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# Agenda sub-item 14

## 2023 Annual reports on technical reviews

### Key information



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## Agenda sub-item 14(a)

Technical review of information reported under the Convention by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention in their biennial reports and national communications

(FCCC/SBSTA/2023/INF.4)

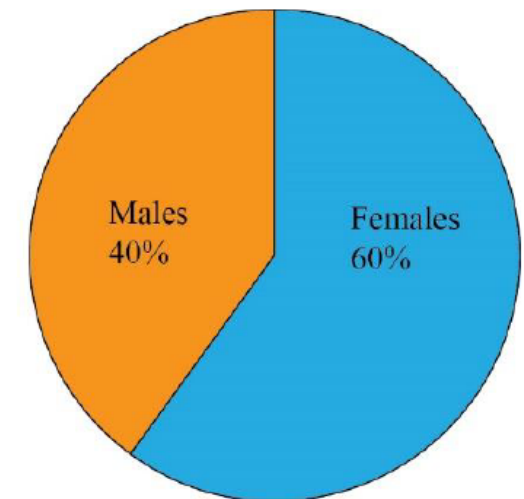
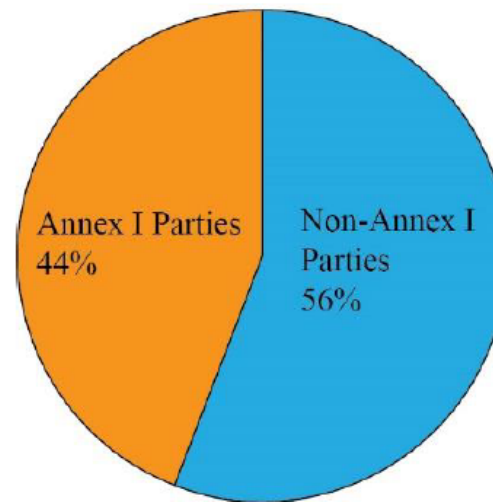


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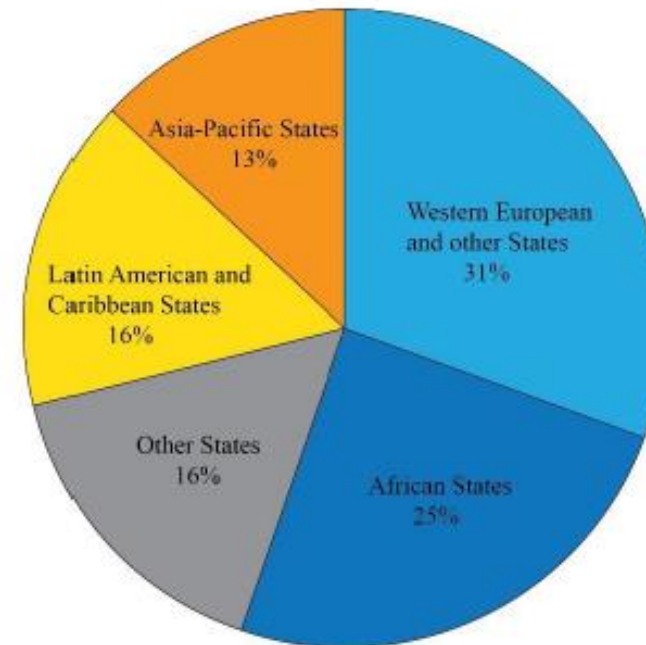
- 95 experts from 61 Parties were involved in the BR5 and NC8 reviews of 19 Parties conducted between February and May 2023.
- Review teams were broadly balanced (gender, AI/NAI)

**Distribution of experts participating in the technical review of fifth biennial reports and eighth national communications between February and May 2023 by gender and by Party grouping**



