



Successful practices and approaches used for BTR reviews and substantive review-related issues identified by TERTs and the knowledge hubs

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New Practices and approaches implemented in 2026

Process improvement (I)

1. Clarity on **resubmissions and implications** for the review process
2. When needed, **tailored sessions on the selected Review Tools** (workspaces)
3. Process **improvement/guidance** taking onboard Party and experts **feedback from surveys**
4. To the **extent possible, translation of material** to support preparation for reviews that are conducted in English
5. A reliable **pool of Quality Assurance Officers - QA guidance/procedures and collaborative report** (*ensure consistency with MPGs, across published reports*)
6. Use of AI: machine translation, **data extraction and analysis for RID**
7. Streamlined **approach for differentiating areas** of improvement from capacity-building needs



New Practices and approaches implemented in 2026

Process improvement (II)

8. Clear **guidance on identifying and formulating** capacity-building needs (*main indicator of NCCC consideration*)
9. Experience **sharing by Parties** (*such as the LDC Group, in case of CGR*) **with other constituencies** (e.g. AOSIS)
10. Enhanced **communications** on reviews – **strong communication** network of transparency partners established
11. In-person **participation of LDC Party representatives** in reviews at a centralized location
12. Streamlined **approach for differentiating** areas of improvement from capacity-building needs
13. Clear **guidance on identifying and formulating** capacity-building needs (main indicator of NCCC consideration)

Evidence based analysis to enhance the review process and documentation

RID → structured data → analytics → TER Annual Report insights

- Provides a **consolidated dataset** of review findings for TER Annual Report preparation
- Enables **efficient** data extraction and synthesis across review cycles
- Supports **identification** of trends, hotspots and systemic issues
- **Enhances** the quality, consistency and credibility of TER Annual Report analysis



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New Practices and approaches implemented in 2026

