

Navigating the Transition from the Current MRV Systems to the Enhanced Transparency Framework

7th BRs and NCs lead reviewers meeting
9–10 June 2020
Virtual meeting



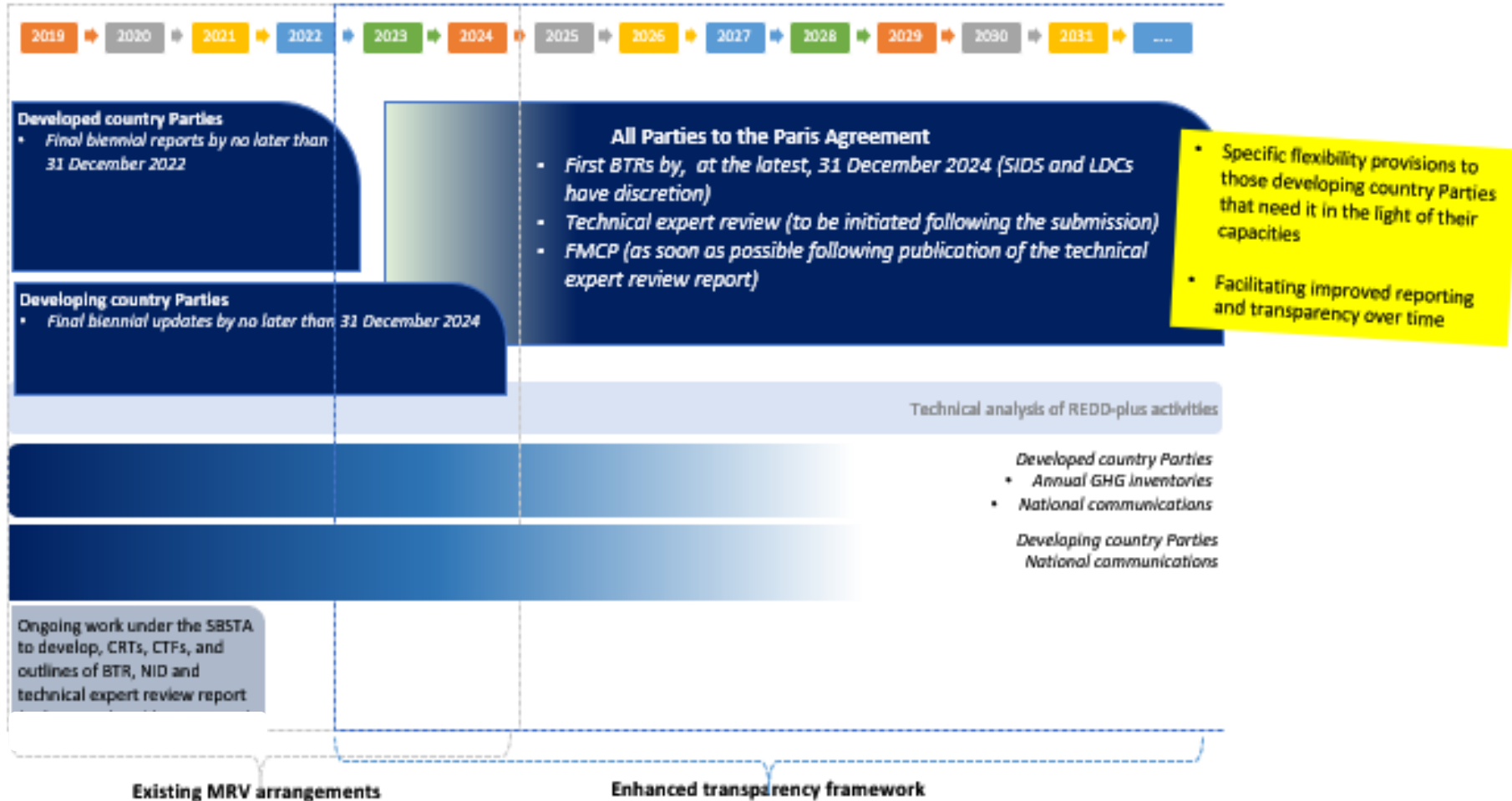
Overview

1. Building
the ETF and
LRs

2. Resources
available



Moving towards the ETF



The ETF and You

The
mandate

The
experience

The vision



CLARIFYING QUESTIONS ON TRANSITION?



Some Resources for Transparency

Multiple information resources and capacity building opportunities are available to support enhancement of transparency.

UNFCCC Secretariat

- Regional NC/BUR preparation training workshops;
- GHG quality assurance workshops;
- Training and certification of experts for review/analysis of GHG, BR/NC, and BURs
- **Draft ETF Reference Manual**
- **FAQs on ETF**
- On demand participation at events

Consultative Group of Experts

- NC/BUR training material;
- Technical advice and support to developing countries to prepare BTR; technical handbook and addendum for ETF for developing countries.



