



Introduction to the Toolkit for Building National GHG Inventory Systems

Remote Training on the Building of Sustainable National Greenhouse Gas Inventory
Management Systems

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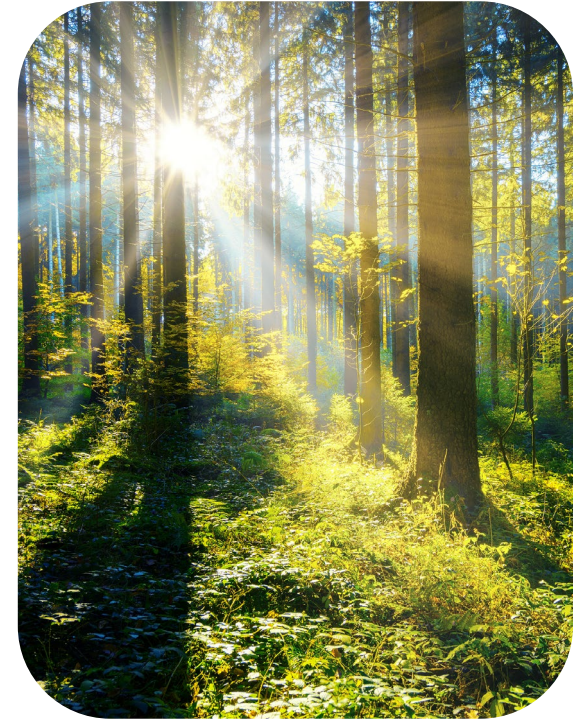
Overview



**Introduction to GHG
Inventory Management
Systems and the Toolkit**



**Inventory
Planning
Template**



**Enhanced Transparency
Framework**

National GHG Inventory Compilation Cycle



National Inventory Management System

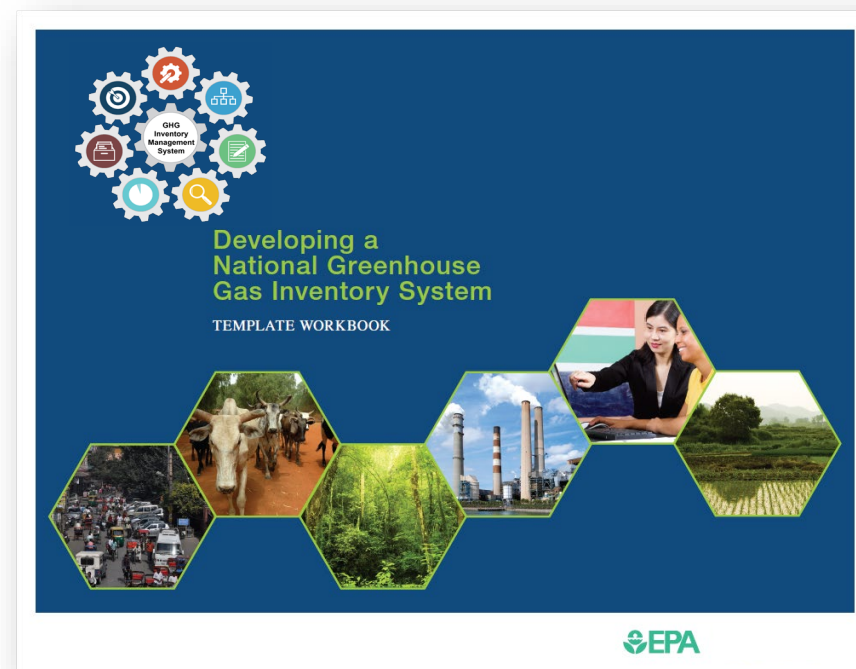
- Organize the steps and arrangements needed to prepare national inventories
- Transition from a project-based approach to an institutional approach that can prepare inventories regularly
- Critical starting point for building inventories that are more transparent, accurate, complete, consistent, and comparable (TACCC)
- Efficient use of time and resources over the long term



Toolkit for Building National GHG Inventory Systems

EPA has organized key elements of UNFCCC and IPCC guidance into easy-to-use templates to help inventory compilers develop a sustainable national GHG inventory management system

