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Introduction: highlights of work over the past year and outlook for 2024/25

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Achievements on technical reviews/ analyses during 2023/24

Most reviews under the existing MRV system have been concluded while others still on-going

Conclusion of the final cycle of international analysis and review

Conclusion of the true-up-period review under the Kyoto Protocol

Conclusion of the 2023 GHG inventory review cycle for Annex I Parties

Technical analyses of 24 BUR submissions, including 4 REDD+ results

Technical assessment of 18 forest reference levels submitted by Parties



Readiness for the enhanced transparency framework (ETF)

Operationalization and implementation of ETF is progressing well



New review process and procedures have been developed



ETF training programme has been fully implemented, resulting in 1082 experts who passed the overview course exam by March 2024; engagement with IGOs on expert nomination (UNEP, FAO, BRS)



The final version of the reporting tools will be completed and released by the end of June 2024



Technical and capacity building support for developing countries has been intensified



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Readiness for BTR reviews

New process, procedures and tools will be tested and finetuned

Standard operating procedures (SOP) for BTR reviews

Simplified review procedures for NIR of developed country Parties

These procedures

and tools will be

tested during the

Andorra and

Guyana BTR

reviews in 2024

Confidentiality procedures for BTR reviews

BTR review report template and checklists

BTR review guidance (RG)

Business requirements for IT tools for BTR reviews



Key defining factors for successful BTR reviews

An efficient review system and resource availability are essential to ensure successful BTR reviews

Efficient and fit-for-purpose review system in place

- Review planning launched
- System, tools and procedures tested and improved

Availability of financial resources

- 35 BTR reviews under the core funding each biennium
- Additional BTR reviews subject to the availability of supplementary funding

Availability of review expert resources

- Nomination by Parties of competent experts
- Support by Parties to experts in participating in reviews

