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# SBSTA agenda item 2d (xiii)

## Fourth progress update on the development of the training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review of the BTR

Training and Certification Unit  
4 June 2024

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# Mandates

## Decision 18/CMA.1

- Requested the SBSTA to develop, pursuant to the MPGs, a training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review. (Para 12(c))
- Technical experts shall complete the training programme referred to in decision 18/CMA.1, paragraph 12(c), prior to serving on a technical expert review team. (Annex, para 173)

## Decision 5/CMA.3

- Adopted the training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review of BTRs, as contained in its annex VII. (Para 1(e))
- Requested the secretariat, incorporating, as appropriate, technical advice from the CGE and LRs, to develop the training programme for technical experts participating in the BTR reviews, as outlined in annex VII, taking into account experience and lessons learned from developing existing training programmes under the Convention. (Para 30)
- Requested the secretariat to implement the training programme for technical experts participating in the BTR reviews, as outlined in annex VII, taking into account technical advice from the CGE and LRs to the secretariat. (Para 31)
- Make available the training courses providing a general overview of the ETF under the Paris Agreement by 1 March 2023, and other courses relating to information to be reviewed in accordance with decision 18/CMA.1, annex, paragraph 150 by September 2023. (Para 33)
- Requested the secretariat to report to the SBSTA on progress in the development of the training programme at its 57<sup>th</sup> session and at each subsequent session until the development of the training programme has been completed. (Para 32)



# Mandates

## Decision 9/CMA.4

- Decides that a Party may, on a voluntary basis, request the secretariat to organize a review of the information reported by the Party pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, as part of the technical expert review pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chp. VII. *(Para 1)*
- The voluntary review consists of: *(Para 2)*
  - Reviewing the information reported by the Party in its biennial transparency report, in accordance with the modalities, procedures and guidelines contained in decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chp. IV;
  - Facilitating the improvement of the reporting of information pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chp. IV, by identifying, in consultation with the Party, areas of improvement and capacity-building needs related to reporting.
- Further decides that the Party undergoing the voluntary review may select specific sections of the chapter in the biennial transparency report pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chp. IV, for particular attention by the expert review team conducting the review. *(Para 3)*
- Requests the secretariat to include in the technical expert review team for conducting the voluntary review an expert with expertise in the areas outlined in decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chp. IV, who has completed the course on general and cross-cutting aspects for the technical expert review under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement referred to in decision 5/CMA.3, annex VII, and the training course referred to in paragraph 8 below, taking into account decision 5/CMA.3, para. 34; *(Para 6)*
- Requests **the secretariat to develop and implement a training course for experts participating in the review**, as part of the training programme outlined in decision 5/CMA.3, annex VII, and taking into account decision 5/CMA.3, paras. 33–34. *(Para 8)*





## 3<sup>rd</sup> Progress update during SBSTA59

The secretariat presented:

- Update on the status of content development of the training programme, including the launch of Course A in March, launch of courses B, C and D in September and the proposed approach for developing Course E.
- The result of the five examination rounds for the Overview Course in 2023.
- The timeline and plan for examination in 2024.



