRs. Yet a few reporting matters, (i.e. reporting on estimated mitigation impacts of individual mitigation actions, the description of the quantified emission reduction target, information on the use of units from market-based mechanisms, allocation channels related to support measures for developing countries Parties and reporting of projection scenarios) remain challenging for the Parties throughout several reporting cycles. These recurring issues are flagged in the background paper on completeness and transparency of information provided in BR4s and consistency of TRRs of BR4s.<sup>1</sup> The paper also explores how the review process and resubmissions therefore have facilitated continuous improvements in quality of reporting.*

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<sup>1</sup> Available at the website of the 9<sup>th</sup> LRs meeting for BR/NC reviews

*Reviews of BR5s and NC8s are planned for February 2023–April 2024 following the MA in second half of 2023 and in 2024. Efforts will be made to provide opportunities for newly certified experts to gain review experience, while ensuring balanced composition of ERTs.*

*Taken the experience gained in remote reviews and given possible travel restrictions to the capitals of developed Parties due to COVID 19 pandemic, a hybrid (in-person and virtual) In-country reviews of BR5/NC8, might be a sensible solution to implement the BR5 reviews. A background paper<sup>l</sup> prepared by the secretariat analysed the cost and benefits of virtual reviews and explored the opportunities for the hybrid reviews.*

#### ***Questions and answers***

12:30 – 12:45

Break

### **Getting ready for the BR5/NC8 reviews**

#### **12:45 – 13:00 2022 Review Practice Guidance – overview of new review approaches pertaining to BR5/NC8 review cycle**

Veronica Colerio, Programme officer, BR and NC unit

*The review practice guidance (RPG) launched in 2016 is a “living” tool, which facilitates consistency among the reviews and across the review cycles. It reflects the collective and cumulative NC/BR review practices and approaches to resolving critical issues raised during the reviews.*

*The RPG2021 has been updated to include four new review approaches that will facilitate consistency and thoroughness of BR5/NC8 reviews: (1) Continuous improvements and recurring reporting issues; (2) Assessment by the ERTs of the achievement of the 2020 quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets; (3) BR vs BTR reporting requirements; and (4) Updated scoreboard for assessment of completeness and transparency for NCs.*

#### ***Questions and answers***

#### **13:00 – 13:30 2022 Review Practice Guidance – presenting and discussing review issues and approaches for solutions – session 1/3**

- **ERTs’ findings on continuous improvements and recurring reporting issues in BRs**  
Davor Vesligaj, Programme officer, BR and NC unit

#### ***Questions and answers***

### **Sharing the success of BR4 reviews**

#### **13:30 – 14:00 Sharing the success of BR4 reviews**

## Tuesday, 8 March 2022 (11:00 – 14:00 CET)

**11:00 – 11:10**    **Opening of the day**  
*Ruta Bubniene*, Team lead, BR and NC unit

### Getting ready for the BR5/NC8 reviews

**11:10 – 12:10**    **2022 Review Practice Guidance – presenting and discussing review issues and approaches for solutions – session 2/3**

- **Possible approaches for the technical assessment by the ERTs of the achievement of the 2020 quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets – introductory presentation**  
*Davor Vesligaj*, Programme officer, BR and NC unit

#### Thematic break-out groups

**Assessment of achievement of cumulative multi-year emission reduction target (emission or carbon budget)**

*Nalin Srivastava*, Programme officer,  
BR and NC unit

*Parties' examples: Norway, New Zealand (tbc)*

**Assessment achievement of (1) annual multi-year emission reduction or limitation targets for EU member States' under the Effort Sharing Decision and (2) the EU-wide emissions reduction target**

*Davor Vesligaj*, Programme officer,  
BR and NC unit

*Parties' examples: EU member State, EU (tbc)*

**Reporting back to the plenary by the groups**

*Questions and answers*

**12:10 – 12:30**

Break

**12:30 – 13:30**    **2022 Review Practice Guidance – presenting and discussing review issues and approaches for solutions – session 3/3**

- **Non-carry-over of recommendations and encouragements by ERTs of the final BRs under the Convention to the TERS of the BTR1s under the Paris Agreement**  
*Martina Kuehner*, Programme officer, BR and NC unit

*Questions and answers*

- **Updated scoreboard for assessment of completeness and transparency for NC8 based on the revised UNFCCC guidelines on NCs, Decision 6/CP.25**  
*Veronica Colerio*, Programme officer, BR and NC unit

*Questions and answers*

## Wednesday, 9 March 2022 (11:00 – 14:00 CET)

### 11:00 – 11:10 Opening of the day

*Ruta Bubniene*, Team lead, BR and NC unit

### 11:10 – 11:30 Tools for BR5/NC8 reviews – concept of the review reports template

*Veronica Colerio*, Programme officer, BR and NC unit

*Based on the experiences and lessons learned while conducting joint BR3/NC7 reviews, the secretariat will suggest how to use the IDR8/TRR5 review report template and the checklist more effectively.*

*Questions and answers*

11:30 – 12:00

Break

## Conclusions

### 12:00 – 13:15 Consideration and adoption of conclusions and recommendations

*Ruta Bubniene*, Team lead, BR and NC unit

*Davor Vesligaj*, Programme officer, BR and NC unit

### 13:15 – 13:30 Closing remarks

*Ruta Bubniene*, Team lead, BR and NC unit

### 13:30 End of the meeting

## Additional information

### Experience of the international consultation and analysis as a foundation for the ETF –2022

*BUR unit, Transparency division*