DRAFT ETF Reference Manual

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Reference Manual for the Enhanced
Transparency Framework under the Paris
Agreement

Targeted Audience: Expert reviewers, will also benefit all Parties, Article 15 Committee, stakeholders

Focus: Practical guidance to implement the ETF, within the overall cycle of ambition. Highlighting linkages with NDC accounting, compliance, and the global stocktake

Approach: Synthesize decisions; a living document to be updated as negotiations finalize and practical experience gained



Understanding the enhanced transparency framework and its linkages to nationally determined contribution accounting

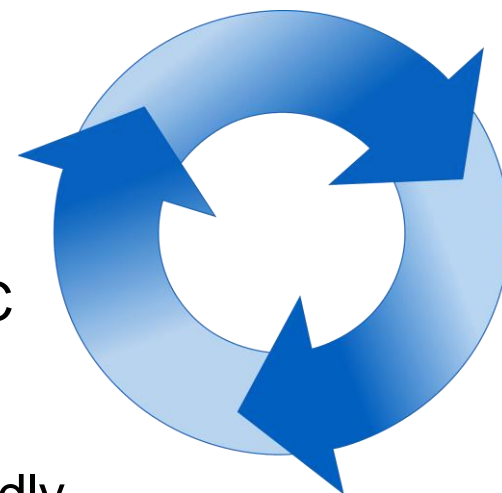
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Overview of Contents of the ETF Manual

Chapters 1 and 2: Introduction and the Big Picture (from a transparency perspective)

- Overview of the Paris Agreement and the cycle of ambition to achieve its objectives
- Fundamental innovation of PA is the nationally determined contributions of countries
- Generally introduces concepts of transparency, NDC accounting and tracking progress
- Describes the purpose of the manual as a user-friendly tool for technical expert reviewers, all Parties and other stakeholders to understand the mechanics of the ETF, the processes involved, and how they are relevant for Parties' overall implementation of the PA.



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Chapter 3: Article 13 Reporting and Accounting for NDCs*

- Synthesizes requirements of Parties related to the ETF, highlighting linkages with NDC communication and NDC accounting.
- 3 main sections

Communicating the NDC, including the type of information to be included in the NDC to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding of the NDC;

Provision of information in the BTR to facilitate transparency and track progress in implementing and achieving the NDC, including application of the flexibility provisions;

Technical expert review and facilitative multilateral consideration of progress.

* *The content of this section could be updated to reflect ongoing negotiations*

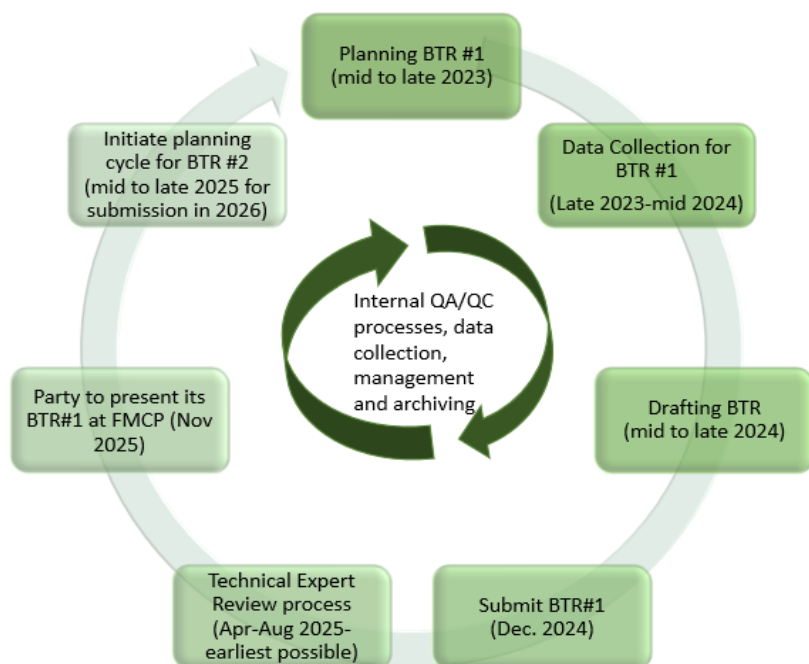


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Chapter 4: Institutional Arrangements in Relation to the ETF

- Includes discussion of both institutional arrangements embedded in PA and those to be established by each country to enable effective implementation of the ETF.