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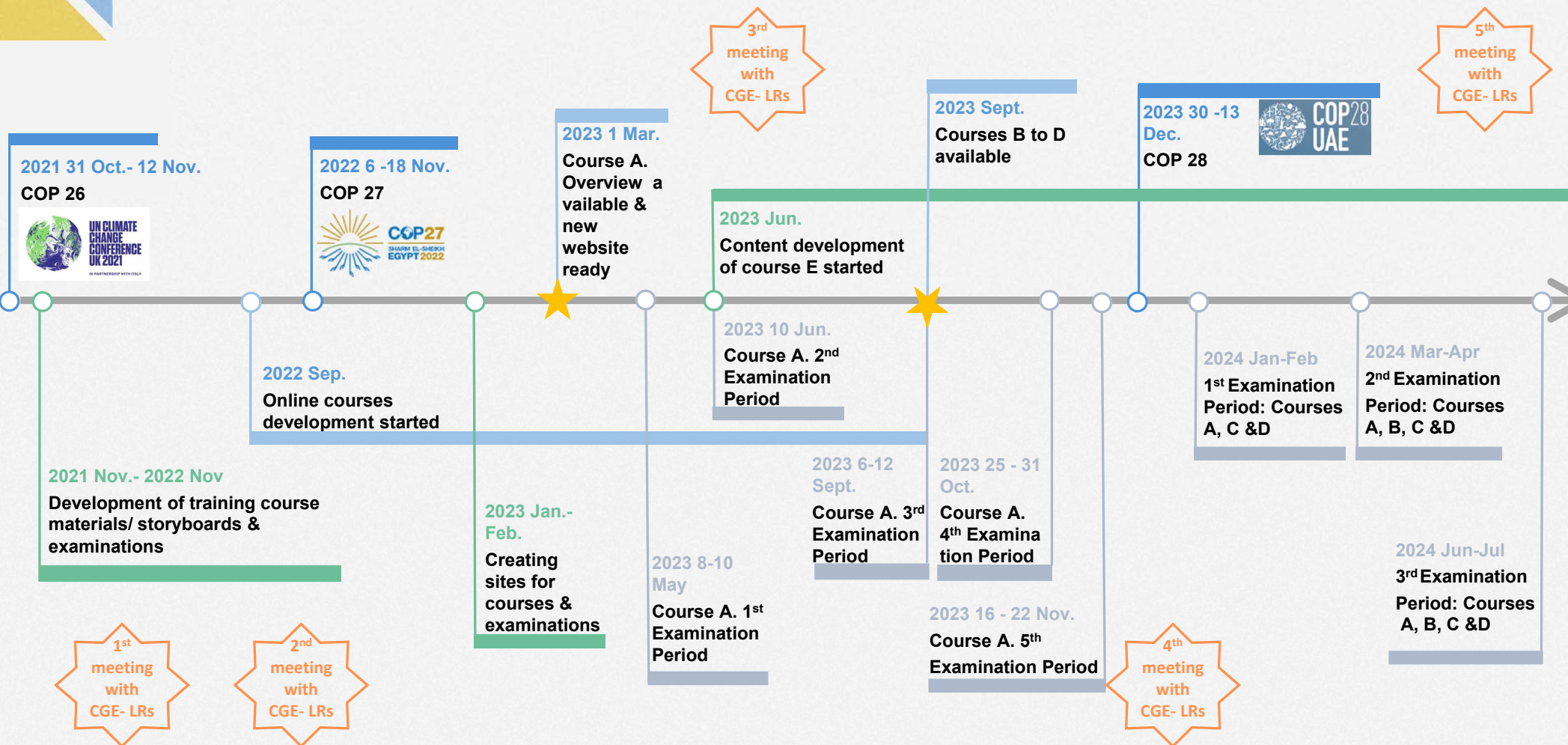
# Progress to date



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# Timeline and the progress of the work



# Structure of Courses

## BTR Review Training Programme

- A. General and cross-cutting aspects for the technical expert review under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement
- B. Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- C. Tracking Progress in Implementing and Achieving NDCs
- D. Financial, technology development and transfer and capacity building support
- E. Information on climate change impacts and adaptation reported under Article 7 of the Paris Agreement

Under development

All courses will be accessible online with open access, downloadable material, self-paced, and include practical exercises

Training programme website





# Course A: General and cross-cutting aspects course details



OVERVIEW  
COURSE A

General and cross-cutting aspects for the technical expert review under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement

The Overview Course A, which follows the learning objectives set out earlier, is divided into five lessons:



Lesson 1



Lesson 2



Lesson 3



Lesson 4



Lesson 5

## Course description

The lessons in the course provides an overview of the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) and its cross-cutting principles.

Lesson 1: Introduction to the ETF

Lesson 2: Reporting under the ETF

Lesson 3: Technical expert review (TER)

Lesson 4: Conducting the TER

Lesson 5: Linkages with other relevant processes

## Course details

This course is mandatory for all experts to participate in the TER.