Revised technical expert review report template

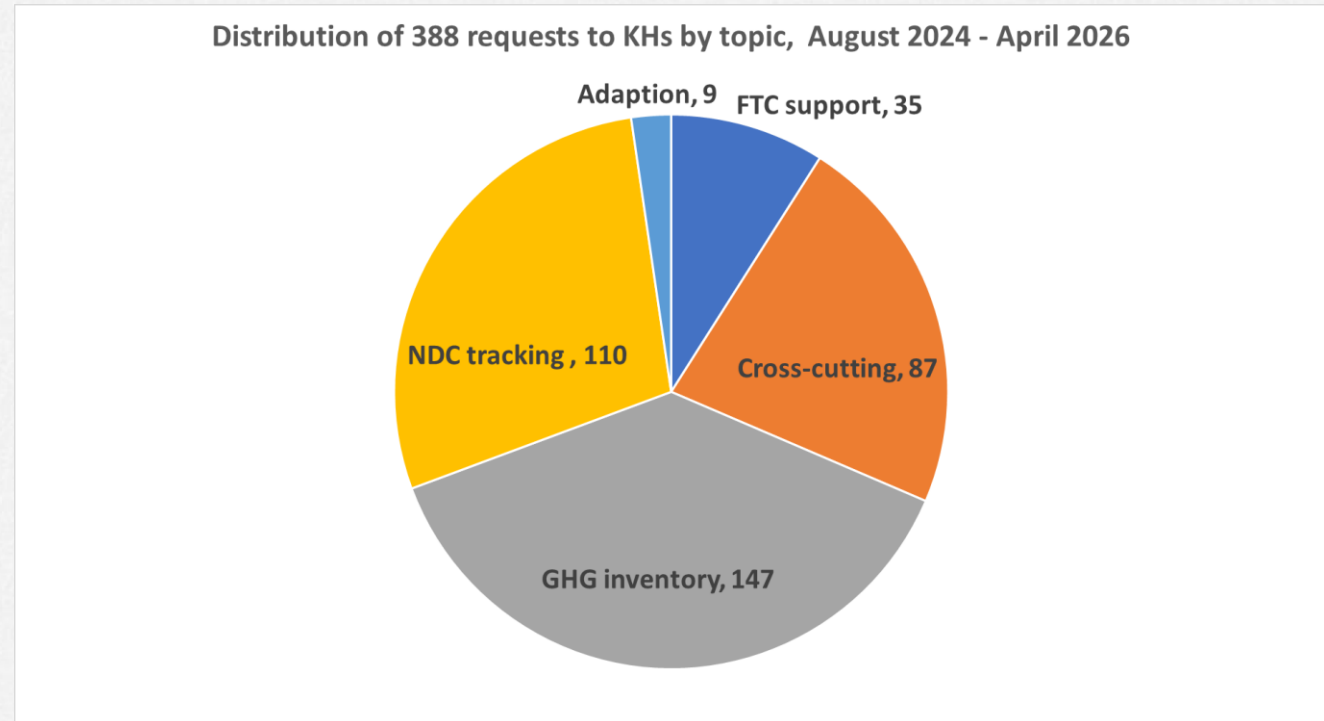
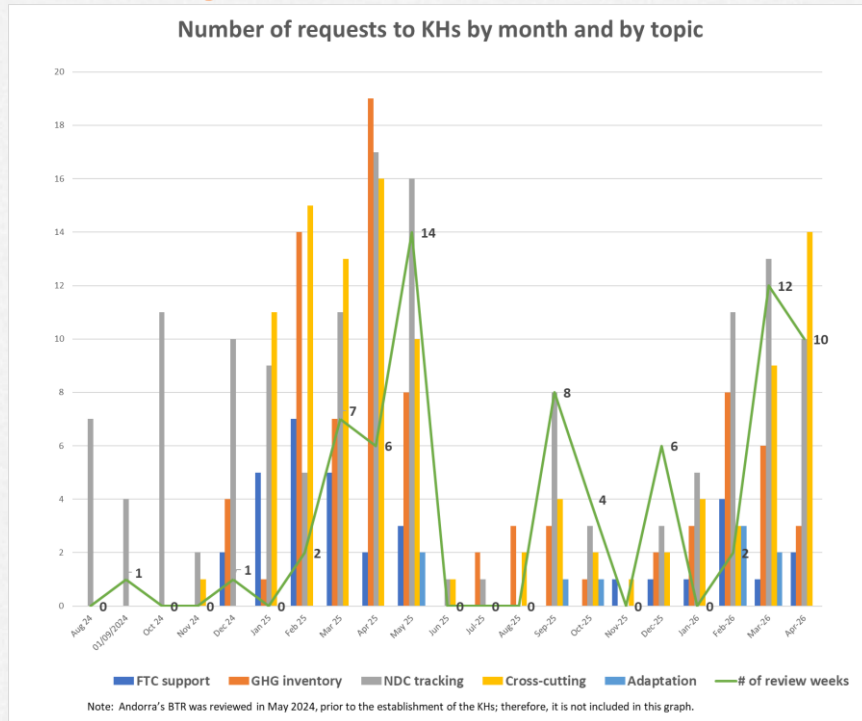
The secretariat implemented a revision of the BTR template by the end of 2026, taking into consideration the experience with previous reviews.

These included:

1. A **systematic streamlining and simplification** of language to meet the expectation of readers
2. A general **revision of the structure and contents** of Annex I, on climate change impacts and adaptation
3. A **revision** of the preparation of information on National Inventory Reports (table 2)
4. **Streamlining and restructuring** of the parts related to tracking progress of NDCs, actions, PaMs and projections
5. Consideration of **capacity-building needs**

