

The International Consultation and Analysis (ICA) Process: foundation for the enhanced transparency framework

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Outline of Presentation



International Consultation and Analysis (ICA)

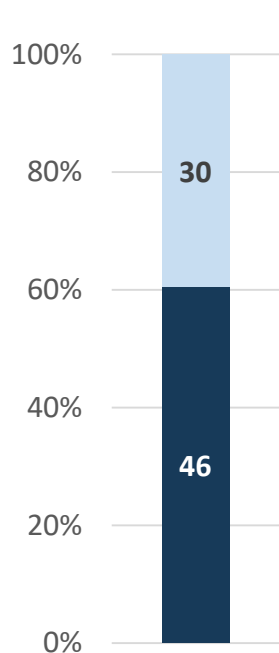
- Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) arrangements for developing country Parties (*Decision 2/CP.17 & Decision 20/CP.19*)
- Launched in December 2014, following the submission of the first **biennial update reports** (BURs)
 - ***Elements of BURs: GHG inventory; Mitigation actions; FTC needs and support received; REDD plus activities for some Parties***
- Two steps:
 - technical analysis of BUR
 - ❖ *Identification of capacity building needs*
 - Facilitative sharing of views under SBI
- The ICA process will be superseded by the Enhanced Transparency Framework under the Paris Agreement, with the submission of the **last BURs** no later than December 2024



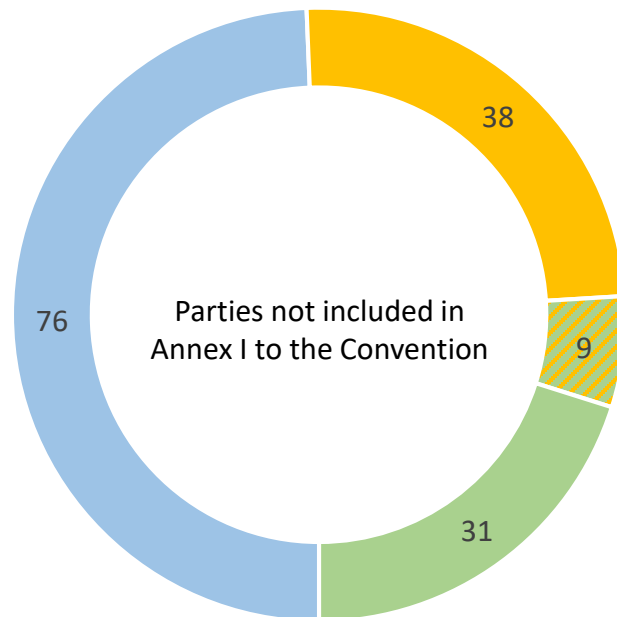
Overview of BUR submissions

(as of Jan 2021)

NAI Parties that are not LDCs or SIDS

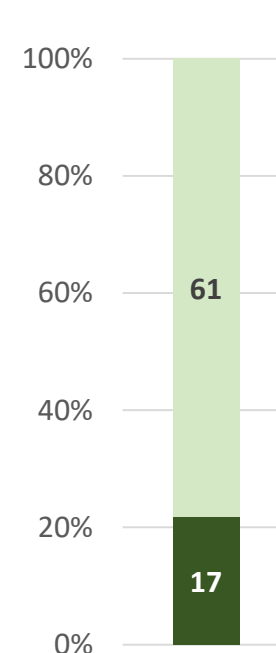


- Not submitted
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- Non-Annex I Parties (excluding LDCs and SIDS)
- Least developed countries (LDCs)
- Parties that are both LDC and SIDS
- Small island developing States (SIDS)

