

Uruguay's written answer to the question from FSV (3/12/2021)

Question

Could you explain the reason for the high level of uncertainty (of around 64%) which Uruguay reported in its 2017 GHG inventory and what are the measures that Uruguay is taking to reduce this uncertainty level? We would also like to know the uncertainty level in your previous BURs which Uruguay has submitted to the UNFCCC.

Answer

Uruguay's high level of uncertainty is because it is estimated based on default uncertainties proposed by the 2006 IPCC guidelines, both for emission factors and for activity data, . Furthermore, in Uruguay, the categories that have main impact on emissions are associated with the AFOLU sector and the default factors of AFOLU are quite high by themselves, so that the total uncertainty of the country is also high. The development of specific emission factors or those that are most representative of national circumstances could reduce the uncertainties associated with the estimates. We have included these measures in the NGHGI improvement plan. In the BUR3 it is the first time that the uncertainties have been estimated and reported in a quantitative way.