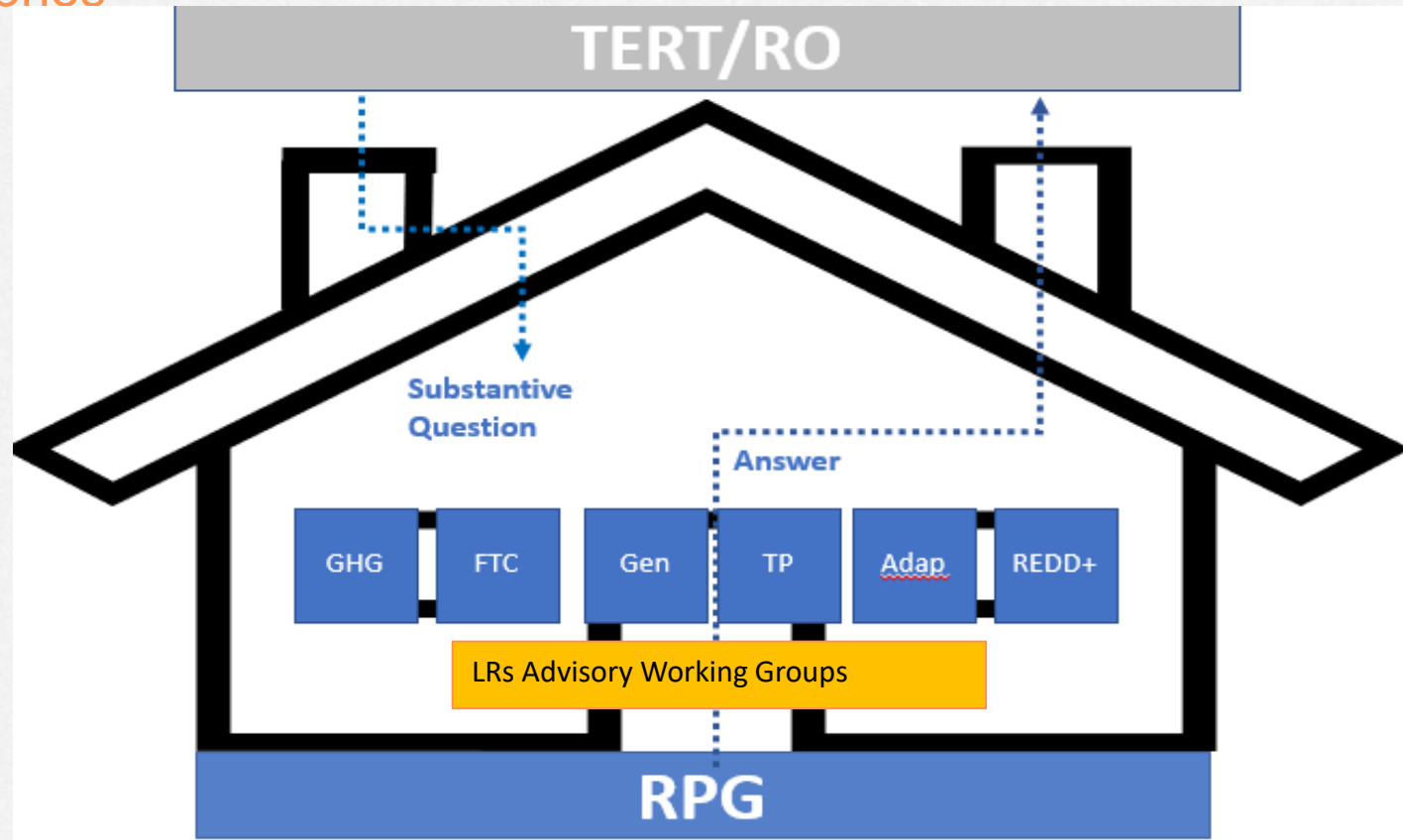
BTR TER Knowledge Hubs continue building knowledge and institutionalizing learning

388 queries have been responded by the KHs in August 2024 - April 2026, that built shared understanding of the TER approaches and facilitated consistency across the TERs



Advisory groups of review experts advance knowledge building

11 substantive issues have been discussed with the AGRE on Cross-cutting (2), GHG, NDC(4-NDC tracking and 4- Projections) and FTC (1) and proposed solutions for RPG to guide TERTs. No issues requiring the consideration of LRs were identified for GHG inventories



Knowledge Hubs – cross-cutting

Overview of topics for clarification raised to General issues KH

- Application of Flexibility
- Formulation of CBN
- Aggregation of 2 findings
- Recommendation of ICR
- Incomplete submission/missing
- Inconsistency NID-BTR

Aggregated encouragement-similar issue for 2 different reporting provisions

Report template - paragraph 4 on FTC support

MPG para 3, South Africa - delay in submission of CTF -> recommendation?