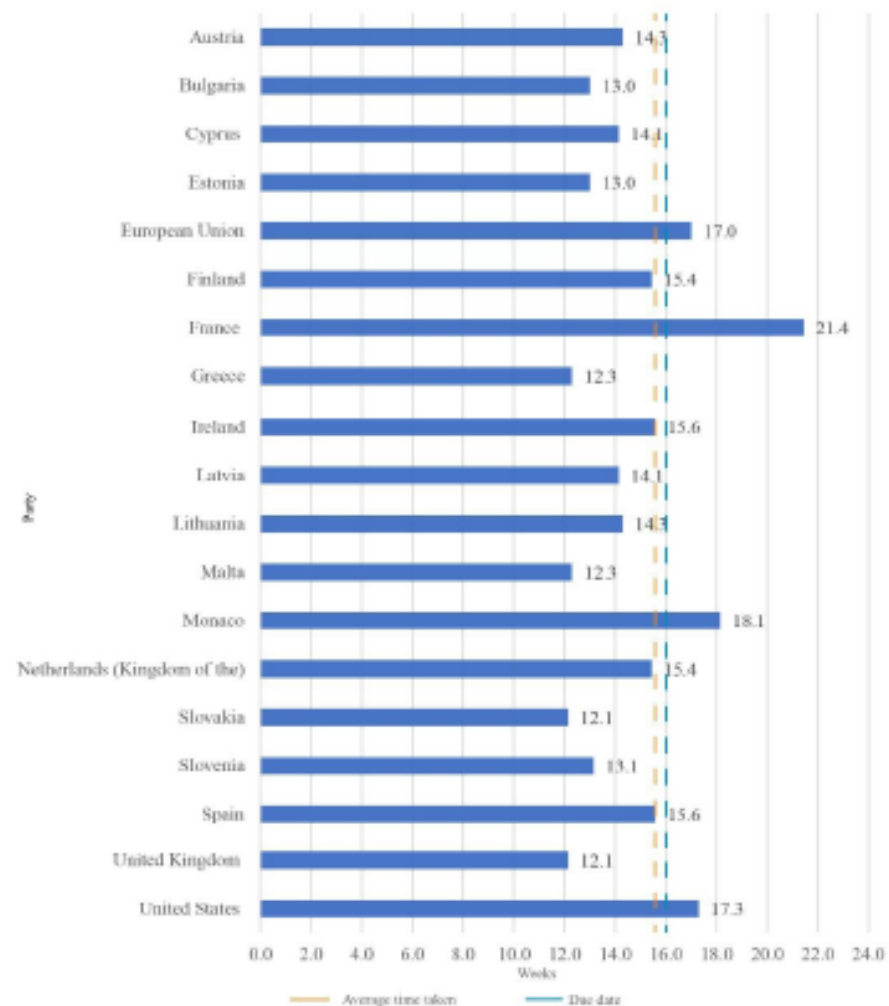
- Fairly balanced review teams by the five UN geopolitical regional groups
- Involvement of experts from SIDSs and LDCs
- Involvement of new experts

**Distribution of experts participating in the technical review of fifth biennial reports and eighth national communications between February and May 2023 by United Nations geopolitical regional group**



- The average time taken to complete the 19 technical review reports was 15.6 weeks, while the mandated due timeline for completion of the review is 16 weeks after the review week.

Time taken to complete the technical review reports of the fifth biennial reports and eighth national communications





- 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of LRs of BRs/Ns (15-16 February 2023) aiming to facilitate the work of the LRs to ensure the consistency of reviews across Parties.
- LRs concluded on:
  - Approach and planning for the reviews of BR5/NC8
  - Improvements in the consistency of reviews
- One round of the BR/NC training programme has been implemented in 2023
- 215 nominated experts have registered for the training. Online examinations resulted in 53 experts newly qualified to take part in the review of BRs and NCs

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# Agenda sub-item 14(b)

Technical review of  
greenhouse gas inventories  
of Parties included in Annex  
I to the Convention

*(FCCC/SBSTA/2023/INF.6)*



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- Submissions and review of information from Annex I Parties
  - 2022 cycle of individual greenhouse gas inventory reviews
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- Meeting of greenhouse gas inventory lead reviewers
- UNFCCC roster of experts and availability of nominated experts
- Training programme for experts for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories of Annex I Parties
- Review tools and materials



# Individual GHG inventory reviews



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	2022	2023
Submissions received	43	43 (1 submission under the UNFCCC C and ETF)
Reviews covered by core budget in 2022 and 2023	43	
Reviews(a)	38 - 37 centralized - 1 in-country	10 - 7 centralized - 3 in-country
Simplified review under the ETF		- 1 simplified review(b)
Publication of reports	All published by 17 May 2023 (except for one Party)	One report published at present date