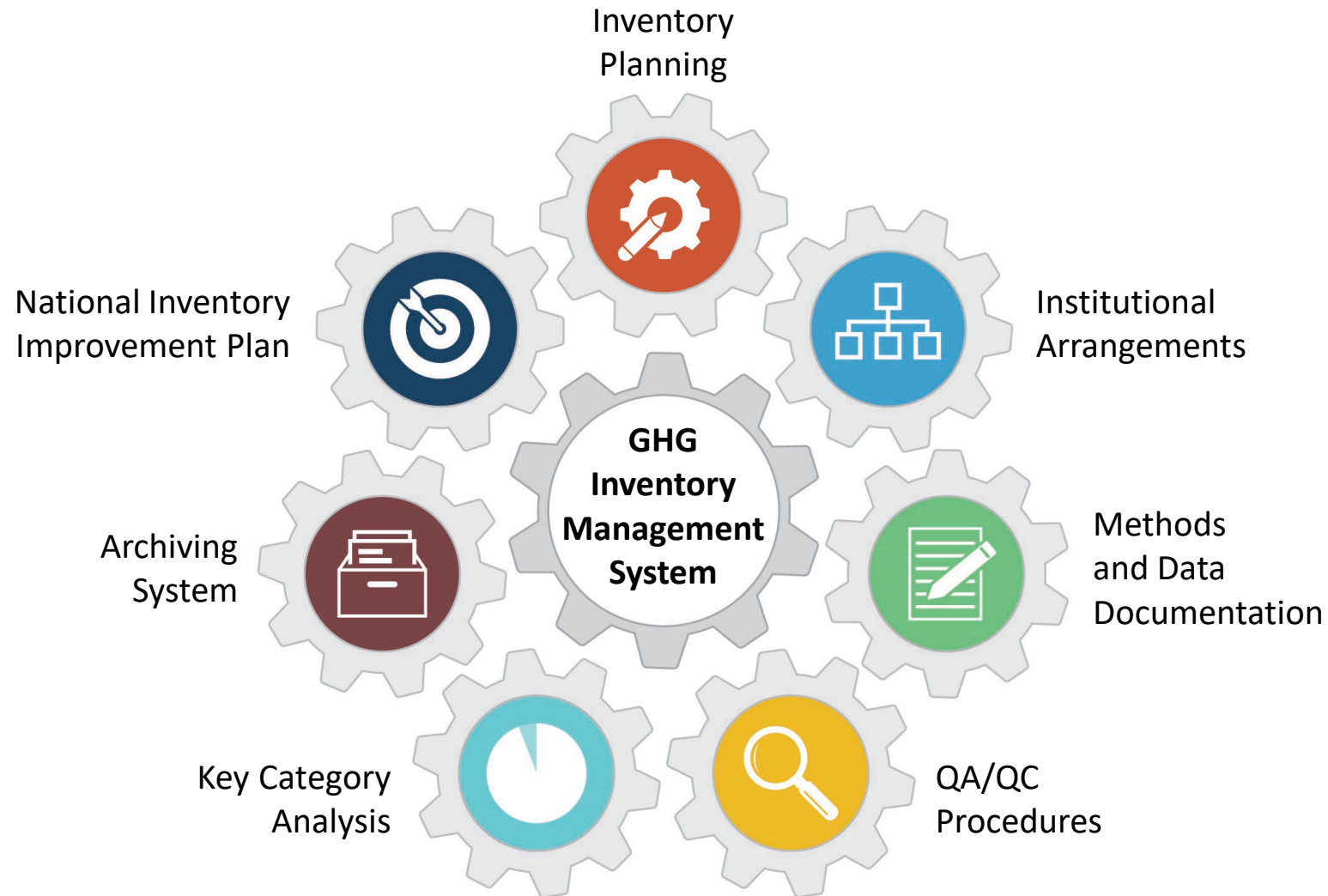
- ✓ Based on EPA's 20+ years of experience preparing the U.S. inventory and working with countries to develop inventory systems
- ✓ Documents the critical components of national inventory systems
- ✓ Supports the task of reporting on national inventory arrangements, QA/QC plans, etc.
- ✓ Helps countries meet reporting requirements of the Enhanced Transparency Framework under the Paris Agreement



