

9th Durban forum: Guiding questions for breakout group discussions

Breakout group 1

Ready for the BTR? In accordance with the MPGs adopted in Katowice, developing countries are on the cusp of moving from the reporting of biennial update reports (BURs) under the Convention, to biennial transparency reports (BTRs) under the Paris Agreement. This breakout group will discuss the relevant needs and gaps, focusing on the following questions:

- How can the experience and expertise developed through BUR preparation and technical analysis of BURs support developing countries to better prepare for the ETF;
- How can the existing MRV and transparency process be linked to national planning and development processes so that it becomes an integral part of the “whole of the government”;
- How can countries and regional centers/ organizations use the existing individual, institutional and systemic capacity to support the preparation and reporting of BTRs, and to ensure that the capacity and expertise built is sustainable;
- As a result of enhancement of reporting, what are the key areas of capacity-building that potentially may require more attention.
- What role do you expect CBIT to play in supporting Parties with the transition to ETF?

Breakout group 2

Building on the existing experience, developing countries will move towards more comprehensive and transparent reporting under the ETF. This breakout group will discuss the lessons learned, in relation to both actions taken and support received, in developing countries regarding capacity-building for MRV that could be useful in implementing the enhanced transparency framework.

- What are the lessons learned from the existing process of ICA, and how can the capacity-building needs identified through this process strengthen capacity-building for MRV?
- What are key lessons learned in ensuring that the support received is targeted and responsive to the challenges and needs faced?
- What institutional arrangements and processes, both at the regional and domestic levels, are working well to support the current MRV arrangements and what are good examples of CB support for transparency. How could these experiences be extended to work under the ETF?

Breakout group 3

Assessing and improving the effectiveness of capacity-building action

- What elements should be explored, to assess the effectiveness and impact of capacity-building actions in both long term and short-term projects that support the Enhanced Transparency Framework? [What are the parameters that can provide a good sense of how effective and impactful the capacity-building actions in the area of MRV and ETF are?]
- Are there any existing methodologies used for assessing the effectiveness and impact of capacity-building actions?
- How to ensure greater retention of capacities at national level and matching of support available and needs on the ground?

Breakout group 4

Promoting and improving coherence and coordination of capacity-building action at the national and international level to enhance support for implementing the enhanced transparency framework

- In transition to the ETF, which of the existing tools, mechanisms or approaches can be accessed, to improve coordination amongst recipients and providers of capacity-building support at the national and international level?
- One of the key elements for the implementation of ETF is the provision of capacity building support, which is currently provided by different organizations. How can we ensure coherence in the provision of support to enhance impact? How can the existing UNFCCC process incentivize greater coherence and coordination of capacity-building support?