France - encouragement for 'May' requirements - any similar examples from other reviews

France - requirements of submitting CTF tables

Applicability of para. 6 of the MPGs to procedural type provisions

Should encouragements be given for "may" reporting requirements?

SA - CBNs in the report and the addendum

Azerbaijan - application of para 48

Guidance on recommendation for an in-country review for BTR2

Para 3 & issuing encouragement for shall para - BEL

FRA - MPG para. 162(d) provision on non-shall requirement

Knowledge Hubs – NDC tracking

Overview of topics for clarification raised to NDC tracking KH

- Broad array of topics across MPG
- Country specific (Overseas territories)
- and relevant to more than one Party (EU MS)
- Triggering:
 - template language improvements;
 - More guidance to TERT in the template
 - Discussion at the AGRE/RG

EU MS para in the template

How to treat different indicators used for tracking implementation and progress

SA - para 95 - Flexibility application

para 102 - SA - Applying Flexibility - what does methodology and coverage imply

SA - para 98 in conjunction with 102 - encouragement to provide projections by gas and sector

France: Paragraph 98, 99 and 101 - sectors for the projections

MPGs para 77(d) - which are those two groups of Parties?

Table 8 from the TERR template - if indirect CO2 included in the total

follow up on conditional target in the TERR template

75(d) for Parties with NDC targets including emissions/removals from LULUCF - Mauritius

France - issue of France's NDC for its Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT)

Singapore: MPGs 77(c) contribution LULUCF and its row in CTF table 4.1

Summary on implementation and achievement of NDC - template conclusion para 64 - Mauritius

para 98 - regional level information on projections - Belgium
cross-checking PaMs reported in the BTR against those listed in the NDC - Kenya



Knowledge Hubs – FTC support provided

Overview of topics for clarification raised to FTC support provided KH

- Review of support provided/mobilized
- Reflect support received/needed;

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| Para 120 - does Party need to say information is not available? |
| Table 10 totals/share of totals |
| Are underlying assumptions, definitions and methodologies required reporting for TT and CB? |
| How or if to formulate a finding on additional information column in table III.4 |
| Differences between mpg para 121(k) and 122 - Switzerland |
| checklists BTR general, paras 10(d) and 118 - which box (d'ed vs d'ing vs d'ing+otherParty) the Party ticked? |
| How to reflect financial support provided for two years in table 9 of the TERR |
| Percentages related to the priority sectors for TT and CB |
| France - table 10 - whether the values are Grant, grant plus grant equivalent or grant plus loan |
| CHE - Table 9. Climate specific outflows - explaining the rational for empty table? |



Knowledge hub: GHG National Inventory Reports

Overview

- About 90 questions related to how to proceed with certain aspects of reviews of GHG national inventories were received by the GHG KH in 2025
- In 2026 all issues were responded by analysis of guidance, considering:
 - The Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines, decision 5/CMA.3, and CRT tables
 - The 2006 IPCC Guidelines, and other IPCC Guidelines
 - Previous conclusions by LRs, including the 1st and 2nd meetings of LRs for BTRs (e.g. how to address confidentiality), and the compilation of conclusions and recommendations by LRs of GHG inventories (considered at the first meeting)
 - Legal analysis were sought, when appropriate
 - The template, other internal standard operation procedures and the Review Guidance/ Review Handbook
 - For one issue, related to LULUCF, it was necessary to consult a group of LRs and technical experts
- In 2025 two questions had to be brought to the consideration by LRs
- In 2026, no questions required the consideration of lead reviewers