Benefits of the National Inventory System Templates

Completing the templates will help you...	...which yields these benefits
Document critical information about inventory plans and procedures	Improve Transparency and Credibility
Define inventory tasks and development stages	Break down work into discrete tasks
Accommodate varying levels of national capacity	Different priorities and roles based on budget and staff capacity
Clarify roles and responsibilities of individuals and institutions	Easier accountability and role development
Identify priorities for future improvements	Continuous improvement and refinement
Provide a clear starting point for future inventories	Help establish a sustainable national system that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets TACCC principles • Enables transition to ETF commitment of submitting a Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) every 2 years

Key Components of an Inventory Management System



Template 1. Inventory Planning



This template will help you:

- Understand how to use all of templates
- Document inventory compilation schedule and workplan
- Provide tools for the NIC to track progress on completing each template

Supporting Templates, Guides, and Tools

- National Inventory Inception Memorandum Template

Template 2. Institutional Arrangements



This template will help you:

- Assess and document strengths and weaknesses
- Promote institutionalization of the inventory process
- Ensure long-term integrity of the inventory

Supporting Templates, Guides, and Tools

- National GHG Inventory Coordinator: Responsibilities and Qualifications Guide
- Sector Lead Roles and Responsibilities Guide for Energy, IPPU, Agriculture, LULUCF, and Waste
- Memorandum of Cooperation Template
- Statement of Work Template

Template 3. Methods and Data Documentation



This template will help you:

- Document methodologies, activity data, and emission factors
- Identify future improvements
- Provide valuable documentation of inventory categories for future reference

Supporting Templates, Guides, and Tools

- Confidentiality Agreement and Amendment Template

Template 4. QA/QC Procedures



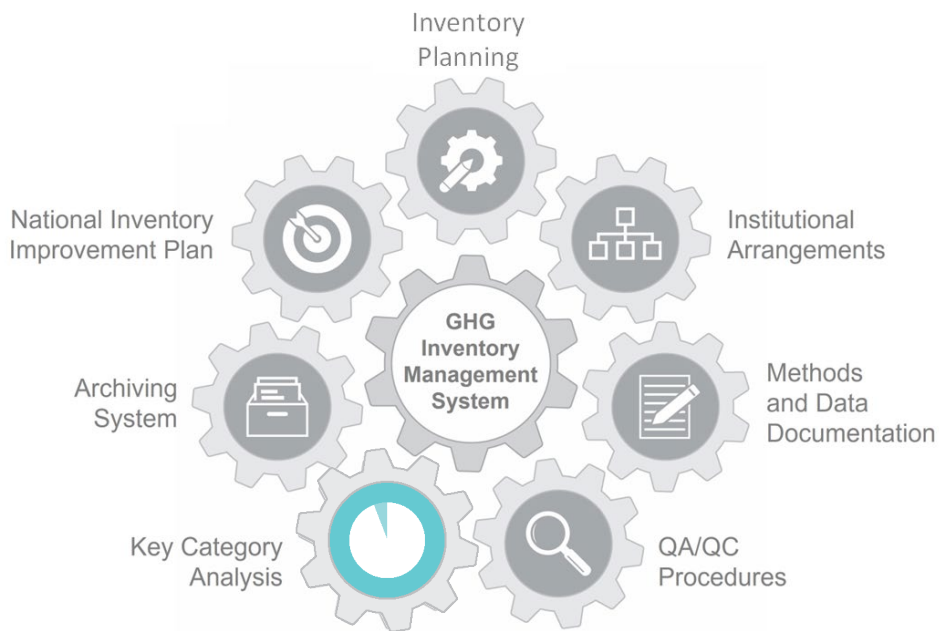
This template will help you:

- Provides a guide to establish cost-effective quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) procedures
- Define roles and tasks of inventory staff
- Includes general and category-specific checks, as recommended by IPCC

