

Training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review of biennial transparency reports

1. Parties initiated the work on the training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review of biennial transparency reports at the fiftieth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA). At the SBSTA 2021 session (May–June), Parties held informal consultations on this agenda sub-item, co-facilitated by Jae Hyuk Jung (Republic of Korea) and Harry Vreuls (Netherlands). Parties submitted their views prior to and during the May–June session. Based on the discussions at the informal consultations, the co-facilitators prepared an informal note.¹
2. Taking into account the informal note referred to in paragraph 1 above and views submitted by Parties, the SBSTA Chair requested² the co-facilitators of the informal consultations on this agenda sub-item to provide additional input to their first informal consultations at this session to facilitate Parties' deliberations. Furthermore, at the first meeting of the contact group on SBSTA agenda item 14, on 31 October 2021, its co-chairs informed Parties about the preparation of this additional input as an informal note.
3. As requested by Parties during the first informal consultations on 2 November 2021, the co-facilitators prepared the annex to this document based on the informal note from the SBSTA 2021 session (May–June) and feedback received from Parties.

¹ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/279028>.

² See the non-paper available at https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/InformalNote_Oct2021_Transparency_1.pdf.

Annex

Draft elements to be included in annex VII to the training programme for technical expert reviewers

General points

- The aim of the courses forming part of the training programme:
 - Option 1: train technical experts participating in the technical expert review under the enhanced transparency framework.
 - Option 2: train technical experts participating in the technical expert review under the enhanced transparency framework. Training courses may be also available to other technical experts.
- Training courses incorporating the corresponding provisions of the MPGs relating to flexibility.

Availability

- The training programme made available for:
 - Option 1: experts included on the UNFCCC roster of experts.
 - Option 2: experts included on the UNFCCC roster of experts and other technical experts.
- All training courses available:
 - Option 1: online to technical experts with an option to download the courses.
 - Option 2: online.
- All training courses available all year round.

Examination

- Examinations for all training courses.
- Examination procedures be standardized, objective and transparent.
- Format of the examinations:
 - Option 1: online.
 - Option 2: online, and offline during in-person seminar.
 - Option 3: online, offline during in-person seminar and other arrangements under the supervision of the secretariat.
- Examination requirements of the technical experts who have already participated in the training programmes and related technical reviews under the MRV arrangements under the Convention:
 - Option 1: only the courses for the new elements under the Paris Agreement.
 - Option 2: only the course on general and cross-cutting aspects of the technical review under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement.
- Number of attempts for the technical experts who do not pass an examination for a course on the first attempt:

Option 1: two further attempts to take the examination, provided that all course-related tasks have been fulfilled.

Option 2: XX further attempts to take the examination, provided that all course-related tasks have been fulfilled.

Instructed courses

Option 1: Once a year, online training courses facilitated by instructor(s).

Option 2: Online training courses without instructors.

Option 3: In-person training seminars, additional to the online training courses.

Option 4: In addition to the online training courses, regional training seminars targeted at technical experts from developing country Parties, particularly the least developed countries and small island developing States, may be organized.

Courses of the training programme

Option 1: Courses for the information specified in paragraph 150 of the MPGs:

(i) **General and cross-cutting aspects for the technical review under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement;**

(ii) **Technical review of national inventory reports of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases;**

a. General guidance and cross-cutting issues;

b. Courses following the sectors of the GHG inventory referred to in the MPGs:

- Energy;
- Industrial processes and product use;
- Agriculture;
- Land use, land-use change and forestry;
- Waste.

(iii) **Technical review of information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement;**

Option 1: Including the information necessary to track progress on the implementation and achievement of the domestic policies and measures implemented to address the social and economic consequences of response measures for nationally determined contributions that consist of adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans resulting in mitigation co-benefits (placeholder for elements related to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement).

Option 2: Including the information necessary to track progress on the implementation and achievement of the domestic policies and measures implemented to address the social and economic consequences of response measures for nationally determined contributions that consist of adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans resulting in mitigation co-benefits and also including elements related to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

(iv) **Technical review of the information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support provided to**

developing country Parties under Articles 9, 10 and 11 of the Paris Agreement.

Option 2: The courses listed above under option 1 and courses on the thematic topics covering other areas of information included in biennial transparency reports, and may be voluntarily reviewed:

Option 2-a: Information 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;

Option 2-b: Information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support needed and received under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement;

Option 2-c: Information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support mobilized under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement;

Option 2-d: REDD+.

Option 3: Training for lead reviewers on the functions specified in decision 18/CMA.1, annex, paragraphs 183–185.