
Experience in preparing national reports

Information event on transparency under the SBSTA.

Part II: Enhancing understanding of reporting on transparency of support, submitting national reports and training of review experts

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Mandates and practices in preparing national reports under the UNFCCC



While the outline for the NIR and NC of developed countries is mandated by the relevant decisions, BRs of developed Parties and BURs and NCs of the developing Parties are reported broadly following the headings of relevant guidelines and the established practice.

Preparing national reports as per mandated outlines supports transparency and comparability across reports and facilitates expert review.

NC /BURs by developing Parties



BRs by developed Parties



GHG inventories by developed Parties



NC for developed Parties



No mandated outlines in the decisions

(17/CP.8 on NCs and Cancun Agreements (1/CP.16) and Durban Outcomes (2/CP.17) on BUR and BR)

Mandated outlines in decisions

(24/CP.19 on GHG and 6/CP.25 on NCs)

FCCC/CP/2019/13/Add.1

Appendix

Structure of the national communication

- I. Executive summary
- II. National circumstances relevant to greenhouse gas emissions and removals
- III. Greenhouse gas inventory information
 - A. Summary tables
 - B. Descriptive summary
 - C. National inventory arrangements
- IV. Policies and measures

Appendix

An outline and general structure of the national inventory report

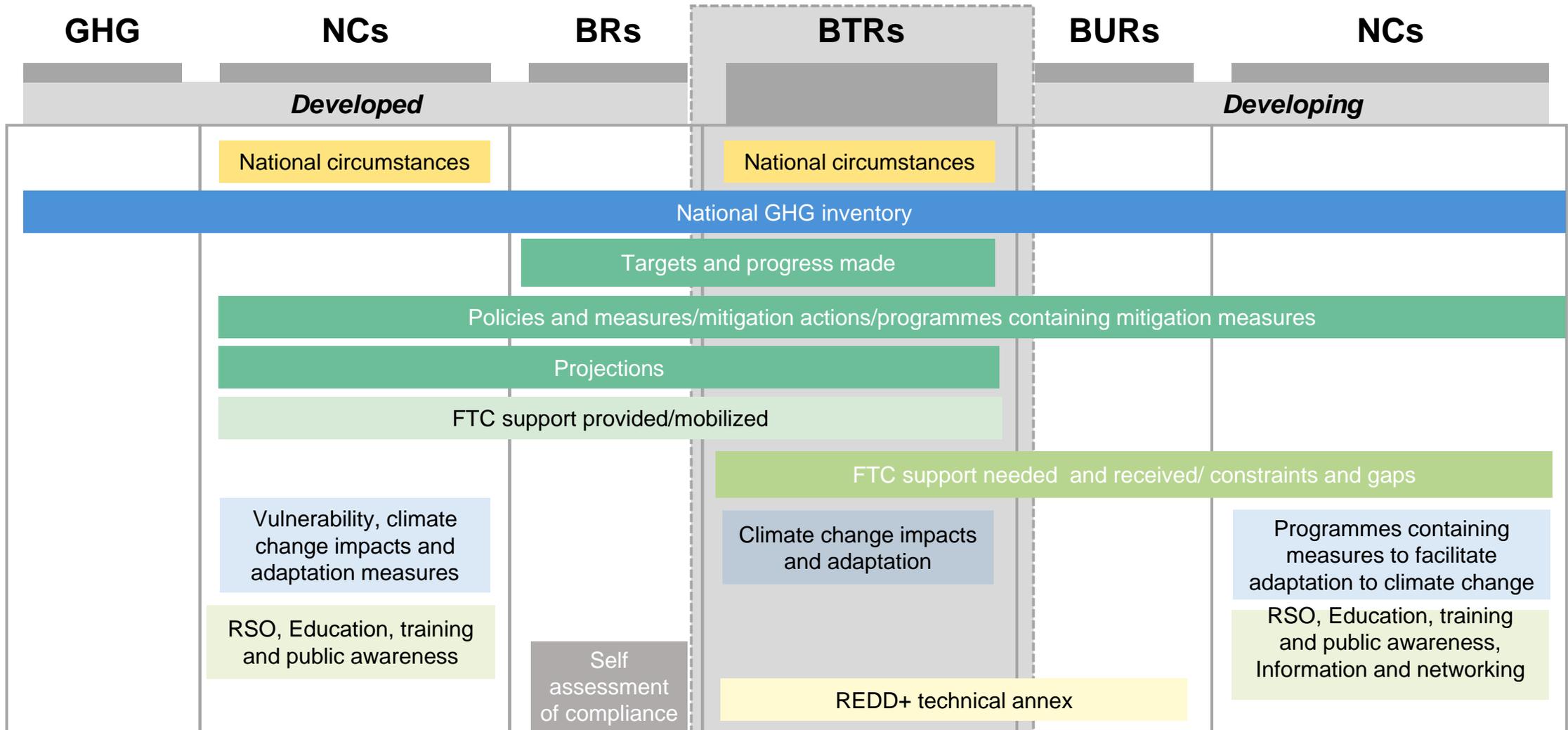
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- ES.1. Background information on greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories and climate change (e.g. as it pertains to the national context)
- ES.2. Summary of national emission and removal-related trends
- ES.3. Overview of source and sink category emission estimates and trends
- ES.4. Other information (e.g. indirect GHGs)