LDCs and/or SIDS

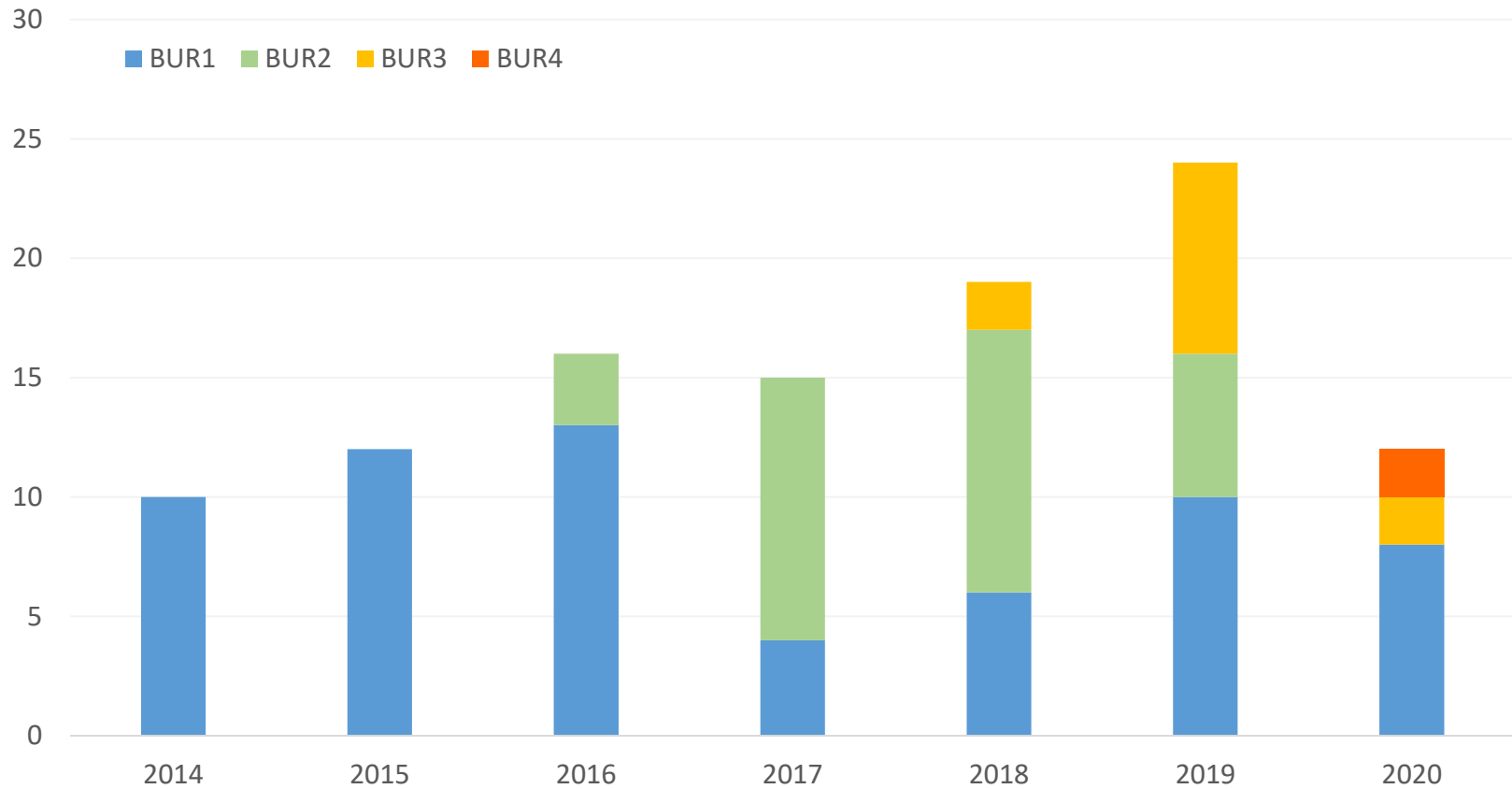


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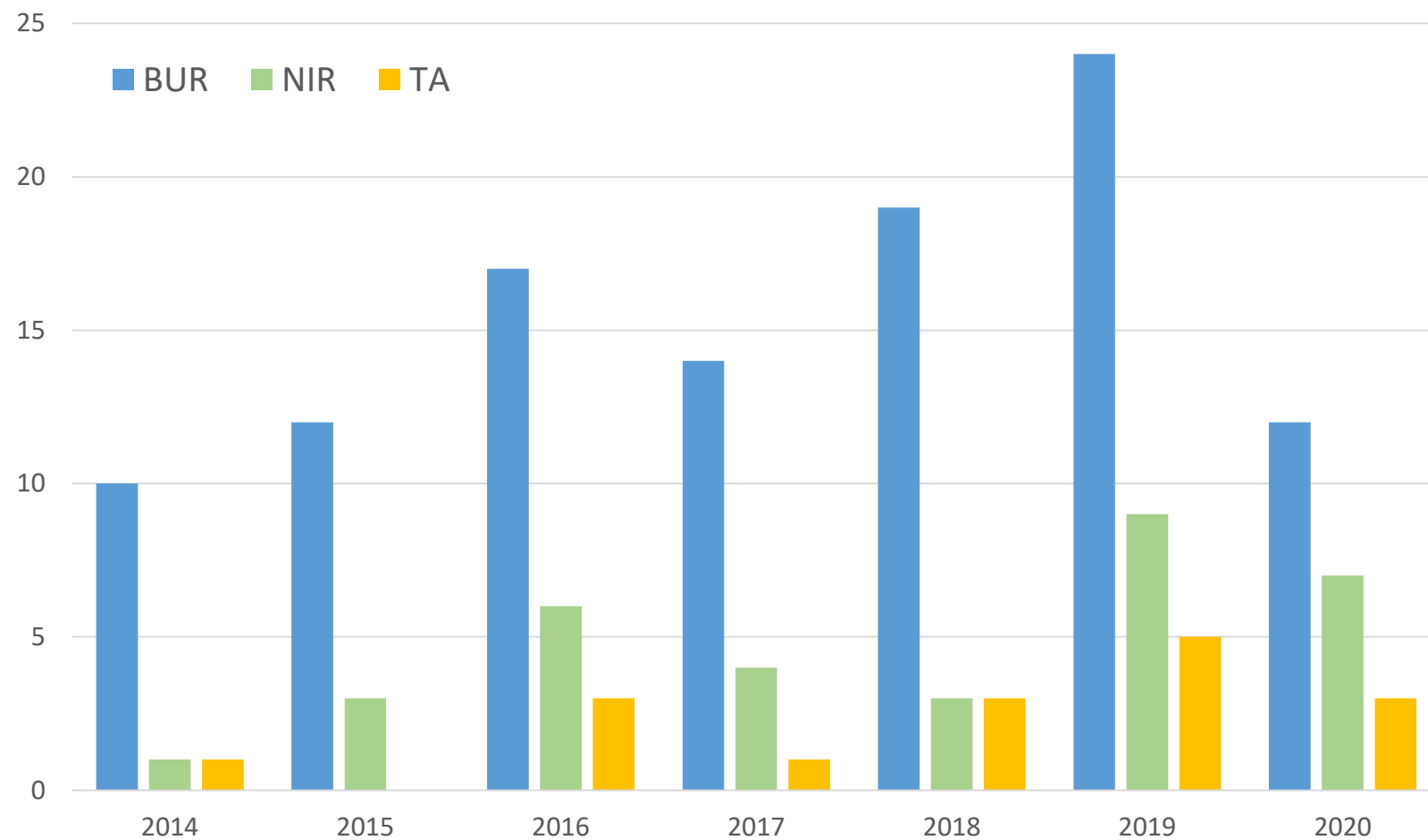


BUR submission trend

(as of Jan 2021)



Submission trend of BUR, NIR and REDD+ Technical annexes



Update on BUR technical analysis (May 2015 to March 2021)

- ❖ **17 rounds of technical analyses coordinated**
- ❖ **100 BURs (59, 31 and 10 first, second and third BURs respectively)**
- ❖ **15 REDD technical annexes (24 experts)**
- ❖ **38 Teams (Arabic, English, French and Spanish)**
- ❖ **179* experts (including 44** CGE)**
- ❖ **90 Published summary reports**