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# Course B: GHG Inventory course details

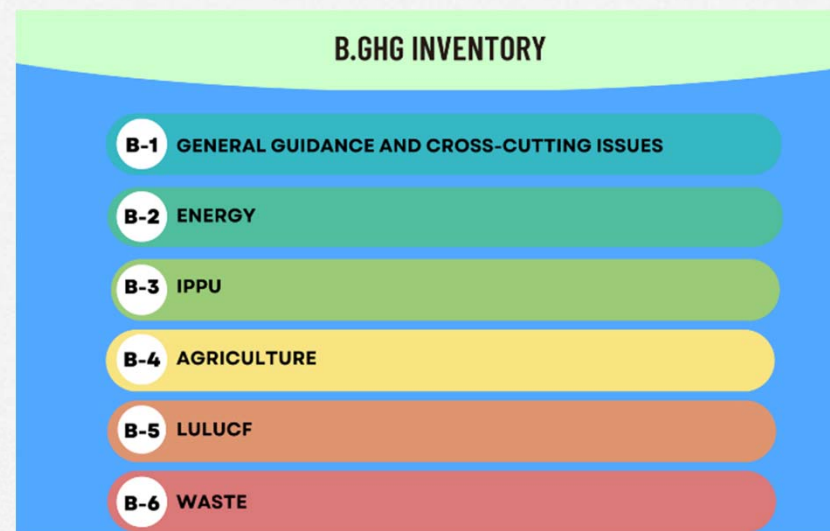


## GHG INVENTORY COURSE B

Technical review of  
national inventory  
reports

### Course description

The course provides focus on the review of the national inventory reports of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of GHGs. It covers the elements of the review of the national inventory report submitted by each Party as part of its BTR or as a stand-alone submission.



### Course details

New experts are expected to complete two courses: B.1 “General guidance and cross-cutting issues” and at least one sectoral sub-course.

Experienced experts who have passed the mandatory training courses of the “Basic Course” and have participated in the technical reviews of GHG inventories under the Convention, do not have to take Course B.



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# Course C: Tracking progress of the NDC



## TRACKING PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING AND ACHIEVING NDCs COURSE C

Technical review of the information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs

### Course description

Course C provides guidance on how to review information necessary to track a Party's progress in implementing and achieving NDCs under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement.

### C. TRACKING PROGRESS OF THE NDC

- C-1** NATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND DESCRIPTION OF A PARTY'S NDC UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT INCLUDING UPDATES
- C-2** INFORMATION NECESSARY TO TRACK PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING AND ACHIEVING NDC
- C-3** MITIGATION POLICIES AND MEASURES, ACTIONS AND PLANS, INCLUDING MITIGATION CO-BENEFITS RESULTING FROM ADAPTATION ACTIONS AND ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION PLANS, RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING AND ACHIEVING NDC UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT
- C-4** PROJECTIONS OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND REMOVALS

### Course details

Sub-courses 1 and 2 are mandatory for all experts who want to participate in this thematic area of the TER.

New experts are expected to complete at least sub-course 3 or 4 additionally.

Experienced experts who have passed the related NC/BR training courses and have participated in the technical reviews of target and PAMs and their effect or GHG emission projections under the Convention do not have to take Course C3 or C4 respectively.



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# Course D: FTC support course details



## FTC SUPPORT COURSE D

Technical review of the information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support provided to developing country Parties

The FTC Support Course D, which follows the learning objectives set out earlier, is divided into four lessons.



Lesson 1



Lesson 2



Lesson 3



Lesson 4

## Course description

The course focuses on how to review the information reported on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building (FTC) support provided and mobilized to developing countries under Articles 9-11 of the Paris Agreement. This course is mandatory for new experts to participate in this thematic area of the TER.

L1: Cross-cutting information on FTC support.

L2: Financial Support.

L3: Technology development and transfer.

L4: Capacity-building.

## Course details

This course is mandatory for new experts to participate in this thematic area of the TER.

Experienced experts who have passed the related NC/BR training courses and have participated in the technical reviews of FTC under the Convention do not have to take Course D.



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# Implementation Approach

## Three elements of the training programme:

### 1. Training courses

- ✓ Five courses (Courses launched: A - March 2023, B - D: Sep 2023).
- ✓ Online, open access, interactive e-learning and PDF versions.
- ✓ B2-B6 **only offline** version – due to resource constrains.
- ✓ Course E – under development with resource constrains – being developed in-house (expected to be completed by end of the year).
- ✓ Planned improvements of courses delayed.



# Course E development

## Proposed approach

Content will include guidance for experts on key areas related to climate impacts and adaptation reporting.

Development of the course content will be in a staggered manner based on the availability of resources.

Information will be organized according to the three steps of reviewing:

- Prepare
- Assess
- Draft

Toolbox to facilitate access to existing material on climate change impacts and adaptation reporting tools, risk and vulnerability assessment methods, M&E methodologies, among other instruments.

