

# TRANSPARENCY UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT

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## Navigating the transition towards ETF

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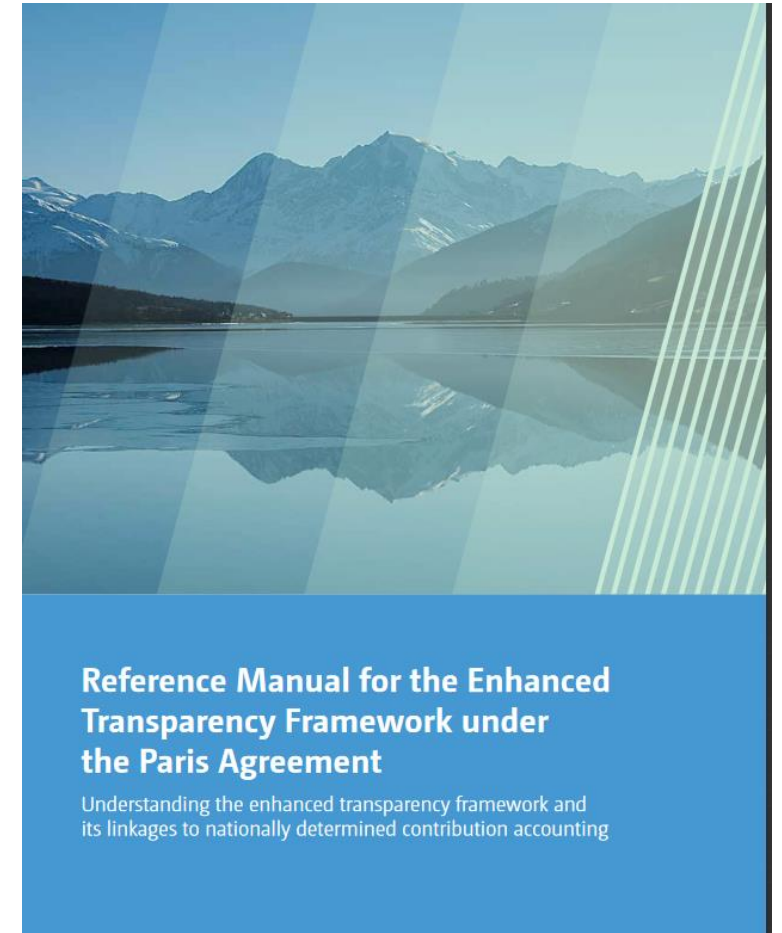
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## Reference manual

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- At the 7<sup>th</sup> LRs meeting, June 2020, the secretariat presented a draft Reference Manual for the Enhanced Transparency Framework. Comments were received from a few LRs and those were addressed in this updated version.
- The Manual and the FAQ strive to highlight some of the key questions that stakeholders ask and attempt to assist Parties and other stakeholders in enhancing their understanding of the ETF.
- The Reference Manual is available on the website.  
<https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/ETFReferenceManual.pdf> .
- Additional FAQs will be included over time as they arise. If you have a question regarding the implementation of the ETF that you believe should be included here, please send an email to [etf@unfccc.int](mailto:etf@unfccc.int).
- *Disclaimer.* The answers are not a substitute for the decisions reached by Parties; please refer to the relevant decision text for further information.



# Reporting enhancement



GHG	NCs	BRs	BTRs	BURs	NCs
	<i>Developed</i>			<i>Developing</i>	
	National circumstances		National circumstances		
National GHG inventory					
		Targets and progress made			
Policies and measures / Mitigation actions / Programmes containing mitigation measures					
	Projections				
FTC support needed and received / Constraints and gaps					
FTC support provided/mobilized					
	Vulnerability, climate change impacts and adaptation measures		Climate change impacts and adaptation		Programmes containing measures to facilitate adaptation to climate change
	RSO, education, training and public awareness				RSO, education, training and public awareness / Information and networking
		Self assessment of compliance		REDD+ technical annex	



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# TECHNICAL EXPERT REVIEW



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**Consistency  
with MPGs**

**Consideration of  
implementation and  
achievement of NDC**

**Capacity  
building needs**

**Identification  
of improvements**

**Attention to  
the respective  
national circumstances**

**Facilitative, non-intrusive, non-  
punitive, respectful of national  
sovereignty, avoiding placing  
undue burden on Parties**