Supporting Templates, Guides, and Tools

- Appendix 1: QA/QC Checklists
- Appendix 2: Expert Review Elicitation Template

Template 5. Key Category Analysis (KCA)



This template will help you:

- Identify the most important sources and sinks in the national GHG inventory
- Focus and prioritize inventory improvement

Supporting Templates, Guides, and Tools

- Key Category Analysis Tool

Template 6. Archiving System



This template will help you:

- Create a complete, accessible, and cost-effective archiving system
- Provide the critical starting point for future inventories
- Increase the transparency of the inventory

Supporting Templates, Guides, and Tools

- Archiving Procedures Checklist

Template 7. National Inventory Improvement Plan



This template will help you:

- Identify and prioritize future improvements, based on the needs identified in the 6 other templates
- Strategize to implement improvements that enhance your inventory's transparency, accuracy, completeness, comparability, and consistency (TACCC) over time

Supporting Templates, Guides, and Tools

- Inventory Progress Indicator (IPI) Tool

Inventory Compilation Cycle & the Templates



Questions?



A graphic for 'Inventory Planning' featuring a central dark grey horizontal bar with the text 'Inventory Planning' in white. The bar is surrounded by several grey gears of varying sizes. One gear on the right is highlighted with a red center and a white gear icon with a pencil. Other gears contain icons for a target, a pencil, a hierarchy, a folder, a document, a clock, and a magnifying glass.

Inventory Planning

Customizing the Templates

Read the background and instructions in blue and complete each template.



Introduction to Template 7. National Inventory Improvement Plan

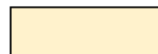
In the U.S. EPA *Toolkit for Building National GHG Inventory Systems ('Toolkit')*, this is Template 7. Its purpose is to help the National Inventory Coordinator (NIC) develop a National Inventory Improvement Plan (NIIP). Every country should have a comprehensive improvement plan including identifying improvements to methods, data, and the inventory system to improve inventory quality over time, including the transparency, consistency, comparability, completeness, and accuracy of subsequent reported national GHG inventories. Beyond identifying improvement projects, the improvement plan should also the assign a priority level to each proposed project. The plan should also provide an explanation of why certain improvement options should be considered high priority (e.g., key categories), and outline implementation details, e.g. projected budget and resource needs and indicate the time horizon for implementation (e.g., near-term such as the next inventory or long-term meaning future inventories). The plan will likely focus on improvements to key categories, consistent with IPCC good practice guidance, any priority capacity-building needs identified during technical analysis of Biennial Update Reports, Biennial Transparency Reports, or other QA/QC processes, and finally on all other aspects of the inventory as resources permit.

Preparing and reporting an improvement plan is consistent with future reporting requirements under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF)¹. To facilitate continuous improvement, countries should identify, regularly update, and report information on areas of improvement. In addition to areas noted above, improvements should also address capacity constraints related to use of flexibility and in the future, responding to improvements identified by technical expert review teams.

Instructions

The tables in this template may be customized by adding or removing columns or rows to better reflect your country's particular needs or circumstances.

Complete the cells that are shaded this color:



Enter new information about your inventory in black text.



Easy-to-follow instructions for each step in the template.

More on Customizing the Templates

National Inventory Improvement Plan

This National Inventory Improvement Plan (NIIP) presents options for improving the national GHG inventory system to support compilation of a high-quality inventory consistent with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The NIIP will guide future efforts to increase the transparency, consistency, comparability, completeness, and accuracy of future inventories. It will inform the overall improvement of the national GHG inventory, including strengthening institutional capacity over the coming years. These improvements have been identified through documentation of existing institutional arrangements, category-by-category analyses of methods and data, QA/QC procedures, key categories, and the archiving system.

Table 7-1, below, identifies the improvement options for this NIIP and their level of priority. Table 7-2 proposes inventory improvement projects consisting of the high-priority options from Table 7-1.

Includes example text in black that you can customize according to your national circumstances.

STEP 1: Compile the list of improvement options in Table 7-1, below.