Version 1 will not include toolbox

Version 1 will only have one (1) course and previous sub-courses will be turned into lessons

## Sub-courses

Five (5) sub-lessons.

- E1: General overview aspects for the review on the voluntary basis of the information reported on climate change impacts and adaptation under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement;
- E2: Adaptation policy cycle;
- E3: Progress of implementation & Monitoring and Evaluation;
- E4: Areas of improvement, good practices and lessons learned;
- E5: Averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts.

Each sub-course will cluster related topics from BTR chapter IV sections plus a Cross-Cutting cluster.






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# Implementation Approach

## Three elements of the training programme:

### 2. Learning

-  Self-learning, open access (no registration, no login accounts), UNFCCC website.
-  Courses facilitated by instructors to be organized - contingent on the needs, and the availability of resources.
-  Additional learning assistance opportunities such as webinars and in-persons hands-on activities depending on the availability of financial resources.





## Further learning opportunities

### Addition to self-learning

- Need for additional learning opportunities for new experts
  - All of those experts who failed are new experts (Courses C4, D)
  - 9 out of 10 failed are new experts (Courses A, C1, B1, B4, B6)
  - 8 out of 10 failed are new experts (Courses C2, C3, B2, B5)
  - 5 out of 10 failed are new experts (Course B3)

- ✓ Courses facilitated by instructors
- ✓ Q/A sessions
- ✓ Hands-on training sessions











# Implementation Approach

## Three elements of the training programme:

### 3. Certification through graded examination

-  Standardized approach
  -  Periodic exam (5 periods in 2024), Live Q&A session
  -  Total 3 attempts per year per exam (reduce no shows, manage admin cost)
  -  Main period (2 weeks) and retake period (2 weeks) after gap of 10 days
  -  Certificates after retake period
-  Exceptions for experienced experts



# 2024 examination periods

Publicly available - for planning

Examination periods (2024)	1st period	2nd period	3rd period	4th period	5th period
Examination dates	29 Jan to 11 Feb	25 Mar to 7 Apr	24 Jun to 7 Jul	9 to 22 Sep	2 to 15 Dec
Registration periods	20 Dec 2023 to 11 Jan 2024	19 Feb to 10 Mar	20 May to 9 June	5 to 25 Aug	28 Oct to 17 Nov
Q&A sessions	26 Jan	22 Mar	21 Jun	6 Sep	29 Nov



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## Course A: examination periods in 2023

- 1<sup>st</sup> round: 8 -9 -10 May 2023 – Online.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 10 Jun 2023 – Mixed format during SB 58.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> round: 6 - 12 Sep - Online + Test center during ACW.
- 4<sup>th</sup> round: 25 - 31 Oct – Online.
- 5<sup>th</sup> round: 16 -22 Nov – Online.

### Exam periods

- Question & Answer box available on website.
- 5 Live Q & A Webinars on technical topics.
- In-person hands-on trainings during RCW, COP.

### Additional Support offered



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# Updates on TER training programme



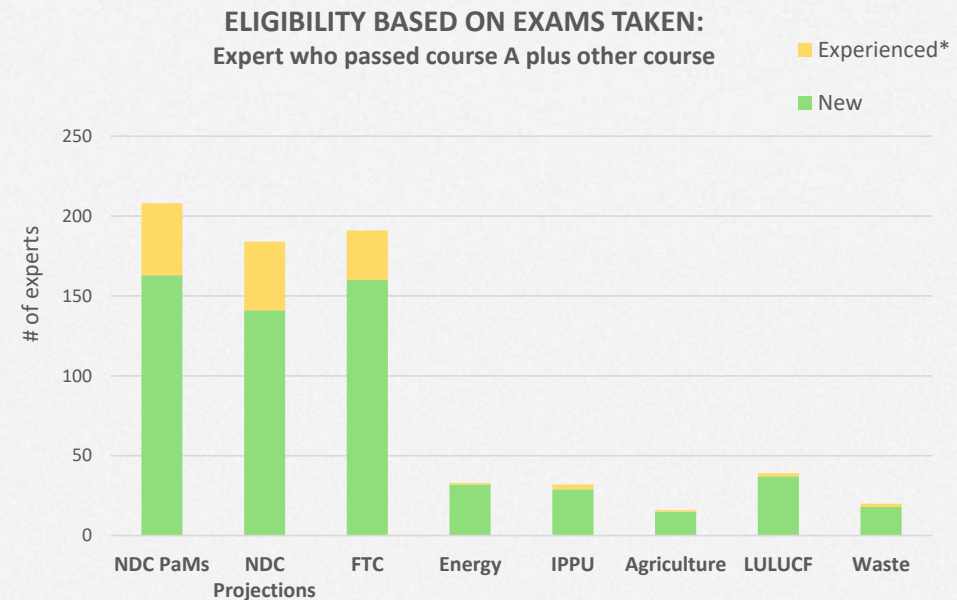
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# BTR Exams Statistics