Illustration of Importance of domestic Arrangements



Supporting Organizations

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Constituted Bodies

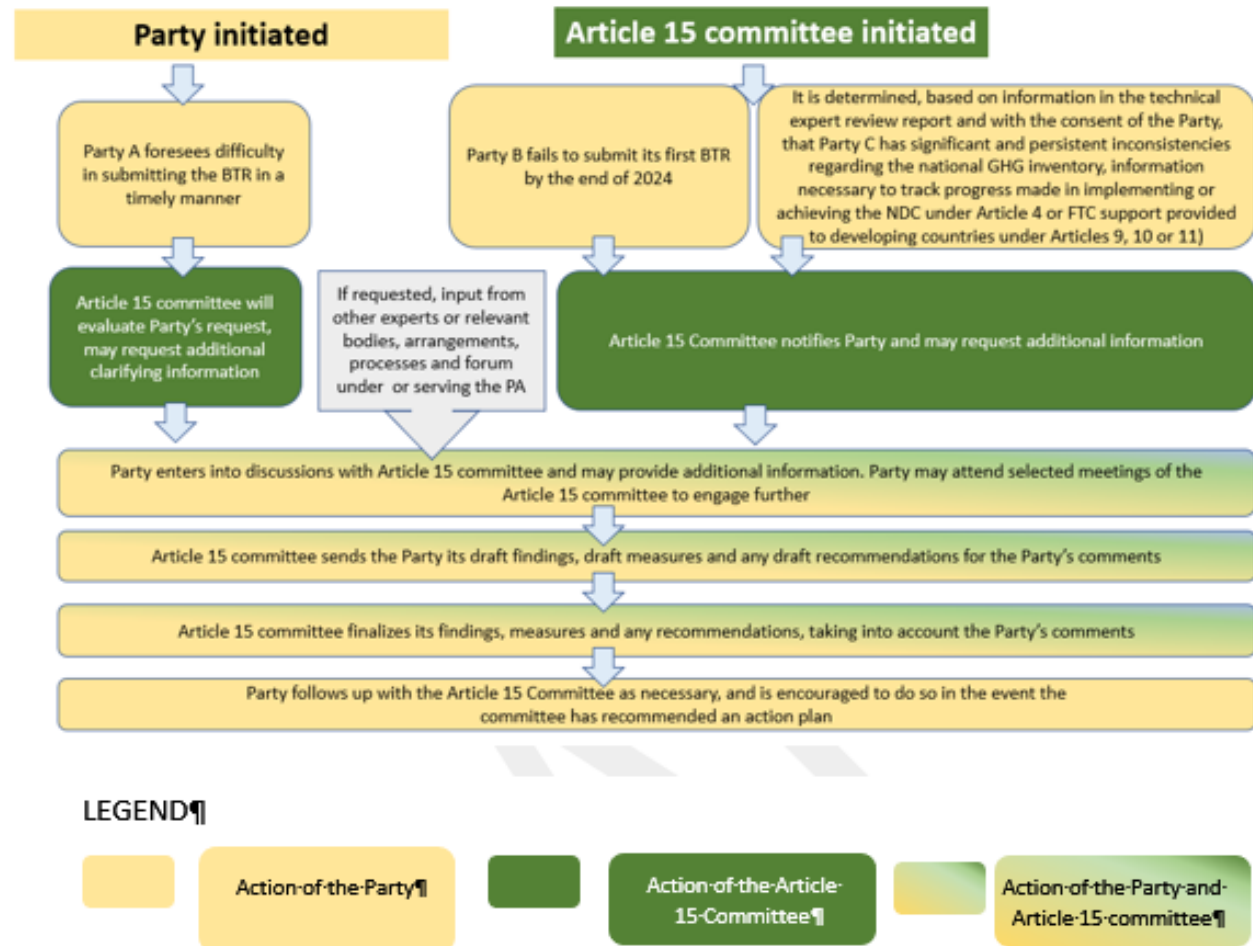
Financial Mechanism

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Chpts. 5 and 6: GST and Facilitating Implementation and Promoting Compliance

- Introduces the GST process and role in cycle of ambition.
- Examines relationship between the Party and the Article 15 Committee, particularly as related to Article 13



FAQs on the ETF



FAQ's on the Operationalization of the Enhanced Transparency Framework

For more information, see:
<https://unfccc.int/enhanced-transparency-framework>

1. Transitioning from reporting of BRs/BURs to BTRs
2. Linkages between communication of NDCs under Article 4 and the ETF
3. Linkages between reporting of National Communications and the ETF
4. Reporting of GHG inventories in the ETF
5. Reporting of BTRs
6. Cross-cutting issues: Specific flexibility provisions and discretion
7. Technical expert review
8. Institutional arrangements and support for developing countries
9. Training and tools
10. Non-Paris Agreement Parties



FAQs: E.g.: What is the role of LRs in the ETF?

8. Institutional Arrangements and Support for Developing Countries ▲

What is the role of Lead Reviewers in the ETF?

According to the MPGs, there is **an early role for lead reviewers** (LRs) under the PA to develop the initial assessment procedures for simplified reviews of annual GHG inventories (para.155 of annex to 18/CMA.1).

Para. 180 of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1 refers to selecting LRs that have participated as LRs under the Convention when composing technical expert review teams. Experienced LRs who have participated in processes under the Convention will be essential to implementation of the PA in the early years.

In practice, many LRs for BR/NC and technical leads of TA of BURs are the same experts. **Further joint discussions on operationalization of the ETF and the role of the LRs under the ETF are planned among current LRs of BR/NCs and technical leads under the Convention at the LR meetings.**

If you have questions, comments, possible FAQs, please send them to etf@unfccc.int



Possible Draft Conclusion



The LRs acknowledged the usefulness of tools such as the frequently asked questions on the ETF and the Reference Manual for the ETF under the Paris Agreement¹ as a means to enhance the technical knowledge of review experts and Parties. The LRs welcomed the secretariat's intention to finalize, maintain and update periodically the tools to reflect the latest decisions and MRV practices.

¹ <https://unfccc.int/enhanced-transparency-framework>