**GHG inventory**

**Adequacy of NDC, indicators chosen**

**Information to track progress made in implementing/ achieving the NDC**

**What is reviewed?**



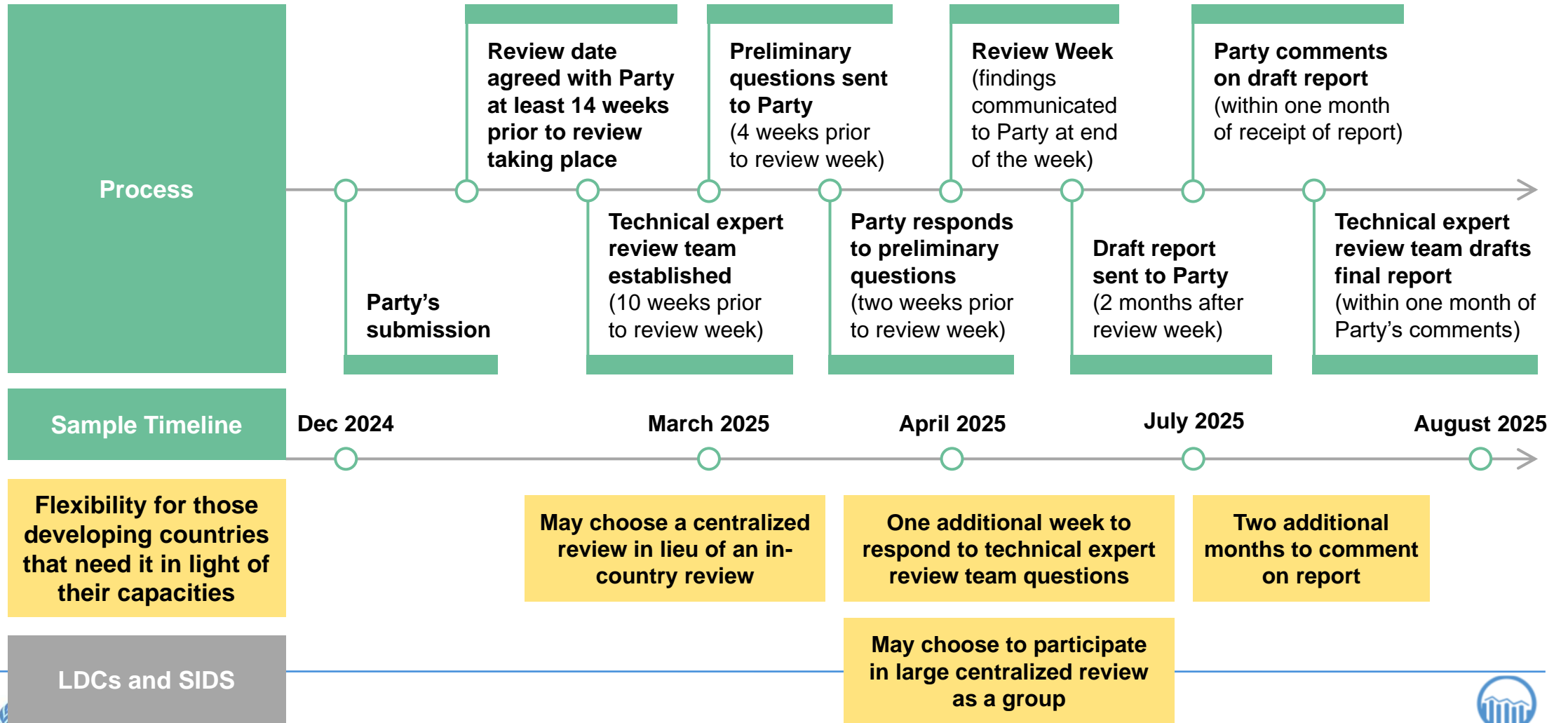
**What is not reviewed?**

**Adequacy of domestic actions**

**Support provided to developing countries**

**Adequacy of support provided**

**Developing country's choice to invoke the specific flexibility provision in the MPGs**



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# LEAD REVIEWERS ROLE

How lead reviewers can  
facilitate the  
preparation for TER?



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## Party

- Cooperate

## Lead reviewers

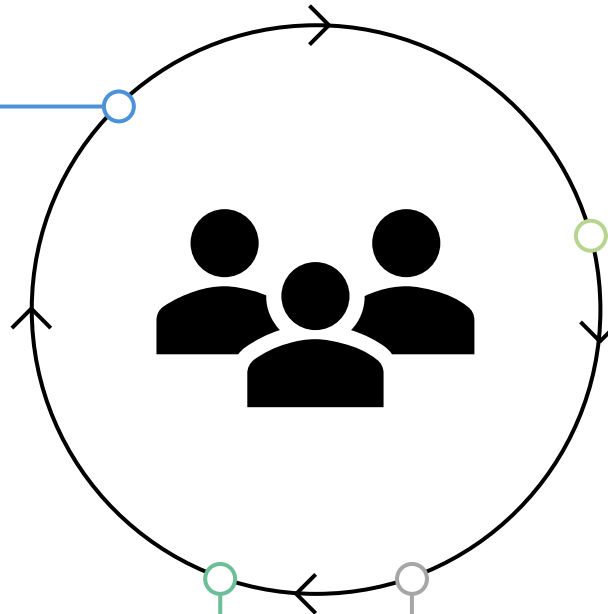
- Oversee the work of the TER team
- Ensure that the TER are conducted in accordance with the MPGs
- Ensure the quality and objectivity of the TER and provide for the continuity, consistency across Parties and timeliness of the TER
- Communicate, monitor, coordinate review and preparation of TER report
- Give priority to issues raised in previous TER reports
- Provide technical advice to the members of the TER team