Knowledge hub: GHG National Inventory Reports

Types of questions brought to Knowledge Hubs

- The questions covered the different principles that frame the reviews of GHG NIRs:
 - **Transparency:** mostly related to use of notation keys, reference of IEFs, gaps (some related to the use of compilation and reporting tools)
 - **Accuracy:** mostly related to the use of different guidelines (IPCC, CLRTAP), use of tier 1 for KC (already discussed at yours 2nd LR meeting)
 - **Completeness:** insignificance and reporting NKs; indirect CO₂ and N₂O emissions; NDs
 - **Consistency of time-series:** use of more accurate methods for recent years; extrapolation and interpolation of data
 - **Comparability:** moving averages for agriculture; CRT table 9 (related to reporting tools, such as early versions of the IPCC software; allocation of emissions)
- Other questions were related to the use of procedures, templates, tools.



Knowledge hub: GHG National Inventory Reports

Questions not directly related to TACCC

- Template: how to reference issues in the addendum in table 2 of the main report
- Reference to paras. in the addendum
- Linkage to TACCC principles to paras. in the MPG
- What consideration should be given to simplified review reports for BTR1
- How to address reported recalculations
- Differences in inventory requirements for NDC
- Use of international data sources: eg. IEA, FAO
- Reviewing and reporting confidentiality matters

Knowledge hub: GHG National Inventory Reports

Issues raised in the Knowledge Hubs related to GHG National Inventory Reports, per type of issue

| | Related to: | | | | | | |
|-------|--------------|----------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------|--|
| Year | Transparency | Accuracy | Completeness | Consistency | Comparability | Other | other (cases) |
| 2025 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 29 | Completeness of reporting; Inventories and NDCs; Recalculations; KCA; UA; Recommendations from previous reviews; Simplified Reviews; Guidance (e.g. Review Handbook); Reporting tools (ETF reporting tool, IPCC software); Harmonization with CLRTAP; QA/QC; Confidential data and emissions; Template (table 2, reference to MPG) |
| 2026 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 13 | Completeness of reporting; Use of results from simplified reviews; Guidance (eg. previous LR meetings); Confidentiality; Use of the template; Recalculations; UA |
| Total | 11 | 16 | 16 | 6 | 9 | 42 | - |

Knowledge hub: GHG National Inventory Reports

Issues raised in the Knowledge Hubs related to GHG National Inventory Reports, by relation to guidance addressing the question

| | Related to: | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------------|------|------------|------|----------|--------|-------|--|
| Year | MPGs | IPCC | D. 5/CMA.3 | CRTs | Template | LR mtg | Other | other (cases) |
| 2025 | 32 | 12 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 4 | Legal interpretation; Convention; Consultation with group of experts (1 issue, LULUCF) |
| 2026 | 24 | 18 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | |
| Total | 56 | 30 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 5 | 5 | |



Proposed conclusions

The LRs noted:

- The efforts by the secretariat to identify and implement new practices and approaches since 2024 have contributed to progressively enhancing the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of BTR reviews.
- That the implementation of the Knowledge Hubs approach by the secretariat to collect substantive issues raised by TERTs and Parties during the review process, and to provide clarification and guidance to TERTs, has contributed to enhancing the quality and consistency of review report.



Proposed conclusions

The LRs requested the secretariat to

- Continue identifying new practices and approaches for BTR reviews, taking into consideration experiences gained from BTR reviews and feedback from Parties and TERTs in 2026, with a view to further enhancing the quality, timeliness and consistency of reviews
- Compile the additional practices and approaches implemented in 2026 and make them available for consideration at the next meeting of the BTR LRs
- Continue identifying substantive review-related issues raised by TERTs and Parties through the secretariat's Knowledge Hubs during the reviews of BTRs in 2026 and 2027
- Identify issues requiring consideration by the LRs or groups of technical experts and to present these for technical discussion at the next meeting of the BTR LRs, with a view to informing review practices and review guidance, as appropriate