* 285 expert times

** 76 CGE member expert times

Round 18: 8 - 12 March 2021

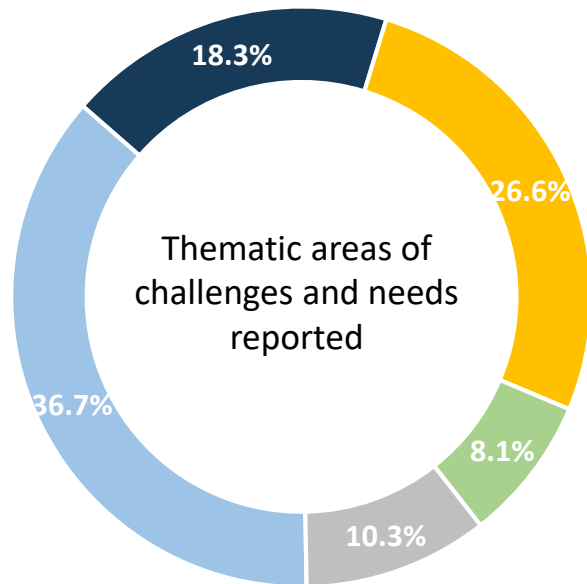
- **7 BURs (Cuba, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Malaysia, Singapore (Fourth BUR), Thailand and Zambia)**
- **3 teams of technical experts**
- **Experts: 30 experts**
- **Languages: English, Spanish**

Round 19: June 2021

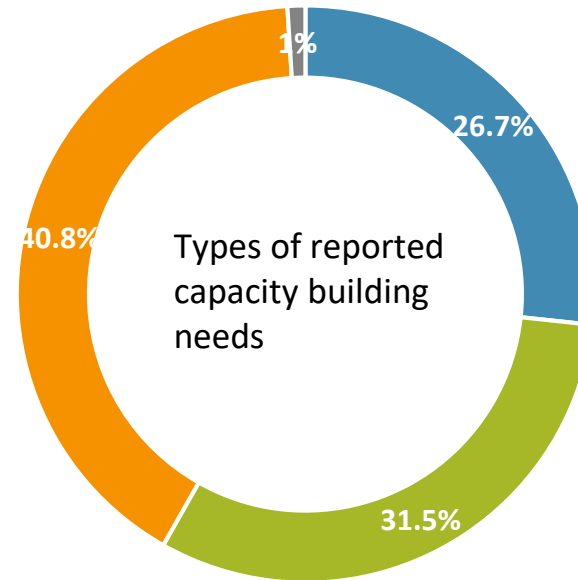
- **2 BURs (Brazil and Chile) and other BURs to be submitted**



Key observations – capacity building needs



- GHG inventory
- Mitigation
- Adaptation
- Support
- Cross-cutting



- Institutional arrangements
- Data and information
- Methodology and tools
- Not specified

Source: NCs and BURs submitted by Parties, and TASRs as of July 2020



Key observations – reporting in BURs

- **Continuous improvements** over time in subsequent BURs with quantitative data

- **Gaps** have been identified by team of technical experts mostly for the following **reporting provisions**
 - Comparable information included in tables included in annex 3A.2 to the IPCC good practice guidance for LULUCF
 - Estimation from F-gases and precursors
 - Information on the level of uncertainty associated with inventory data, underlying assumptions and methodologies
 - Information on quantitative goals, progress indicators, methodologies and assumptions for mitigation actions
 - Nationally determined technology needs and technology support received



Key observations – challenges encountered by Parties

- **Lack of sustainable institutional arrangements for reporting**
 - In many cases, reporting arrangements are set up on a project basis for the specific reports, and once reports are completed the arrangements are disbanded
 - Lack of consolidated MRV system, in particular MRV for mitigation actions and FTC support
 - Lack of domestic coordination leads to data inconsistency in various reports
- **Lack of capacity in applying methodologies and tools**, e.g. on estimating effects of mitigation actions and support
- **Inadequate data collection and management system**
- Need to **improve understanding** of different reporting requirements and possible linkages
 - The secretariat is making constant efforts to assist Parties, including by developing and rolling out relevant tools, publications and training programmes
 - Need to facilitate continuous improvements based on CBN identified in the ICA process, to apply the experience and lessons learned to the ETF