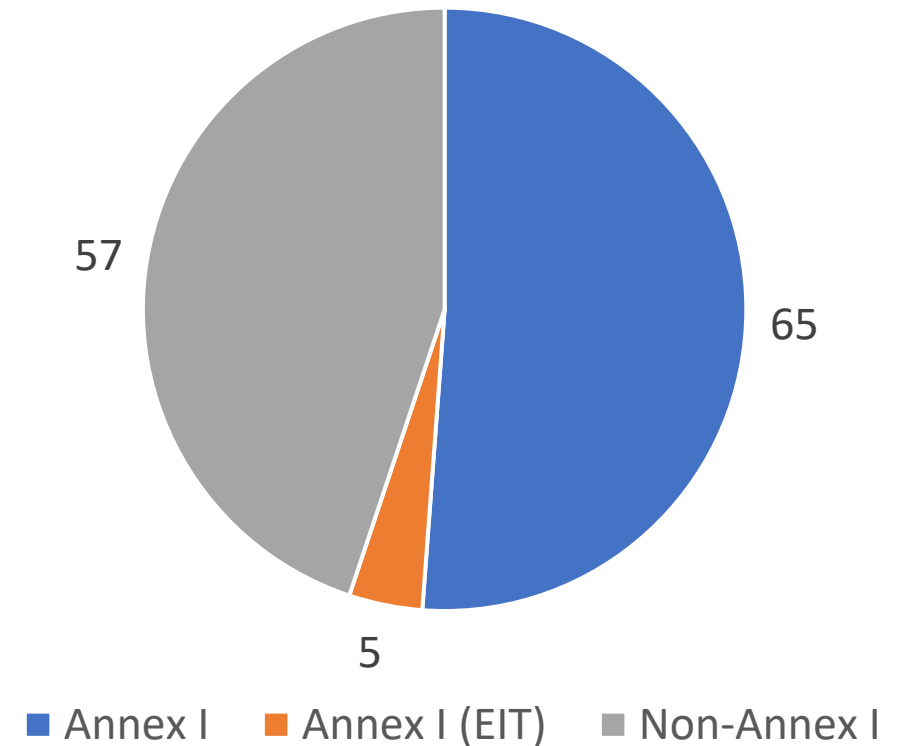
(a) For the 2022 review cycle, the available supplementary funding was insufficient to complement the resources from the core budget, and therefore the secretariat organized individual reviews of 38 of the submissions

(b) Australia's submission are made under the Convention and the Paris Agreement. The simplified review of Australia's NIR under the MPGs was conducted in accordance with paragraphs 15–19 of the conclusions and recommendations from the 2023 joint meeting of lead reviewers, available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/627213>.

# Expert review teams in 2023



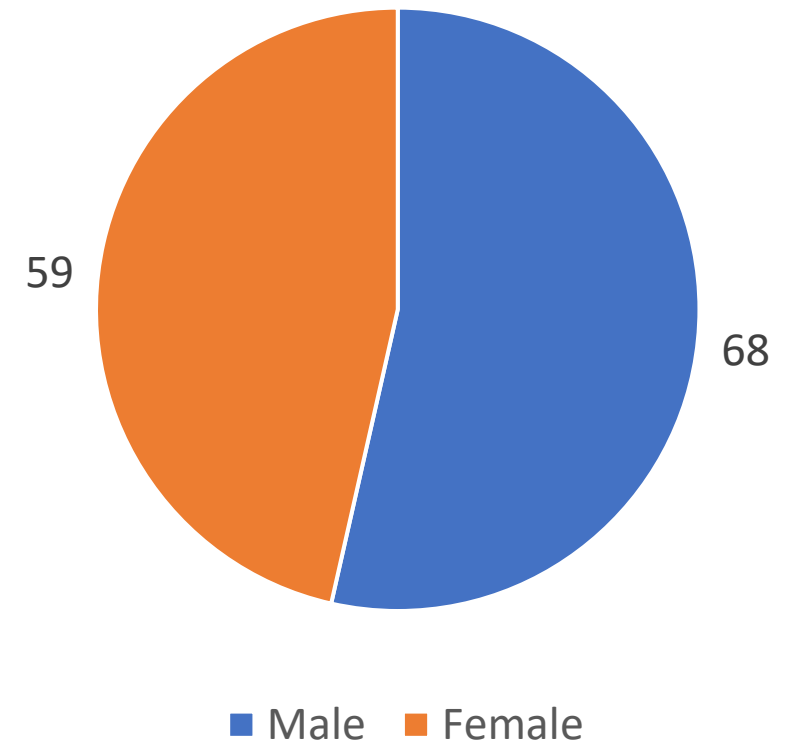
	2023
Submissions under review	10
Experts invited	181
Declined invitations	51
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Number of new experts	67
Annex I Parties not involved in the review process	19



