Methodological Issues under the Paris Agreement: Outlines of the biennial transparency report, national inventory document and technical expert review report pursuant to the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement 03/11/2021

### Outlines of the biennial transparency report, national inventory document and technical expert review report pursuant to the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement

1. The annex to this document contains the draft outlines of the biennial transparency report, national inventory document and technical expert review report. These draft outlines are based on the submissions received and views heard from Parties before and during the first informal consultation on this matter, held on 1 November 2021.

2. The information contained in the annex will be included as an annex to the draft decision on this matter that the SBSTA will forward to CMA 3 for its consideration and adoption.

### Annex I

### Draft outline of the biennial transparency report, pursuant to the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement (annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

**Overview chapter** 

- I. National inventory report of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases<sup>1</sup> (paras. 17–58, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)<sup>2</sup>
- II. Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement<sup>3</sup> (paras. 59–103, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)<sup>4</sup>
  - A. National circumstances and institutional arrangements (paras. 59–63, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
  - B. Description of a Party's nationally determined contribution under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement, including updates (para. 64, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
  - C. Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement<sup>5</sup> (paras. 65–79, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
  - D. Mitigation policies and measures, actions and plans, including those with mitigation cobenefits resulting from adaptation actions and economic diversification plans, related to implementing and achieving a nationally determined contribution under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement (paras. 80–90, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
  - E. Summary of greenhouse gas emissions and removals<sup>6</sup> (para. 91, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
  - F. Projections of greenhouse gas emissions and removals, as applicable (paras. 92–102, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)<sup>7</sup>
  - G. Other information (para. 103, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Including common reporting tables [or narrative] and an outline pursuant to the annex to decision 18/CMA.1, and the national inventory document.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The applicable flexibility provisions for those developing country Parties that need them in the light of their capacities are set out in paras. 25, 29, 32, 34–35, 48 and 57–58 of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Including common tabular formats and an outline pursuant to the annex to decision 18/CMA.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The applicable flexibility provisions for those developing country Parties that need them in the light of their capacities are set out in paras. 85, 92, 95 and 102 of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Pursuant to para. 77(d) of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1, such information is subject to relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement on Article 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> This only applies to Parties that submit a stand-alone national inventory report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Those developing countries that need flexibility in the light of their capacities are encouraged to report these projections.

# III. Information related to climate change impacts and adaptation under Article 7 of the Paris Agreement<sup>8</sup>

- A. National circumstances, institutional arrangements and legal frameworks (para. 106, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- B. Impacts, risks and vulnerabilities, as appropriate (para. 107, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- C. Adaptation priorities and barriers (para. 108, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- D. Adaptation strategies, policies, plans, goals and actions to integrate adaptation into national policies and strategies (para. 109, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- E. Progress on implementation of adaptation (paras. 110–111, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- F. Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation actions and processes (paras. 112–114, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- G. Information related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts (para. 115, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- H. Cooperation, good practices, experience and lessons learned (para. 116, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- I. Any other information related to climate change impacts and adaptation under Article 7 of the Paris Agreement (para. 117, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)<sup>9</sup>

# IV. Information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support provided and mobilized under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement<sup>10</sup>

- A. National circumstances and institutional arrangements (paras. 119–120, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- B. Underlying assumptions, definitions and methodologies (paras. 121–122, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- C. Information on financial support provided and mobilized under Article 9 of the Paris Agreement (paras. 123–125, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- D. Information on support for technology development and transfer provided under Article 10 of the Paris Agreement (paras. 126–127, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- E. Information on capacity-building support provided under Article 11 of the Paris Agreement (paras. 128–129, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- V. Information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support needed and received under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement<sup>11</sup>
- A. National circumstances, institutional arrangements and country-driven strategies (para. 130, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Information relevant to this section is outlined in paras. 13–14 of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1, as applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> This information can also include clarification on the linkages between information related to climate change impacts and adaptation under Article 7 of the Paris Agreement reported in the BTR and that reported in the (optional) adaptation communication, if submitted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Including CTF tables and an outline pursuant to the annex to decision 18/CMA.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Including CTF tables and an outline pursuant to the annex to decision 18/CMA.1.