Purpose of Table 7-1	To provide a clear overview of the improvement options identified by the inventory team in Templates 2 through 6 and an explanation of why certain improvement options should be categorized as high-priority.
How to use the table when complete	To guide efforts to increase the transparency, accuracy, consistency, comparability, and completeness of future national GHG inventories.
General instructions	<p>Consolidate all improvements listed in Templates 2 through 6 into this table. Ensure that these improvements include enough identified in Templates 2 through 6. Improvements in these categories need to be specific, not general. Improvements that are too general are unlikely to be completed</p> <p>Also include improvements suggested during external assessments or reviews (e.g., International Consultation and Analysis). If you or another Party has evaluated your inventory using the Inventory Progress Indicator (IPI) tool, you may also record in Table 7-1 any improvements that would address inventory gaps noted in the evaluation. Add rows to the table as necessary. Improvements in these categories need to be specific, not general. Improvements that are too general are unlikely to be completed.</p>

Blue text is for your reference. DELETE blue text in the final template once it has been filled out.

How this Template Will Help!

Inventory Planning will help the inventory team:



- Create a national GHG inventory schedule and record due dates for key stages of inventory compilation
- Track progress on completing the templates

Step 1: Inventory Compilation Schedule

Table 1-1. Inventory Compilation Schedule

	Stage	Due date (e.g., Month, day, and year)	Comments
Improve	Plan		
	Collect		
	Estimate		
	Write		
	Review		
	Finalize & Submit		
	Archive		



Who completes this table: National Inventory Coordinator (NIC)

Example of Table 1-1

Table 1-1. Inventory Compilation Schedule

	Stage	Due date (e.g., Month and year)	Comments
Improve	Plan	June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sector leads: update list of planned improvements by June 15 Inventory kick-off meeting on June 30
	Collect	December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify NIC of any new sources/sinks to include GHGI by December 31
	Estimate	June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sector leads: to minimize version control issues, make sure to use the latest 1990-2020 files
	Write	October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For each category, clearly specify which IPCC tier methodology is used
	Review	January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review period: January 1-January 31
	Finalize & report	December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GHG inventory due to UNFCCC Secretariat on April 15
	Archive	February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sector leads: save all references (AD, EF) to GHGI 1990-2020 folder by June 30

Who completes this table: National Inventory Coordinator (NIC)

Step 2: Overall Template Progress

Table 1-2. Overall Template Progress

Template	Summary of progress towards completing the template	Obstacles and possible solutions	Status
1. Inventory Planning			
2. Institutional Arrangements			
3. Methods and Data Documentation			
4. QA/QC Procedures			
5. Archiving System			
6. Key Category Analysis			
7. National Inventory Improvement Plan			

Tip: Revisit this table before initiating the next inventory cycle to recall and address or avoid obstacles.

Who completes this table: National Inventory Coordinator (NIC)

Example of Table 1-2

Table 1-2. Overall Template Progress

Template	Summary of progress towards completing the template	Obstacles and possible solutions	Status
1. Inventory Planning	Inventory Compilation Schedule is completed. Template Progress table is being updated regularly.		In Progress
2. Institutional Arrangements	Sector Leads are compiling tables 2-3 for respective sectors.	Obstacle: need more disaggregated IPPU AD Solution: engage statistics ministry, industry associations.	In Progress
3. Methods and Data Documentation			Not Started
4. QA/QC Procedures			Not Started
5. Archiving System			Not Started
6. Key Category Analysis			Not Started
7. National Inventory Improvement Plan			Not Started

Who completes this table: National Inventory Coordinator (NIC)

Supporting Template: National GHG Inventory Inception Memorandum

NIC can customize the inception memo template to provide general guidance and convey the schedule to those working on the National GHG inventory (sector leads, QA/QC coordinator, uncertainty coordinator, consultants).