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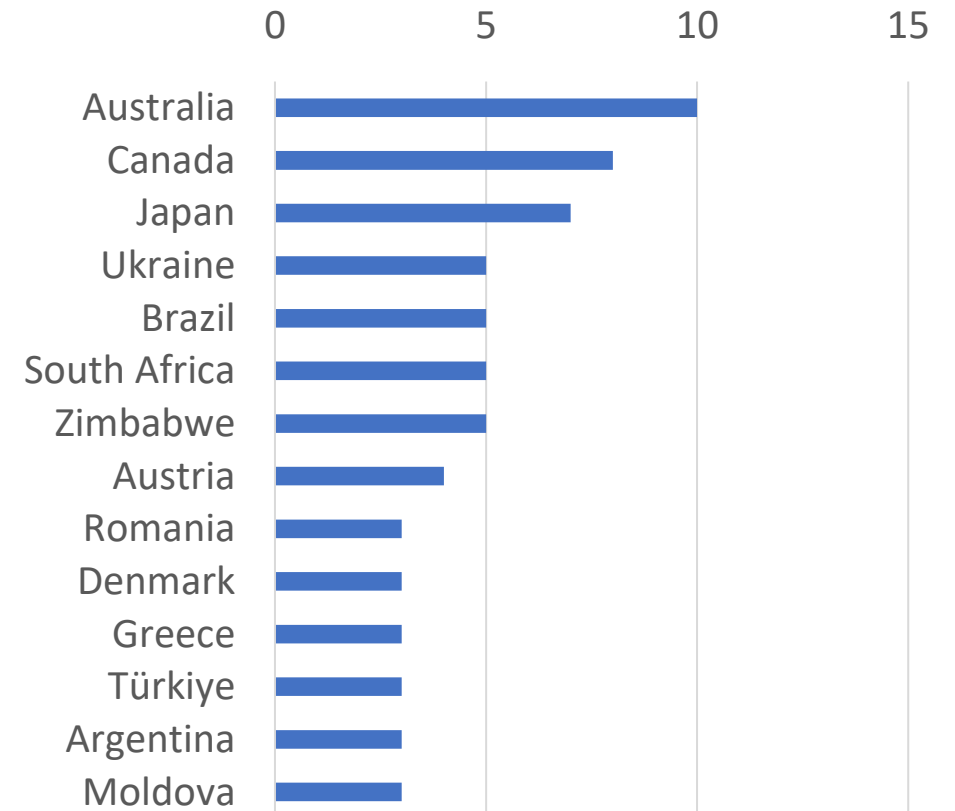


# Expert review teams in 2023



	2023
Reasons for experts not participating in the 2023 review cycle	Some Parties had nominated experts but those experts had not yet taken the training courses and passed the relevant examinations
	Some Parties had not fully updated their nominations to the UNFCCC roster of experts and some nominated experts included in the roster were not available for the reviews
	Some experts had a heavy workload or other obligations during the review period
	Some experts could not find funding for participating in the reviews

Parties with strong support  
( $\geq 3$  experts in 2023 review cycle)





- Secretariat continues to reach out to NFPs for nomination of experts
- Secretariat invited and encouraged nominated experts to complete the mandatory training courses and examinations

	2023
GHG experts in the roster (September 2023)	2535 - 1778 from non-Annex I - 744 from Annex I - 13 from IGOs
Eligible for GHG inventory reviews	529



	2023
Participation in basic course held virtually (20 April to 26 June)	43 experts
Examination participation	20 experts
Examination format	online examination with remote invigilation
New eligible experts	13 new experts - 8 non-Annex I - 4 Annex I - 1 IGO



- Held in Bonn on 14 February 2023
- 116 LRs invited; 70 attended (56 in person and 14 remotely); 33 from non-Annex I Parties and 37 from Annex I Parties.
- LRs conclusions and recommendations referred to:
  - Preparing for the enhanced transparency framework
    - Biennial transparency report reviews: guiding principles, tools and review expert resources
    - Simplified review procedures of national inventory reports
  - Greenhouse gas inventory reviews under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol
    - Organization of the 2023 greenhouse gas inventory review process
    - Training of greenhouse gas inventory review experts in 2022 and future activities
    - Organization of the reviews of Kyoto Protocol true-up period reports in 2023
    - Other matters

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# Agenda sub-item 14(c)

Technical review of greenhouse gas inventories and other information reported by Parties included in Annex I, as defined in Article 1, paragraph 7, of the Kyoto Protocol

*(FCCC/SBSTA/2023/INF.7)*



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- (a)** Submission of the annual information required, including GHG inventories, from Parties included in Annex I, and its review
- (b)** Selection and participation of experts and LRs in the review process
- (c)** Annual conclusions and recommendations by the GHG LRs
- (d)** Reporting and review process for assessing compliance after the “true-up” period for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol
- (e)** Training programme for ERTs in annual reviews under the KP
- (f)** Compilation of information on the minimization of adverse impacts in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 14, of the KP



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## **Submissions in 2023:**

- National inventory reports: submitted between 15 March and 20 April 2023
- CRF tables: submitted between 15 March and 26 April 2023
- SEF tables for CP1: submitted between 15 March and 24 April 2023
- SEF tables for CP2: submitted between 15 March and 19 June 2023