- B. Underlying assumptions, definitions and methodologies (para. 131, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- C. Information on financial support needed by developing country Parties under Article 9 of the Paris Agreement (paras. 132–133, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- D. Information on financial support received by developing country Parties under Article 9 of the Paris Agreement (para. 134, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- E. Information on technology development and transfer support needed by developing country Parties under Article 10 of the Paris Agreement (paras. 135–136, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- F. Information on technology development and transfer support received by developing country Parties under Article 10 of the Paris Agreement (paras. 137–138, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- G. Information on capacity-building support needed by developing country Parties under Article 11 of the Paris Agreement (paras. 139–140, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- H. Information on capacity-building support received by developing country Parties under Article 11 of the Paris Agreement (paras. 141–142, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- I. Information on support needed and received by developing country Parties for the implementation of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement and transparency-related activities, including for transparency-related capacity-building (paras. 143–145, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

# VI. Information to be reported when the NCs and BTRs are submitted jointly every four years<sup>12</sup>

- A. Vulnerability assessment, climate change impacts and adaptation measures<sup>13</sup>
- B. Research and systematic observation
- C. Education, training and public awareness

# VII. Information on flexibility<sup>14</sup> [a separate chapter of the BTR] [integrated into the relevant chapters of the BTR] [a combination of methods] [a table] can be included to summarize the use of flexibility provisions [with further clarity in the BTR]

A. Indication of (1) reporting provisions to which self-determined flexibility is applied, (2) capacity constraints in relation to the application of flexibility and (3) self-determined estimated time frames for improvements in relation to those capacity constraints (para. 6, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

# VIII. Improvements in reporting over time [as a separate chapter] [integrated][combined] into the chapter on flexibility][overview chapter]]

A. Areas of improvement identified by the Party and technical expert review team in relation to Party's implementation of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement (para. 7(a), annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> As per decision 1/CP.24, para. 43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> This section is not necessary if relevant information is reported in section IV of the BTR.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Applicable only to developing country Parties that need flexibility in the light of their capacities.

- B. How the Party is addressing or intends to address areas of improvement as referred to in paragraph 7(a) of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1 (para. 7(b), annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- C. Areas of improvement that are related to the flexibility provisions used<sup>15</sup> (para. 7(c), annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- D. Reporting-related capacity-building support needs identified, including those referred to in chapter VI above and any progress made, including those previously identified as part of the technical expert review in chapter VII of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1 (para. 7(d), annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- E. Parties' domestic plans and priorities with regard to improved reporting pursuant to paragraph 7 of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1 are not subject to technical expert review, but the information may inform discussions on areas of improvement and identification of capacity-building needs between the technical expert review team and the Party concerned (para. 8, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

#### IX. [Required support for developing countries<sup>16</sup>]

- A. [Support for implementation]
- B. [Support for capacity-building]
- X. Any other information the Party considers relevant to the achievement of the objective of the Paris Agreement, and suitable for inclusion in its biennial transparency report

# Annexes for tabular format as outlined in the annex to decision 18/CMA.1

- A. Technical annexes for REDD+,<sup>17</sup> as applicable
- B. CRT for the electronic reporting of the national inventory report of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases
- C. CTF for the electronic reporting of:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Those developing country Parties that need flexibility in the light of their capacities are encouraged to highlight the areas of improvement that are related to their flexibility provisions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Parties expressed two options: option 1 includes a section on required support for developing countries and option 2 does not include this section, as per the annex to decision 18/CMA.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Reducing emissions from deforestation; reducing emissions from forest degradation; conservation of forest carbon stocks; sustainable management of forests; and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (decision 1/CP.16, para. 70).

- 1. Information necessary to track progress in implementing and achieving NDCs under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement<sup>18</sup>
- 2. Information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support provided and mobilized under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement
- 3. Information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support needed and received under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> To be guided by the outcome of SBSTA agenda item 15 ("Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement").

### Annex II

### Draft outline of the national inventory document, pursuant to the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

ES.1. Background information on GHG inventories and climate change (e.g. as it pertains to the national context)

ES.2. Summary of trends related to national emissions and removals

ES.3. Overview of source and sink category emission estimates and trends

ES.4. Other information (e.g. indirect GHGs, precursor gases)

ES.5. Key category analysis (para. 25, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)<sup>1</sup>

ES.6. Improvements introduced (paras. 4–6, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

## Chapter 1: National circumstances, institutional arrangements and cross-cutting information

1.1. Background information on GHG inventories and climate change (e.g. as it pertains to the national context, to provide information to the general public)

1.2. A description of national circumstances and institutional arrangements

1.2.1. National entity or national focal point

1.2.2. Inventory preparation process

1.2.3. Archiving of information

1.2.4. Processes for official consideration and approval of inventory

1.3. Brief general description of methodologies (including tiers used) and data sources used

1.4. Brief description of key categories (para. 25, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

1.5. Brief general description of quality assurance/quality control plan and implementation

1.6. General uncertainty assessment, including data pertaining to the overall uncertainty of inventory totals (para. 29, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

1.7. General assessment of completeness (paras. 30-33, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

1.7.1. Information on completeness (including information on non-reported categories or any methodological or data gaps in the inventory)

1.7.2. Description of insignificant categories, if applicable (para. 32 of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> References to paragraphs in the annex to decision 18/CMA.1 indicate non-mandatory elements or elements to which flexibility considerations may apply.

