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Review guidance for BTR reviews

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Guiding principles

For the development of the BTR RG

User friendliness

Contains list of key issues to promote consistency in reviews

Evolving nature

Reflect guidance based on good practices from existing review processes

Drafted by the secretariat in line with the MPGs, and other relevant decisions (5/ CMA.3)



Cycle

For the development of the BTR RG

The **BTR RG** includes MRV established review practice relevant to BTR reviews, and topics discussed in the first LR's meeting.

Background papers or presentations on the different topics are shared with LR's before the LR's meeting.

Secretariat will elaborate the guidance in the RG after the LR's meeting

The guidance will be tested in BTR reviews and further improved

Secretariat identifies topics that are new to the BTR review process, and critical to have relevant guidance to ensure consistency, quality and objectivity of BTR reviews

These topics will be further discussed during the meeting when needed.

Secretariat elaborates the guidance for the identified issues, following the general guidance provided by LR's during the meeting

The experience using the RG will be presented to LR's at the next meeting, in which further guidance/ updates will be discussed



Structure

Chapters of the BTR RG

Cross-cutting

- Attention to respective national capabilities and circumstances of developing countries

GHG inventory

- Established review guidance relevant to BTR reviews outlined in the GHG Review Handbook, including the compilation of relevant previous conclusions and recommendations for GHG Inventory reviews, as a tool with approaches and examples to support the work of review experts

NDC Tracking

- Established review guidance outlined in the BR/NC review practice guidance relevant to BTR reviews
- Application of the guiding principles of the MPGs to the review of the consistency with the MPGs of the information necessary to track progress in implementing and achieving NDCs

FTC support provided

- Established review guidance outlined in the BR/NC review practice guidance relevant to BTR reviews

Adaptation



Elements to be considered for the LRs conclusions

- Take note of background documents prepared by the secretariat
- Secretariat to prepare the BTR RG, reflecting the good practice for reviews under the MRV and the elaboration of the guiding principles and approaches discussed at this first meeting of LRs
- BTR RG to be used on a provisional basis in the first cycle of BTR reviews and secretariat to provide an update on the experience collected in the next BTR LR meeting
- Secretariat to collect information on and analyze review related issues raised by the TERTs during reviews of the BTRs with a view to presenting them for discussion at future meetings of the LRs