## **Reviews of the submissions submitted in 2023:**

- Nine submissions reviewed, conducted as centralized reviews

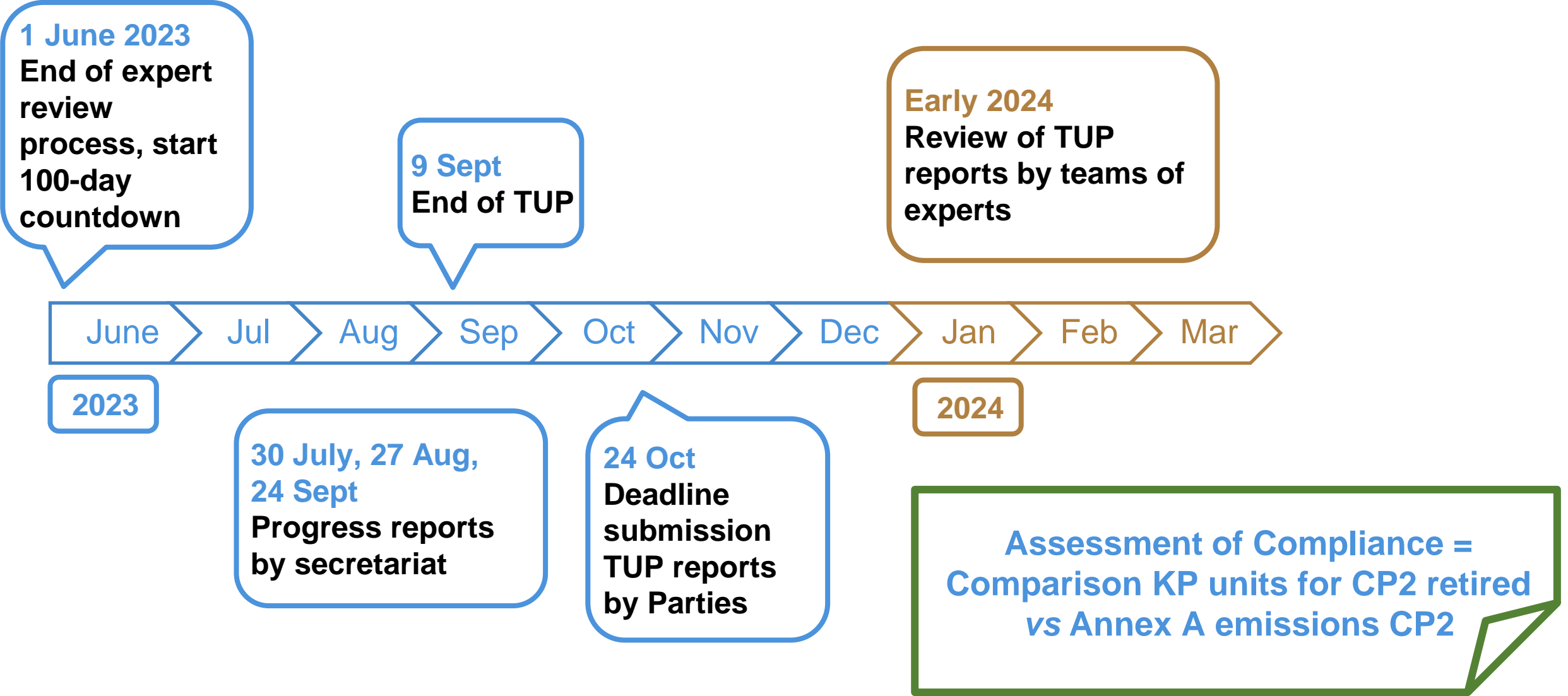


- (b)** Selection and participation of experts and LRs in the review process
- (c)** Annual conclusions and recommendations by the GHG LRs

Information under items **(b)** and **(c)** is included in the report on the technical review of GHG inventories of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (FCCC/SBSTA/2023/INF.6), considered under SBSTA agenda item 14(b)



# (d) 'True-up' period (TUP)



### **(e) Training programme for ERTs in annual reviews under the KP**

- Final annual inventory submissions under the Convention and the KP for the second commitment period submitted in 2022; review reports published by 17 May 2023. As a result, the training programme for annual reviews under Article 8 of the KP was not offered in 2023

### **(f) Compilation of information on the minimization of adverse impacts in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol**

- The compilation based on the annual submissions received for 2022 was published on 26 January 2023:

<https://unfccc.int/topics/mitigation/workstreams/response-measures/compilation-reports-on-article-314-of-the-kyoto-protocol>