1.7.3. Total aggregate emissions considered insignificant, if applicable

1.8. Metrics (para. 37, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

1.9. Summary of any flexibility applied (i.e. by developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities) (paras. 4–6, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

#### Chapter 2: Trends in greenhouse gas emissions and removals

2.1. Description of emission and removal trends for aggregated GHG emissions and removals

2.2. Description of emission and removal trends by sector and by gas

#### Chapter 3: Energy (CRT sector XX)<sup>2</sup>

3.1. Overview of the sector (e.g. quantitative overview and description, including trends and methodological tiers by category) and background information

3.2. Fuel combustion, including detailed information on:

3.2.1. Comparison of the sectoral approach with the reference approach (para. 36, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

3.2.2. International bunker fuels (para. 53, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

3.2.3. Feedstocks and non-energy use of fuels (para. 54, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

3.2.4. Category (CRT category number)

3.2.4.1. Category description (e.g. characteristics of sources)

3.2.4.2. Methodological issues (e.g. choice of methods/activity data/emission factors and activity data and emission factors used, assumptions, parameters and conventions underlying the emission estimates and the rationale for their selection, information on carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ ) capture, any specific methodological issues (e.g. description of national methods and models))

3.2.4.3. Description of any flexibility applied (i.e. by those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities) (paras. 4–6, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

3.2.4.4. Uncertainties and time-series consistency (para. 29, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

3.2.4.5. Category-specific QA/QC and verification, if applicable (paras. 34–35, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

3.2.4.6. Category-specific recalculations, if applicable, including explanatory information and justifications for recalculations, changes made in response to the review process and impacts on emission trends

3.2.4.7. Category-specific planned improvements, if applicable (e.g. methodologies, activity data, emission factors), including tracking of those identified in the review process

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Parties may elect to use the disaggregated outline presented below or the generic, less detail sector outline presented for other sectors.

3.3. Fugitive emissions from solid fuels and oil and natural gas and other emissions from energy production (CRT XX)

3.3.1. Category (CRT category number)

3.3.1.1. Category description (e.g. characteristics of sources)

3.3.1.2. Methodological issues (e.g. choice of methods/activity data/emission factors and activity data and emission factors used, assumptions, parameters and conventions underlying the emission estimates and the rationale for their selection, any specific methodological issues (e.g. description of national methods and models))

3.3.1.3. Description of any flexibility applied (i.e. by those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities) (paras. 4–6, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

3.3.1.4. Uncertainties and time-series consistency (para. 29, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

3.3.1.5. Category-specific QA/QC and verification, if applicable (paras. 34–35, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

3.3.1.6. Category-specific recalculations, if applicable, including explanatory information and justifications for recalculations, changes made in response to the review process and impacts on emission trends

3.3.1.7. Category-specific planned improvements, if applicable (e.g. methodologies, activity data, emission factors), including tracking of those identified in the review process

#### 3.4. CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage (CRT XX)

3.4.1. Category (CRT category number)

3.4.1.1. Category description (e.g. characteristics of sources)

3.4.1.2. Methodological issues (e.g. choice of methods/activity data/emission factors and activity data and emission factors used, assumptions, parameters and conventions underlying the emission estimates and the rationale for their selection, any specific methodological issues (e.g. description of national methods and models))

3.4.1.3. Description of any flexibility applied (i.e. by those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities) (paras. 4–6, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

3.4.1.4. Uncertainties and time-series consistency (para. 29, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

3.4.1.5. Category-specific QA/QC and verification, if applicable (paras. 34–35, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

3.4.1.6. Category-specific recalculations, if applicable, including explanatory information and justifications for recalculations, changes made in response to the review process and impacts on emission trends

3.4.1.7. Category-specific planned improvements, if applicable (e.g. methodologies, activity data, emission factors), including tracking of those identified in the review process

#### Chapter 4: Industrial processes and product use (CRT sector XX)

4.1. Overview of the sector (e.g. quantitative overview and description, including trends and methodological tiers by category) and background information