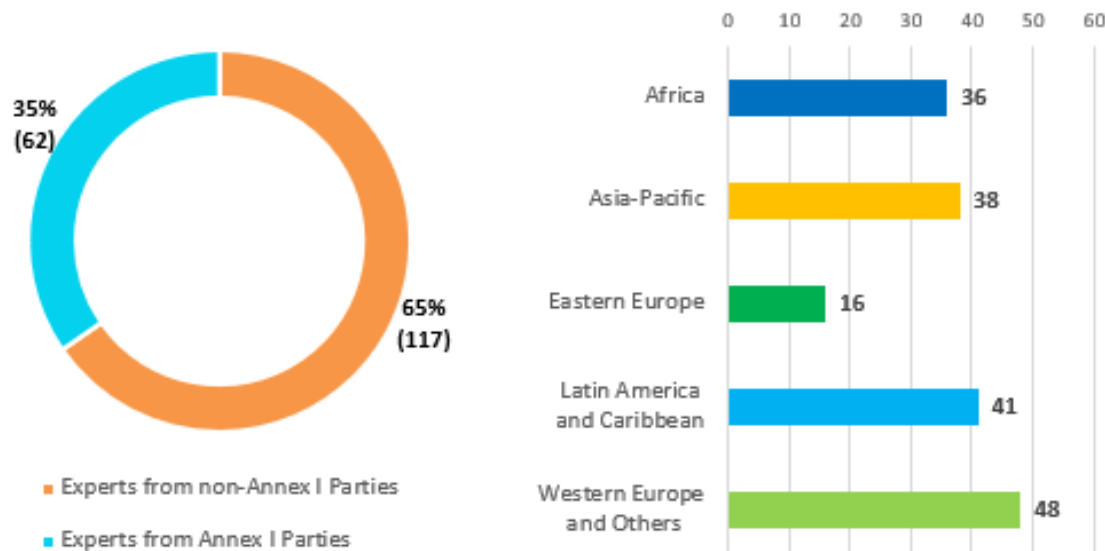
Way forward – ICA as foundation for ETF

- The **ETF builds on the existing transparency arrangements** under the Convention (including the ICA).
- Recognising that the ICA process is regarded as a **testing ground** for the implementation of transparency, developing country Parties are encouraged to submit their BURs and **participate in at least one round of the ICA process**, before the ETF becomes fully operational
- The ICA process (**existing MRV arrangements**) provides an **essential learning opportunity** for Parties and stakeholders to better prepare for the ETF, including:
 - The **extent and clarity of information** reported enables Parties to be better prepared for enhancing the transparency of information reported in their BTR;
 - Identification of **capacity-building needs** and areas for **improvement**;
 - Facilitate Parties' understanding of the new reporting requirements under ETF;
 - Facilitates **mutual learning among Parties**, by sharing best practices and innovative approaches, and help Parties to **build confidence and trust** for continued efforts on climate change.



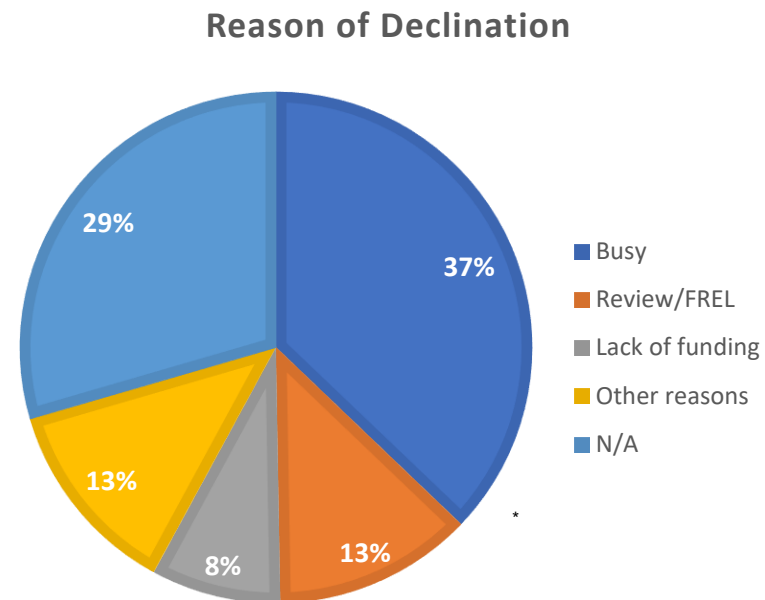
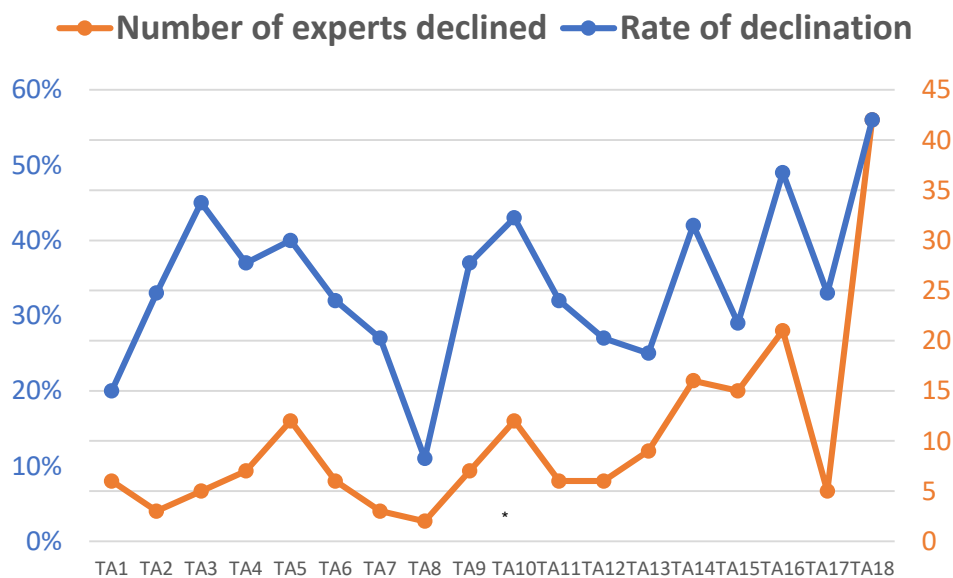
Way forward - qualified experts needed