Participants may have more than one role, depending on staff resources, so keeping track is key. Components include:

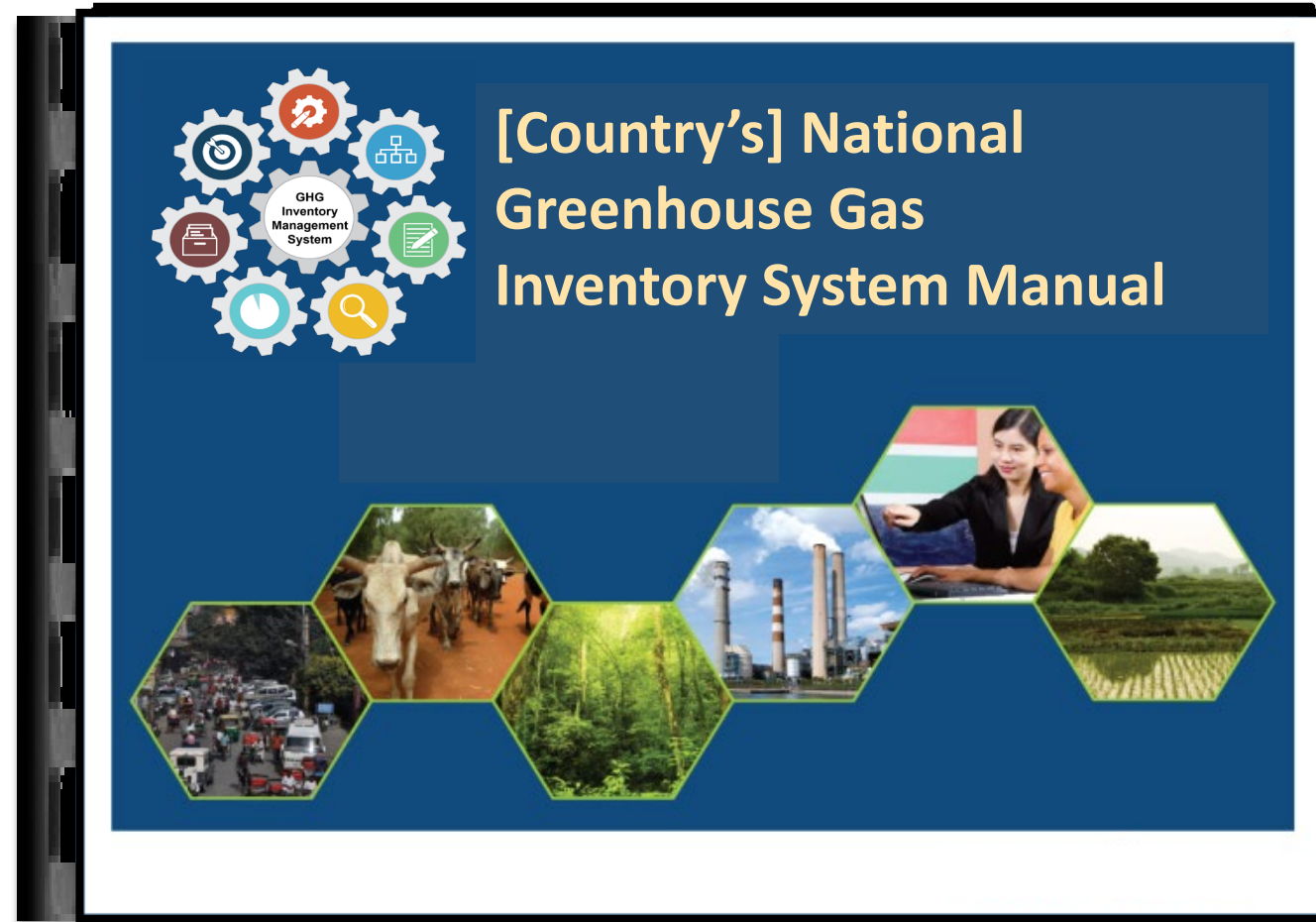
Inventory Inception Memorandum

To: Inventory compilers, QA/QC coordinator, etc.