4.2. Category (CRT category number)

4.2.1. Category description (e.g. characteristics of sources)

4.2.2. Methodological issues (e.g. choice of methods/activity data/emission factors and activity data and emission factors used, assumptions, parameters and conventions underlying the emission estimates and the rationale for their selection, information on  $CO_2$ capture, any specific methodological issues (e.g. description of national methods and models))

4.2.3. Description of any flexibility applied (i.e. by developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities) (paras. 4–6, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

4.2.4. Uncertainties and time-series consistency (para. 29, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

4.2.5. Category-specific QA/QC and verification, if applicable (paras. 34–35, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

4.2.6. Category-specific recalculations, if applicable, including explanatory information and justifications for recalculations, changes made in response to the review process and impacts on emission trends

4.2.7. Category-specific planned improvements, if applicable (e.g. methodologies, activity data, emission factors), including tracking of those identified in the review process

#### Chapter 5: Agriculture (CRT sector XX)

5.1. Overview of the sector (e.g. quantitative overview and description, including trends and methodological tiers by category) and background information

5.2. Category (CRT category number)

5.2.1. Category description (e.g. characteristics of sources)

5.2.2. Methodological issues (e.g. choice of methods/activity data/emission factors and activity data and emission factors used, assumptions, parameters and conventions underlying the emission and removal estimates and the rationale for their selection, any specific methodological issues (e.g. description of national methods and models))

5.2.3. Description of any flexibility applied (i.e. by those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities) (paras. 4–6, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

5.2.4. Uncertainties and time-series consistency (para. 29, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

5.2.5. Category-specific QA/QC and verification, if applicable (paras. 34–35, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

5.2.6. Category-specific recalculations, if applicable, including explanatory information and justifications for recalculations, changes made in response to the review

process and impacts on emission trends

5.2.7. Category-specific planned improvements, if applicable (e.g. methodologies, activity data, emission factors), including tracking of those identified in the review process

#### Chapter 6: Land use, land-use change and forestry (CRT sector XX)

6.1. Overview of the sector (e.g. quantitative overview and description, including trends and methodological tiers by category, and coverage of pools) and background information

6.2. Land-use definitions and the land representation approach(es) used and their correspondence to the land use, land-use change and forestry categories (e.g. land use and land-use change matrix)

6.3. Country-specific approaches

6.3.1. Information on approaches used for representing land areas and on land-use databases used for the inventory preparation

6.3.2. Information on approaches used for natural disturbances, if applicable

6.3 3. Information on approaches used for reporting HWP

6.4. Category (CRT category number)

6.4.1. Description (e.g. characteristics of category)

6.4.2. Methodological issues (e.g. choice of methods/activity data/emission factors and activity data and emission factors used, assumptions, parameters and conventions underlying the emission and removal estimates and the rationale for their selection, any specific methodological issues (e.g. description of national methods and models))

6.4.3. Uncertainties and time-series consistency (para. 29, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

6.4.4. Description of any flexibility applied (i.e. by developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities) (paras. 4–6, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

6.4.5. Category-specific QA/QC and verification, if applicable (paras. 34–35, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

6.4.6. Category-specific recalculations, if applicable, including explanatory information and justifications for recalculations, changes made in response to the review process and impacts on emission trends

6.4.7. Category-specific planned improvements, if applicable (e.g. methodologies, activity data, emission factors), including those in response to the review process

#### Chapter 7: Waste (CRT sector XX)

7.1. Overview of the sector (e.g. quantitative overview and description, including trends and methodological tiers by category) and background information

7.2. Category (CRT category number)

7.2.1. Category description (e.g. characteristics of sources)

7.2.2. Methodological issues (e.g. choice of methods/activity data/emission factors and activity data and emission factors used, assumptions, parameters and conventions underlying the emission estimates and the rationale for their selection, any specific methodological issues (e.g. description of national methods and models)) 7.2.3. Uncertainties and time-series consistency (para. 29, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

7.2.4. Description of any flexibility applied (i.e. by developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities) (paras. 4–6, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

7.2.5. Category-specific QA/QC and verification, if applicable (paras. 34–35, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

7.2.6. Category-specific recalculations, if applicable, including explanatory information and justifications for recalculations, changes made in response to the review process

7.2.7. Category-specific planned improvements, if applicable (e.g. methodologies, activity data, emission factors), including those in response to the review process

Chapter 8: Other (CRT sector XX) (if applicable)

Chapter 9: Indirect CO<sub>2</sub> and nitrous oxide emissions (para. 52, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

