



United Nations
Climate Change

Third Meeting of Lead Reviewers of Biennial Transparency Reports

Acquired experience and lessons learned from 2024 and 2025 reviews in planning for 2025 and 2026 reviews

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TER planning – TERT composition

Planning Consultations and process improvement

- Planning of a higher number of review weeks across 2026, to capture more availability of Parties, TERT and officers
- Advanced preparatory calls with Parties to facilitate understanding of the review process and expectations, address queries, agree on dates and review formats that consider national circumstances
- For BTR2, consideration of formats as applicable and with a view to maximize resource efficiency
- Issue of a lower number of TERT availability surveys covering longer timeframes for 2026, to reduce the burden on experts and allow for early planning by TERT and secretariat
- Prioritizing TERT engagement from the region of the Party undergoing review, to reduce travel time and costs

Modality-Impact of Centralized Group Review (CGR)



Review and learning (BTR1 cycle)

Centralized group review of BTR1 from LDCs/SIDS

- Review of BTR submissions of Burkina Faso, Malawi, Niger and Rwanda
- Organized by the UNFCCC secretariat with the Government of Rwanda
- Partners: UNEP, CBIT-GSP, Commonwealth secretariat, FAO, Office of the LDC Group Chair
- Conducted as per decision 18/CMA.1 MPGs

Outputs from the review

- Areas of improvements, and capacity-building needs (CBNs) identified by TERT in consultation with the Party and CBNs identified by the Party
- Clarified reporting gaps and methodological issues



Capacity-building and support

Targeted support to Parties

- Review itself being a capacity-building opportunity for the national experts involved in BTR preparation
- In-person attendance of national experts will strengthen national capacity to engage effectively in the review process
- Hands-on training on ETF reporting tools delivered 14–16 May during the centralized group review
- Clinics on electronic reporting
- 5 representatives per Party trained

Partners delivering training:

- UNFCCC secretariat
- CBIT-GSP



Impact on the BTR2 cycle

Improved preparation of BTR2

- BTR1 review findings inform preparation of BTR2
- Enhanced electronic reporting using ETF reporting tools
- CBNs translated into transparency projects
- Stronger institutional arrangements for transparency

Results of capacity-building and support

- Enhanced BTR2 submissions
- Electronic files (JSON files)
- Transparency projects built the needed national capacity
- Successive BTR submissions



Proposed conclusions

- Welcome the information on the use of experience acquired from the reviews conducted to date, for the planning, organization and operationalization of reviews in 2025 and 2026, and the analysis of lessons learned from the operationalization of BTR reviews.
- Request the secretariat to continue collecting and analysing relevant feedback from TERTs and feedback from Parties, and gathering lessons learned from the operationalization of the additional reviews of BTRs conducted in 2026 and 2027, with a view to informing the future planning, organizing and operationalization of reviews, as appropriate.