## Experts

- Nominated to the UNFCCC roster of experts
- Complete the training programme
- Adhere to MPGs
- Participate in individual capacity

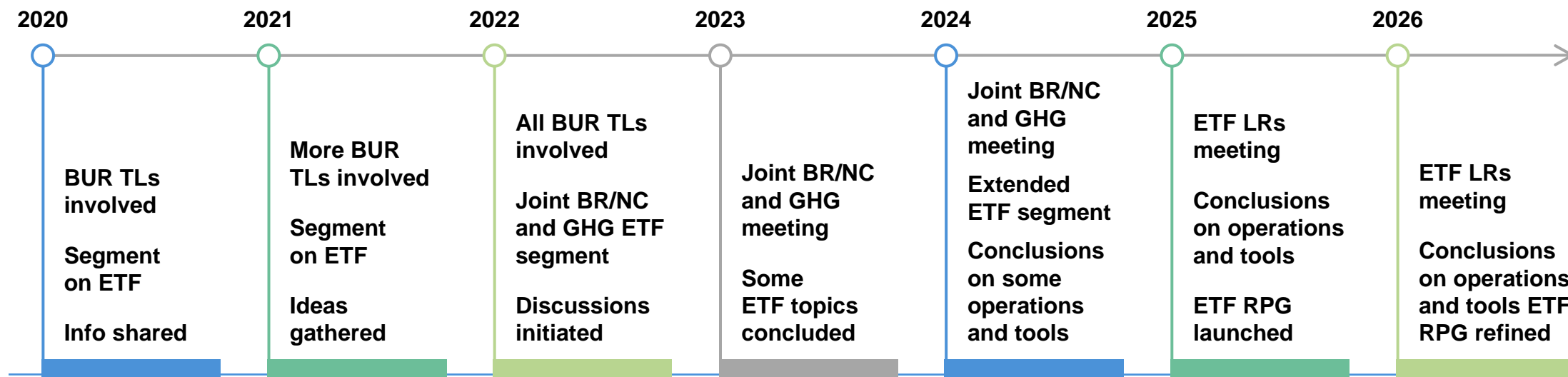
## Secretariat

- Organize TER
- Facilitate communication
- Compile and edit TER report
- Facilitate annual LRs meetings
- To make efforts to select lead reviewers who have previously participated in reviews



*Lead reviewers to discuss at annual meetings how to improve the quality, efficiency and consistency of TER, and develop conclusions on these meetings.*

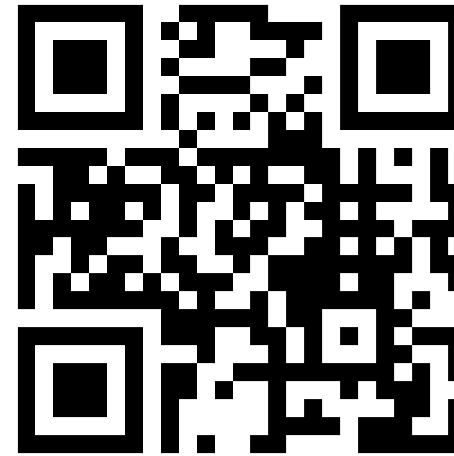
*The importance of lead reviewers' previous review experience and their role in continuously improving TER.*



## How lead reviewers facilitate the preparation for TER

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- 1. How helpful it is to involve BUR TLs in the ETF session at the LRs meeting?*
- 2. How useful it is to continue discussions on TER at the LRs meeting in 2022 – 2024?*
- 3. How helpful would it be to conduct the ETF segment of the LRs meeting jointly with the GHG LRs?*
- 4. Which TER related topics could be discussed at the LRs meetings in 2022 – 2024?*



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## Possible conclusions

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The LRs noted that their comments provided to the Reference Manual for Enhanced Transparency Framework in June – August 2020 have been addressed and the Manual is publicly available on the [website of the secretariat \(https://unfccc.int/enhanced-transparency-framework\)](https://unfccc.int/enhanced-transparency-framework)

The LRs acknowledged the usefulness of continuing discussions on the technical expert review under the ETF at the future LRs meetings [for example, on the possible approach to the TER and review tools] and considered the added value of such discussions conducted jointly with the GHG LRs.

The LRs further acknowledged that the participation of the team leads of Biennial Update Reports in the BR/NC LRs meetings would facilitate shared understanding among the potential TER lead reviewers about the review implementation.



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# QUESTIONS?



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