Chapter 1: Introduction

- 1.1. Background information on GHG inventories and climate change (e.g. as it pertains to the national context, to provide information to the general public)
- 1.2. A description of the national inventory arrangements

Reporting enhancement with flexibility provisions and improving reporting over time



Changes in national GHG inventory reporting for developing countries



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BUR

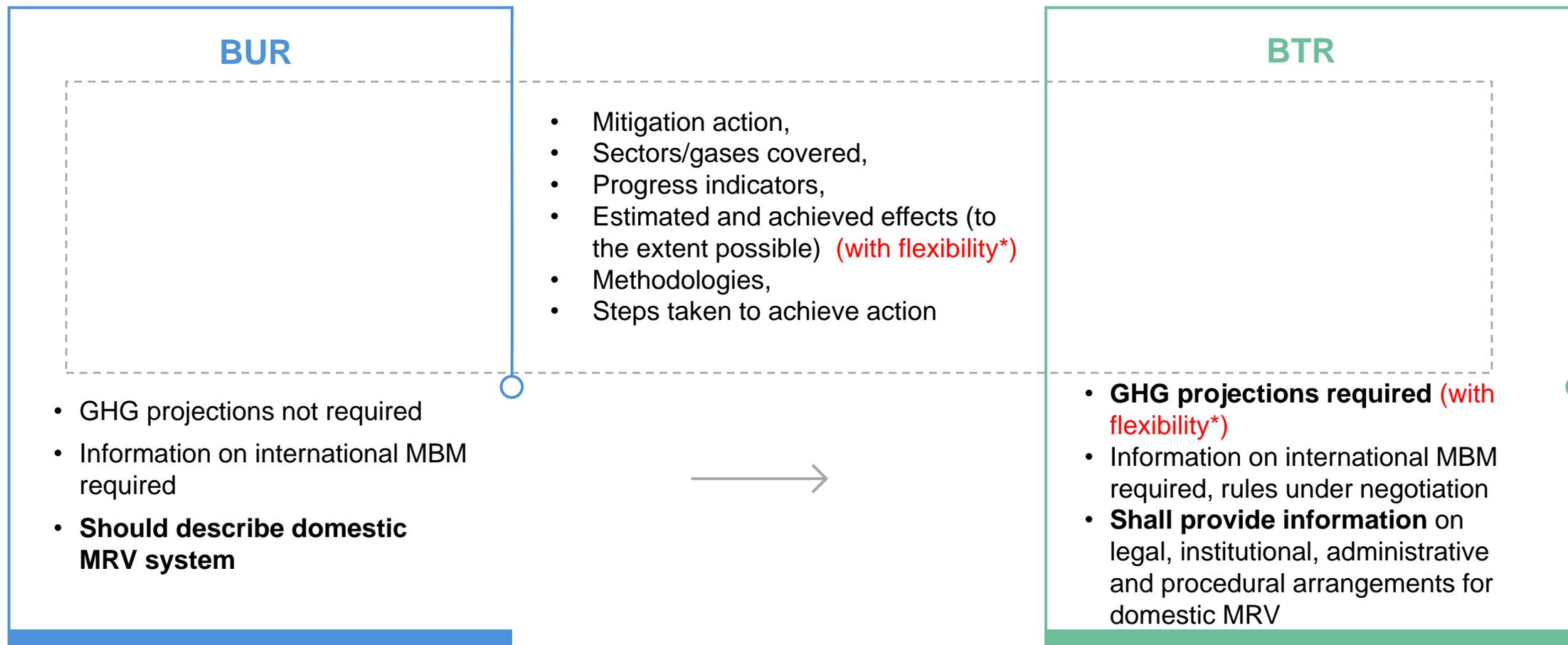
- Use of 1996 IPCC Guidelines/GPG/GPG-LULUCF
- Cover inventory year T-4
- Activity data should be updated
- Reporting at a summary level
- Key category analysis encouraged
- Limited reporting on institutional arrangements (e.g. archiving, inventory as a continuous process). No specific requirements on QA/QC
- Shall report CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O (using SAR values); encouraged to report other gases
- Encouraged to provide information on uncertainty of inventory data and assumptions



