



Report back on requests from the second BTR LRs meeting: Addressing Capacity-building Needs in BTR reviews, including discussion of LRs working group

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Scope of capacity-building needs to be included in the TERR

Issue description

- Consistent with paragraph 146 of the MPGs, the scope of the BTR technical expert review includes assistance in identifying capacity-building needs for those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities
- The question to the group is what the scope of CBNs identified by the TERT in consultation with the Party should cover
- Three potential framings:
 - CBNs related to meeting MPG provisions;
 - CBNs related to provisions for which MPG established flexibility;
 - CBNs related to the review scope of the MPGs, as applicable to the Party.



Scope of capacity-building needs to be included in the TERR

Proposed solution

As discussed in the Advisory Group:

- Consistent with MPGs (paras. 7, 146 and 162(d)), the TERT, in consultation with the Party, identifies and communicates CBNs within the scope of the review.
- This includes CBNs related to meeting MPG provisions, flexibilities, and the overall review scope applicable to the Party.
- CBNs related to flexibilities are explicitly identified as such following consultation with the Party, while all other CBNs are reported separately.
- The Review report templates and checklists reflect this distinction.



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IDENTIFICATION
(Compile draft
list of CBNs)

TERT compiles a draft list of CBNs during the review week using multiple sources of evidence:

1. Observed inconsistencies with the MPGs
2. Capacity constraints explicitly identified by the Party
3. Capacity constraints identified by the TERT (other than above)
4. Previously identified CBNs (relevant to 2nd BTR cycle and beyond)

Some constraints may relate to multiple MPG provisions.

Not all constraints identified should automatically be formulated as CBNs.

The draft list should be concise, evidence-based and suitable for engagement with the Party.



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TERT consolidates the draft list of CBNs by applying the following principles:



One-to-one mapping with Aols is not a factor

Aols are numerous and granular; each should not necessarily be translated into a separate CBN.

Frame CBNs focusing on systemic needs (reducing the number of draft CBNs)

Frame CBNs around underlying capacity constraints, rather than individual technical issues. CBNs that address cross-cutting issues (e.g. building institutional capacity, digitization, implementation of MRV system, etc.) should not be repeated.

Communicate strategic priorities

Each CBN should reflect a clear capacity-building pathway addressing related issues and guide technical assistance, programme design and resource mobilization.



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TERT proposes priorities for consolidated CBNs using the following criteria (in consultation with the Party):

Impact on meeting MPG provisions

Whether the capacity constraint significantly affects the Party's ability to meet any MPG provisions.

Link to flexibilities

Priority should be given to CBNs associated with flexibility provisions of the MPGs, as applicable.

Systemic relevance

Whether the CBN addresses a root cause affecting multiple and significant Aols.

Feasibility and sequencing

Whether CBN represents an immediate need; or a medium- to long-term capacity development pathway.

Party views and national priorities

Prioritization should be confirmed through consultation with the Party.



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Objective: Move from a fragmented and extensive list to a concise and coherent set of high-impact CBNs (e.g. 3–5 most important CBNs), prioritized as high / medium / low.

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TERT consults with the Party during the review week:

- Present and discuss consolidated and prioritized CBNs (mid-review week);
- Seek clarification where needed and refine wording and scope;
- The Party may confirm, adjust, add or deprioritize CBNs, as appropriate.

**Identification and prioritization of CBNs remains Party-oriented.
TERT's role is facilitative.**

TERT documents the agreed CBNs in the review report:

- Reflect agreed CBNs and their priorities in TERR section II.E (or addendum tables);
- Ensure clear linkage, where relevant, to associated Aols and flexibility provisions.





Proposed conclusions

Reflect the meeting discussions and comments from LRs advisory group, details in the background paper

- **The scope of the CBNs.** Consistent with MPGs (paras. 7, 146 and 162(d)), the TERT, in consultation with the Party, identifies and communicates CBNs within the scope of the review. This includes CBNs related to meeting MPG provisions, flexibilities, and the overall review scope applicable to the Party. CBNs related to flexibilities are explicitly identified as such following consultation with the Party, while all other CBNs are reported separately. Review report templates and checklists reflect this distinction to ensure clarity and consistency;
- **The distinction between Aols and CBNs.** Aols reflect inconsistency in relation to MPG provisions, take the form of recommendations or encouragements aiming at improving Party's capacity in meeting MPG provisions for the next BTR, and do not necessarily imply a capacity constraint. CBNs, by contrast, inform underlying capacity constraints that require efforts, resources mobilization or systemic strengthening to enable the Party to address the MPG provisions;



Proposed conclusions

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- **The evidence-based identification of CBNs, including the consolidation of related CBNs into a smaller set of strategic and cross-cutting needs.** In doing so, the TERT should consider observed inconsistencies with the MPGs, capacity constraints explicitly identified by the Party, and CBNs identified in previous review cycles;
- **The approach/criteria for prioritization of high-impact CBNs.** TERT should identify in the review report, taking into consideration the consultation with the Party, priority levels for the CBNs in accordance to their impact on improving Parties' capacity in meeting MPG provisions, the relation with flexibility provisions, the root cause affecting multiple Aols, and the urgency of overcoming the capacity need;
- **The facilitative consultation process with Parties during the review week, in accordance with a stepwise approach.** While acknowledging that the report is the responsibility of the TERT, the consultation will enable the refinement of draft consolidated CBNs resulting in more targeted CBNs, paying attention to national circumstances and capabilities.