- Total eligible experts for ICA: 452 (75% non-CGE; 25% CGE members)
 - Limited experts with another UN language
 - A need to increase the pool of REDD+ experts
 - Limited participation by experts from Annex I Parties
- Overview of experts that participated in BUR analysis as of February 2021



Way forward – decline of participation by experts

- Rising trend of the declination rate in recent rounds of TA
 - Outstanding number of experts declined regarding TA18 scheduled in March.
- In most cases, the reason of declination is unclear (i.e. Busy or N/A), but 21% of the declination is due to **commitment for review or FREL, or lack of funding**.



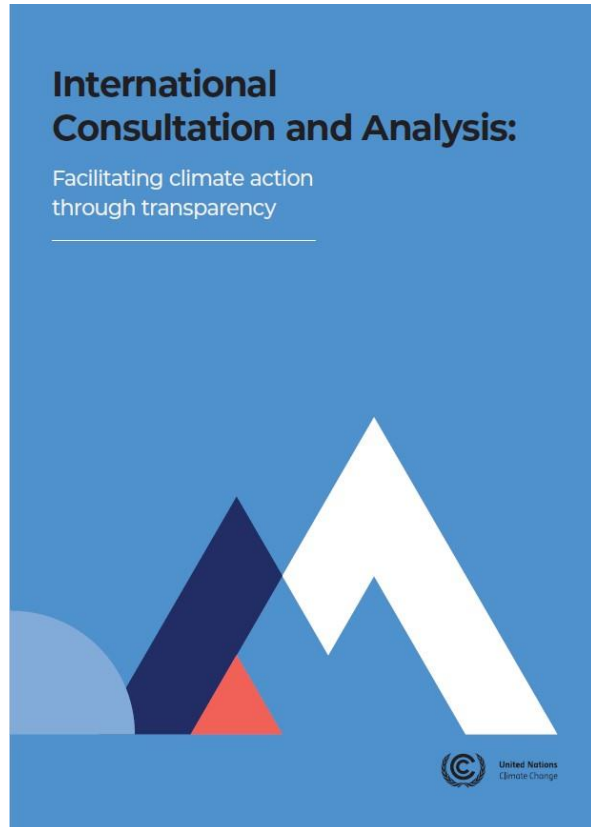
How to become an eligible expert

- Enrol in the TTE training programme
 - On-line training, twice a year
 - 13th round, from January – March 2021
 - 14th round: August – October 2021

http://unfccc.int/national_reports/expert_training/training_for_the_technical_analysis_of_burs/items/9279.php

- Participate in future rounds of BUR analysis





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