Exam periods - 2023 (5 periods) & 2024 (5 periods - planned)

- 7 examination periods until now: 5 in 2023, 2 in 2024.
- In 2023 over 1,100 experts on the Roster of Experts registered, with an average passing rate of 98.9%.
- In 2024, over 2,300 experts on the Roster of Experts registered, with an average passing rate of 90.7%.



\*Experienced based on the definition of para.8 decision 5/CMA.3, Annex VII



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## Eligibility based on exams taken until June 2024

Experts who passed Course A plus other courses to become:

NDC PAMs (New)	<b>163</b>
NDC PAMs (Experienced)*	<b>45</b>
NDC Projection (New)	<b>141</b>
NDC Projection (Experienced)*	<b>43</b>
FTC (New)	<b>160</b>
FTC (Experienced)*	<b>31</b>
GHG (New) Energy	<b>32</b>
GHG (New) IPPU	<b>29</b>
GHG (New) Agriculture	<b>15</b>
GHG (New) LULUCF	<b>37</b>
GHG (New) Waste	<b>18</b>
GHG (New) Sector pending	<b>116</b>



# Courses A, B, C & D

Results until June 2024

<b>Total # of experts that passed course A</b>	<b>1090</b>	<b>Total # of experts that passed course D</b>	<b>194</b>
# of experienced* experts who passed	<b>386</b>	# of experienced* experts who passed	<b>52</b>
# of new experts who passed	<b>404</b>	# of new experts who passed	<b>142</b>
<b>Total # of experts that passed courses C</b>		<b>Total # of experts that passed courses B</b>	
Total # of experts that passed courses C1	<b>431</b>	Total # of experts that passed courses B1	<b>246</b>
Total # of experts that passed courses C2	<b>415</b>	Total # of experts that passed courses B2	<b>46</b>
Total # of experts that passed courses C3	<b>233</b>	Total # of experts that passed courses B3	<b>37</b>
Total # of experts that passed courses C4	<b>200</b>	Total # of experts that passed courses B4	<b>24</b>
		Total # of experts that passed courses B5	<b>45</b>
		Total # of experts that passed courses B6	<b>23</b>



## Courses B & C details

Results until June 2024

### # of experienced\* experts who passed courses C

Total # of experts that passed courses C1 **113**

Total # of experts that passed courses C2 **109**

Total # of experts that passed courses C3 **45**

Total # of experts that passed courses C4 **43**

### # of new experts who passed courses C

Total # of experts that passed courses C1 **318**

Total # of experts that passed courses C2 **306**

Total # of experts that passed courses C3 **188**

Total # of experts that passed courses C4 **157**

### # of experienced\* experts who passed courses B

Total # of experts that passed courses B1 **7**

Total # of experts that passed courses B2 **5**

Total # of experts that passed courses B3 **2**

Total # of experts that passed courses B4 **1**

Total # of experts that passed courses B5 **2**

Total # of experts that passed courses B6 **2**

### # of new experts who passed courses B

Total # of experts that passed courses B1 **204**

Total # of experts that passed courses B2 **33**

Total # of experts that passed courses B3 **31**

Total # of experts that passed courses B4 **18**

Total # of experts that passed courses B5 **39**

Total # of experts that passed courses B6 **19**







Questions?

## Some related events at SB60

- Side event “Launching of BTR reviews: Experiences and lessons from the in-country review of Andorra's first BTR” - 6 June @ Room Berlin.
- In-person hands-on training on BTR Technical Expert Review – 7 June & 12 June @ Room V-U-111.
- In-session facilitative dialogue on sharing of experience in gathering, analyzing and managing data for implementing the ETF – 10 June @ Room Bangkok.



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