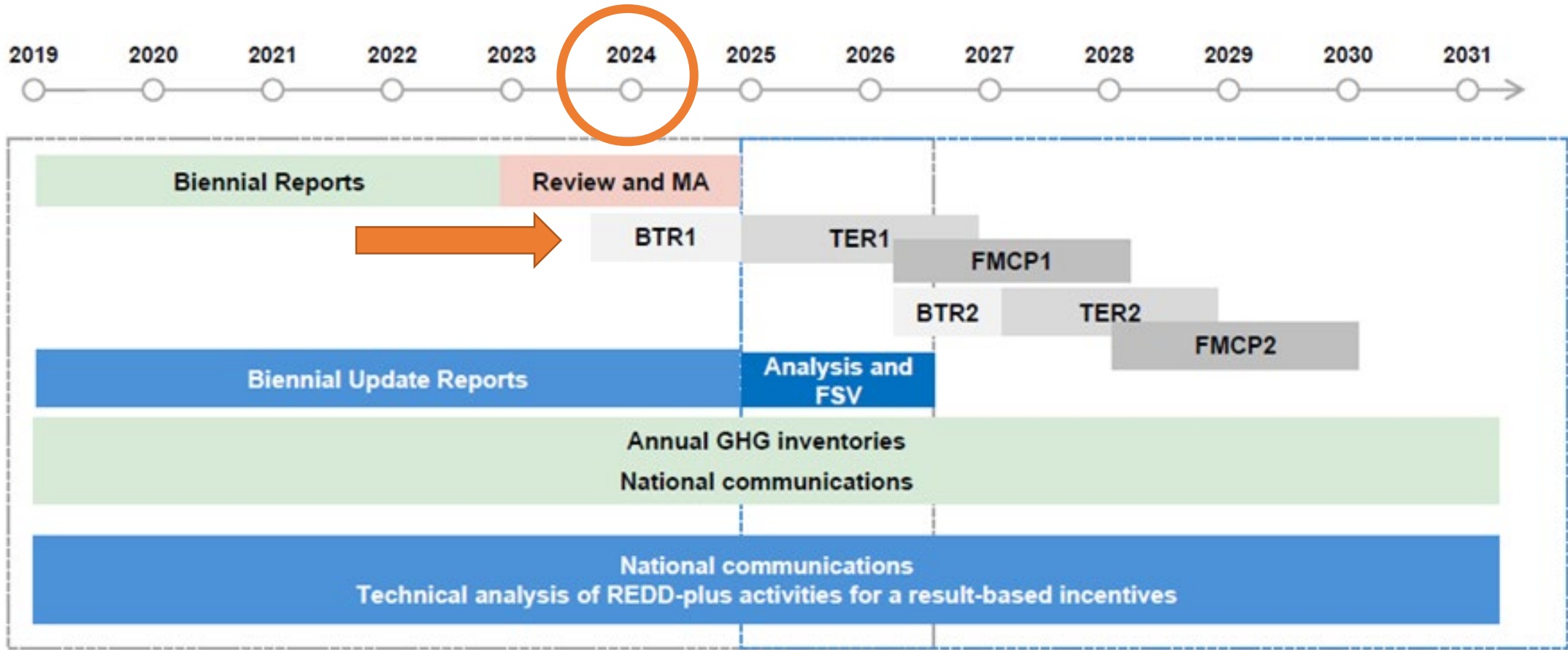
Subject: Inventory Preparation Procedures for 2022-2024

1. Introduction
2. Work Plan and Schedule
3. Inventory Structure and Team Member Responsibilities
4. Documentation Procedures
5. Data Management
6. Instructions for the Report Text
7. QA/QC Requirements
8. Uncertainty Analysis*
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Completed templates become a National Inventory System Manual