BTR

- Use of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines
- Cover year T-2 (T-3 with flexibility*)
- Recalculations of previous data required
- Reporting tables to be finalized at CMA 3
- Key category analysis required (with flexibility*)
- Reporting on institutional arrangements required (e.g. planning, preparation and management). Shall develop a QA/QC plan and report on general QC procedures (with flexibility*)
- Shall report basket of 7 gases (with flexibility*), using AR5 GWP values
- Shall quantitatively estimate uncertainty (with flexibility*)

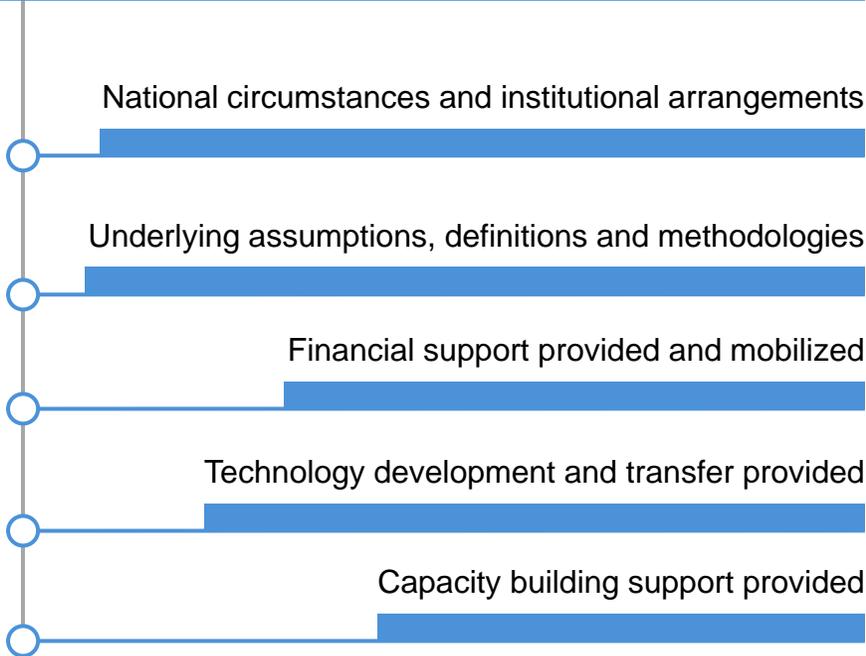
Changes in mitigation actions and GHG projections reporting for developing countries