9.1. Description of sources of indirect emissions in the GHG inventory

9.2. Methodological issues (e.g. choice of methods/activity data/emission factors and activity data and emission factors used, assumptions, parameters and conventions underlying the emission estimates and the rationale for their selection, any specific methodological issues (e.g. description of national methods and models))

9.3. Uncertainties and time-series consistency (para. 29, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

9.4. Category-specific QA/QC and verification, if applicable (paras. 34–35, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

9.5. Category-specific recalculations, if applicable, including explanatory information and justifications for recalculations, changes made in response to the review process and impacts on emission trends

9.6. Category-specific planned improvements, if applicable (e.g. methodologies, activity data, emission factors), including tracking of those identified in the review process

#### **Chapter 10: Recalculations and improvements**

10.1. Explanations and justifications for recalculations, including in response to the review process

10.2. Implications for emission and removal levels

10.3. Implications for emission and removal trends, including time-series consistency [Option 1

10.4. Areas of improvement [and/or capacity-building], including in response to the review process and, where applicable, related to the flexibility provisions applied with self-determined estimated time frames for improvements]

#### [Option 2

10.4. Areas of improvement [and/or capacity-building] in response to the review process

10.5. Areas of improvement [and/or capacity-building] related to the flexibility provisions applied with self-determined estimated time frames for improvements]

#### Annexes to the national inventory document

#### Annex 1: Key categories (para. 25, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

- Description of the approach used for identifying key categories, if different from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) tier 1 approach
- Information on the level of disaggregation
- Tables 4.2–4.3 of volume 1 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, including and excluding land use, land-use change and forestry

#### Annex 2: Assessment of uncertainty (para. 29, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

- Description of methodology used for identifying uncertainties
- Table 3.3 of volume 1 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (para. 29, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

Annex 3: Detailed description of the reference approach (including inputs to the reference approach such as the national energy balance) and the results of the comparison of national estimates of emissions with those obtained using the reference approach (para. 36, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

Annex 4: QA/QC plan (paras. 34–35, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

Annex 5: Any additional information, as applicable, including detailed methodological descriptions of source or sink categories and the national emission balance

**Annex 6: Common reporting tables** 

#### References

### Annex III

Draft outline of the technical expert review report, pursuant to the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement

- I. Abbreviations and acronyms
- II. Introduction and summary
- A. Introduction
- B. Scope
- C. Summary

#### III. Technical review of the information reported (para. 187, annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

- A. A review of the consistency of the information submitted by the Party under Article 13, paragraphs 7 and 9, of the Paris Agreement with the annex to decision 18/CMA.1, taking into account the flexibility accorded to the Party under Article 13, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement (para. 146(a), annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- 1. National inventory of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases (para. 150(a), annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- 2. Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement (para. 150(b), annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- 3. Information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support provided under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement (para. 150(c), annex to decision 18/CMA.1)<sup>1</sup>
- B. Consideration of the Party's implementation and achievement of its NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement (para. 146(b), annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- C. Consideration of the Party's support provided, as relevant (para. 146(c), annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- D. Identification of areas of improvement for the Party related to implementation of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement (para. 146(d), annex to decision 18/CMA.1)
- E. [A review of information relating to the support needs of a developing country Party to implement Article 13 of the Paris Agreement and for building the transparency-related capacity]
- F. For those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities, assistance in identifying capacity-building needs (para. 146(e), annex to decision 18/CMA.1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Information submitted by other Parties that provide support, as referred to in Article 9, para. 2, of the Paris Agreement, may undergo a technical expert review at the Party's discretion.

- G. [A review, on a voluntary basis, of the information reported in the BTR related to climate change impacts and adaptation under Article 7 of the Paris Agreement, including information related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts]
- H. A placeholder detailing possible linkages with information relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement<sup>2</sup>

#### IV. Conclusions and recommendations<sup>3</sup>

#### Annex I

Documents and information used during the review

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> To be guided by the outcome of SBSTA agenda item 15 ("Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As per Annex of decision 20/CMA.1, para 22b, the Committee under Article 15 of the Paris Agreement may, with the consent of the Party concerned, engage in a facilitative consideration of issues in cases of significant and persistent inconsistencies of the information submitted by a Party pursuant to Article 13, paragraphs 7 and 9, of the Paris Agreement with the modalities, procedures and guidelines referred to in Article 13, paragraph 13, of the Paris Agreement. This consideration will be based on the recommendations made in the final technical expert review reports, prepared under Article 13, paragraphs 11 and 12, of the Agreement, together with any written comments provided by the Party during the review.