Enhanced Transparency Framework



Existing MRV arrangements

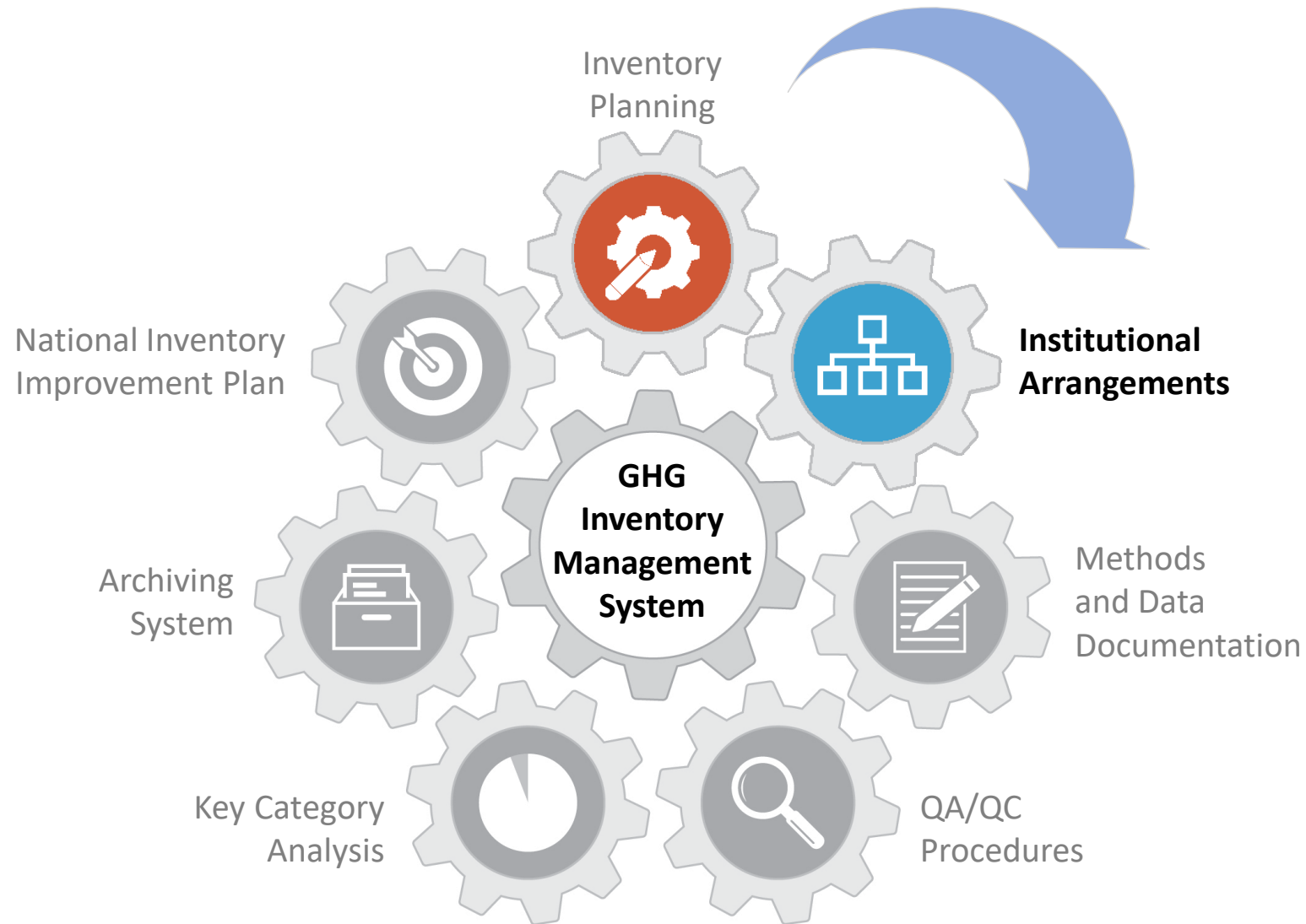
Enhanced Transparency Framework



Action Items from Inventory Planning

1. Establish a suitable schedule for each stage of the compilation cycle
 - Consult with key stakeholders in your inventory as needed (e.g., your management, sector leads/compilers, data providers) to understand data availability and other needs or constraints.
2. Track progress towards completing all templates to ensure useful documentation of national GHG inventory system
3. Prepare an inception memorandum for your GHG inventory to convey important guidance and due dates to your inventory compilation team
 - Coordinate the compilation teams and manage the inventory compilation cycle

Next Presentations





Thank You For Your Attention!

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