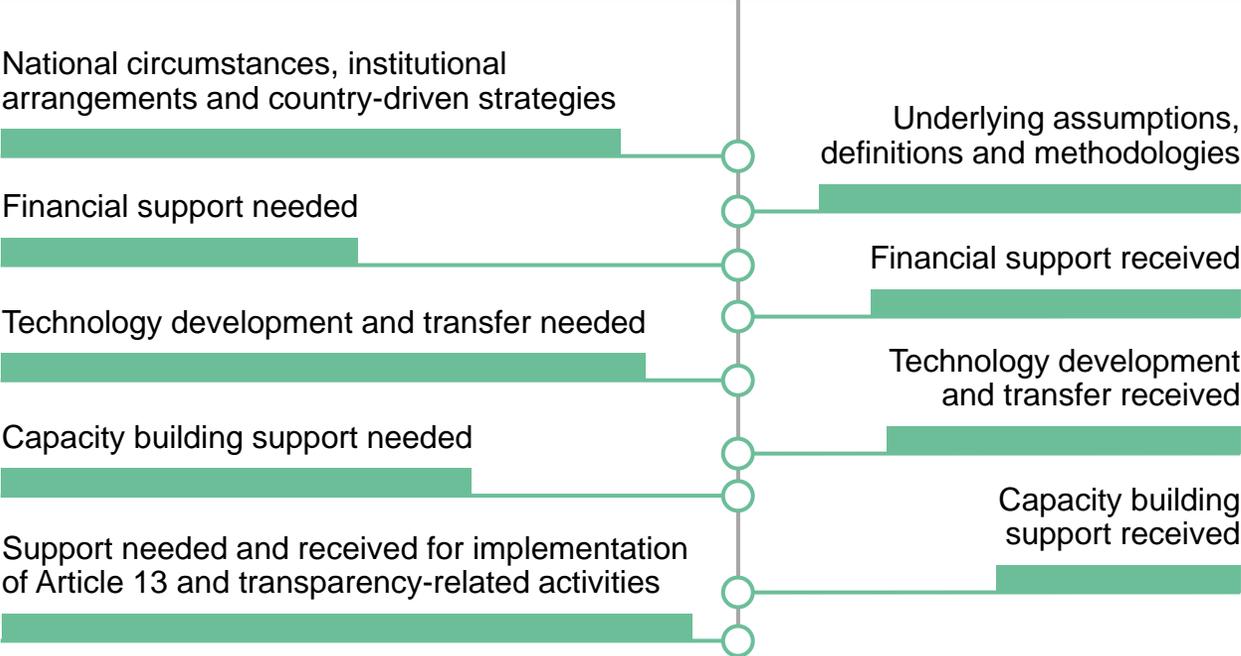
Financial, Technology Development and Transfer and Capacity Building Support



Developed
Shall provide information on FTC provided and mobilized (others that provide support should) (MPGs, paras. 118-129)



Developing
Should report information on support needed and received (MPGs, paras. 130-145)



Information on adaptation is provided through a variety of reporting channels



Type of information	BTR	AdCom	NatCom/ Annex I Party	NatCom/non- Annex I Party	Documents related to NAPs
National circumstances, institutions, legal frameworks	X	X		X	X
Impacts, risks, vulnerabilities	X	X	X	X	X
Priorities and barriers related to adaptation	X	X		X	
Strategies, policies, plans, goals, steps to integrate adaptation into other policies	X	X	X	X	X
Support needed/support received	X	X			X
Progress in implementation of adaptation	X	X	X	X	X
Monitoring and evaluation	X	X	X	X	X
Information related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts	X				
Cooperation, good practices, experiences, lessons learned	X	X			X
Adaptation-related economic diversification/ mitigation co-benefits of adaptation	X	X			
Contributions to other international frameworks		X			
Gender perspective and/or traditional, indigenous and local knowledge	X	X			

Thank you!



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