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Report back and wrap-up of GHG LRs' work

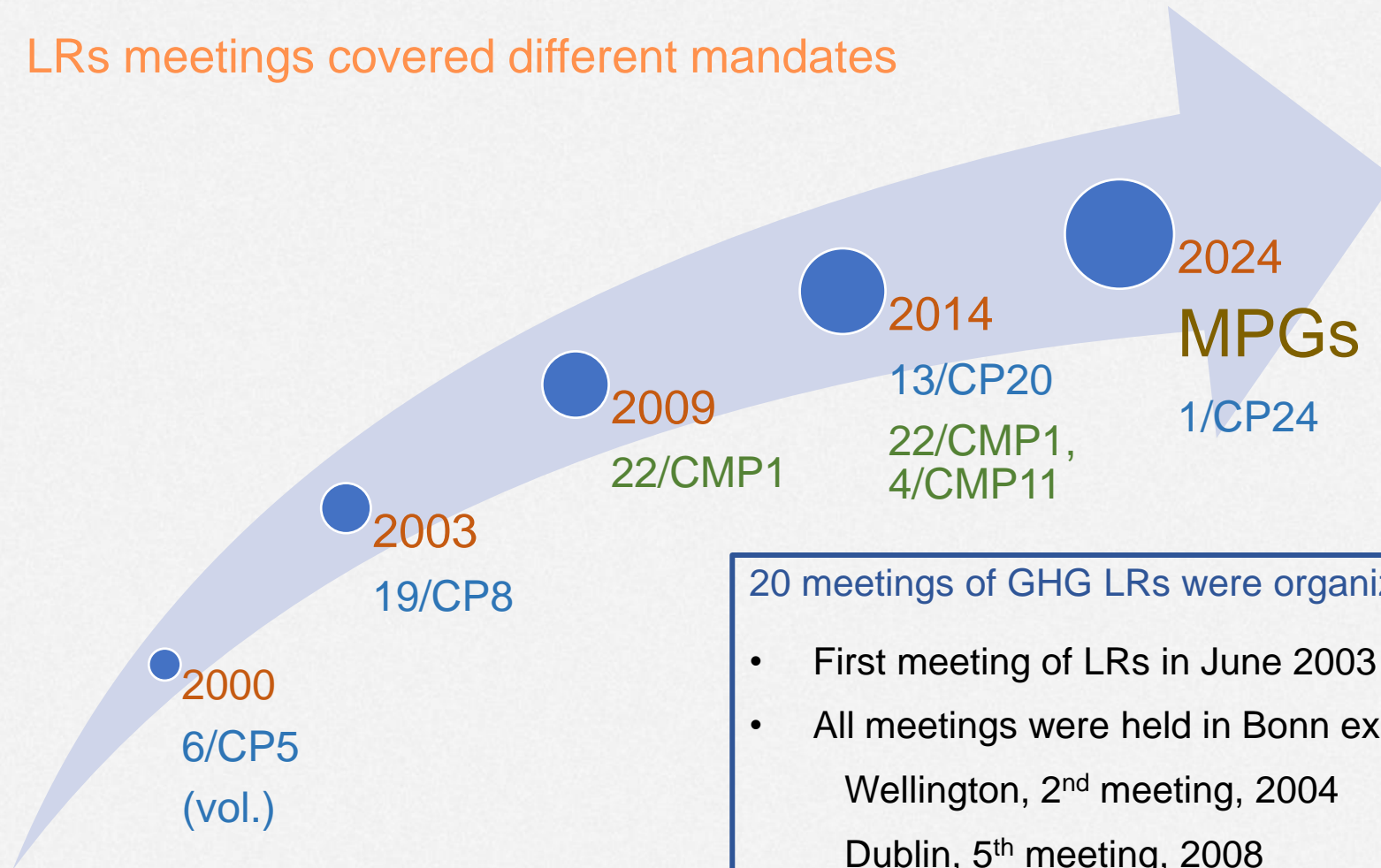
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Covering different reporting and review guidance

LRs meetings covered different mandates



20 meetings of GHG LR^s were organized between 2003 and 2023

- First meeting of LR^s in June 2003
- All meetings were held in Bonn except two:
 - Wellington, 2nd meeting, 2004
 - Dublin, 5th meeting, 2008
- 3 meetings of LR^s were organized as virtual meetings (Covid19)
2020 (17th meeting) to 2022 (19th meeting)



Impact of GHG LR meetings

Conclusions and Recommendations

Meetings helped to facilitate the work of LRs in fulfilling their task

- Ensuring consistency of GHG inventory reviews across Parties
- Ensuring the quality and objectivity of the technical reviews
- Providing suggestions on how to improve the quality, efficiency and consistency of the reviews
- Providing guidance on matters such as review tools and review procedures

- The conclusions and recommendations were reported to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), as part of Secretariat's Reports on Review



GHG inventories lead reviewers meetings

Chapters of Conclusions and Recommendations from GHG LR meetings

Organization of annual reviews

- Review plans and feed-back on previous reviews

Review processes, management and tools

- Approaches for the operationalization of the reviews
- Guidance and feed-back on the preparation of review tools:
 - Non-IT tools: Review Handbook (1st meeting), Templates, International databases (IEA's Hybrid tables, FAO), SRs, ARs
 - IT tools: iVTR, RIDS, Locator, Comparison tool, etc.

Consistency and methodological issues

- Specific procedural and methodological issues and challenges in implementing various UNFCCC and/or IPCC requirements, mostly on technical issues
- e.g. reviewing KCA, tier 3 methods and models, time-series, etc.

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Training of review experts

- Consideration of updates on training
- Recommendations to ensure sufficient experts available to participate in reviews

LRs responsibilities and role model

- Decisions to strengthen the role of LRs in ensuring the reviews are consistent and high quality
- Support to the ERTs, such as support to new experts, time-lines and progress of reviews, promoting the use of tools, etc.

Sustainability of the review

- The need of Party support to review cycle was a recurring observation across many LRs meetings, over several aspects:
 - nominate and update its nominations in the roster of experts
 - continue to increase the number of review experts who can actively participate in the review
 - ensure nominating Parties and organizations guarantee resources for the availability of its reviewers over the entire review process

Refresher Seminars (e.g. higher tier, LULUCF)

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Long lasting impact

- The collective experience and guidance gathered from the meetings of GHG lead reviewers amount to over 20 years, offering invaluable insight.
- The discussions held during these meetings, both formal and informal, have played a crucial role by ensuring the effective ownership of review to lead to significant progress in enhancing the quality, efficiency, and efficacy of the review process.
- The guidance provided by lead reviewers has been instrumental in organizing reviews more effectively, addressing issues consistently, and fostering the engagement of experts and Parties.
- GHG LRs have decisively contributed to the development and maintenance of essential review tools, such as the virtual team room, the Review Handbook, the Locator, and the use of data from organizations like IEA and FAO, not forgetting Sectoral Groups.



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- Furthermore, GHG LR meetings have played a crucial channel for transmitting to SBSTA the importance of Parties' support for the review process and the involvement of their experts.
- Overall, the experience gained from GHG LR meetings has been very rewarding and has significantly contributed to strengthening the transparency and cohesion of GHG reviews.
- This collective experience will be carry-on to reviews of BTRs and NIRs in the forthcoming years under the Paris Agreement.



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