

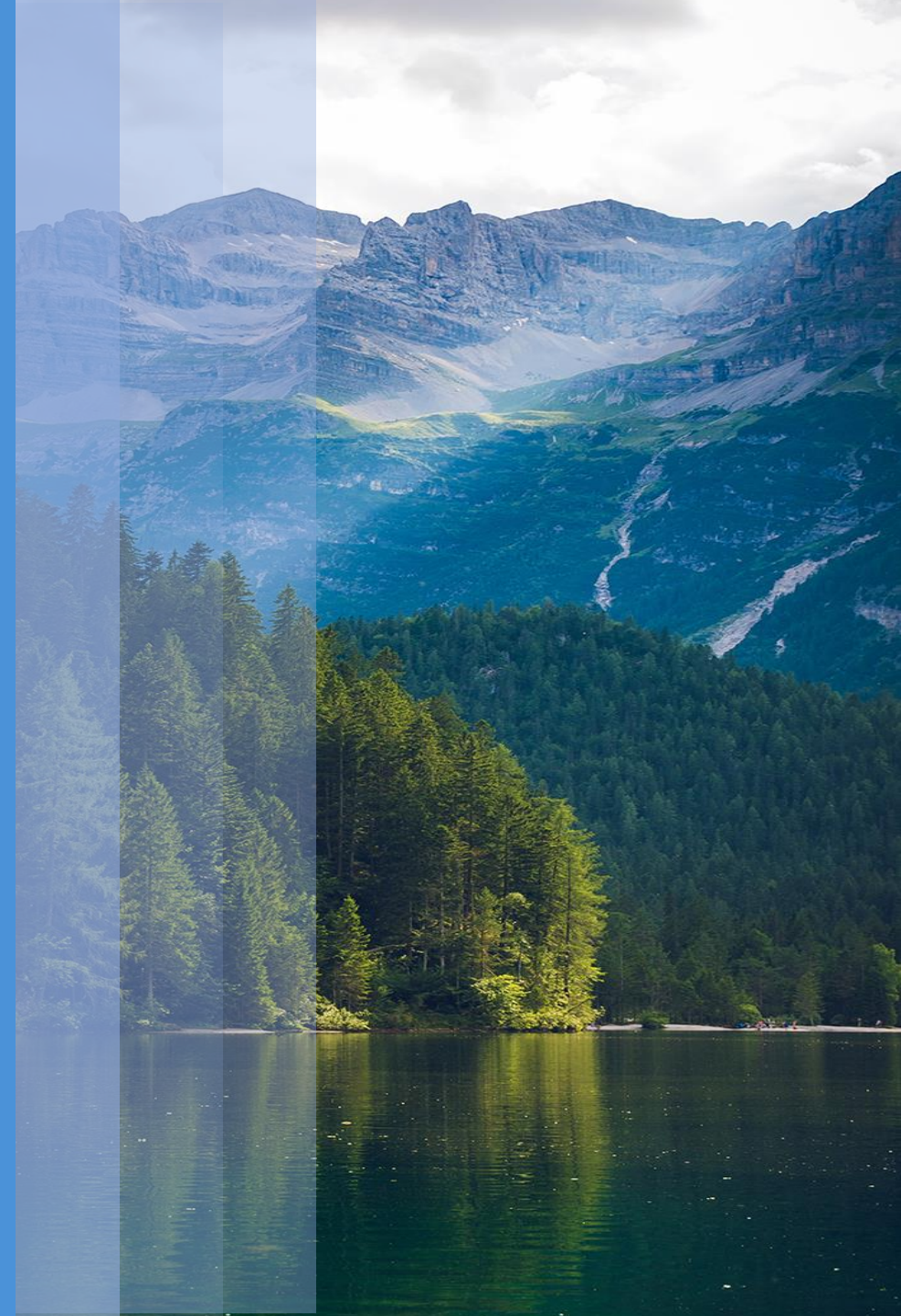
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Introduction to the Paris Agreement Overview of the ETF and BTRs

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Objective

Strengthen the global response to the CLIMATE CHANGE CRISIS

Long-term temperature goal (2°C/1.5°C)

Climate resilient and low GHG
emissions development

Financial flows

Action

Adaptation

Mitigation

Means of implementation

Finance

Tech dev. &
transfer

Capacity-
building

Accountability

(Individual)
Transparency of action
and support - ETF

(Collective)
Global stocktake
(ambition mechanism)

Facilitating implementation and
promoting compliance
(Compliance mechanism)

Article 13 of the Paris Agreement



Established the enhanced transparency framework for action and support

Enhanced
Transparency
Framework (ETF)
for action and
support

TRANSPARENCY FOR ACTION

Provide a clear understanding of **climate change action** in the light of the objective of the Convention, including clarity and tracking of progress towards **achieving NDCs** and **adaptation actions**, including good practices, priorities, needs and gaps, to inform the GST

TRANSPARENCY FOR SUPPORT

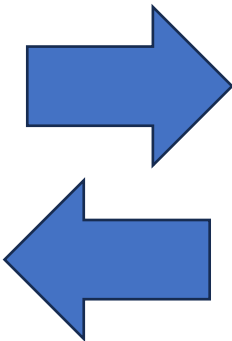
Provide clarity on **support provided and received** by relevant individual Parties in the context of climate change actions and, to the extent possible, to provide a full overview of aggregate financial support provided, to inform the GST

Paris Agreement Goals

Mitigation
keep temperature increase
to well below **2°C** and **1.5°C**

Adaptation
increase the ability to **adapt**
and **foster resilience**

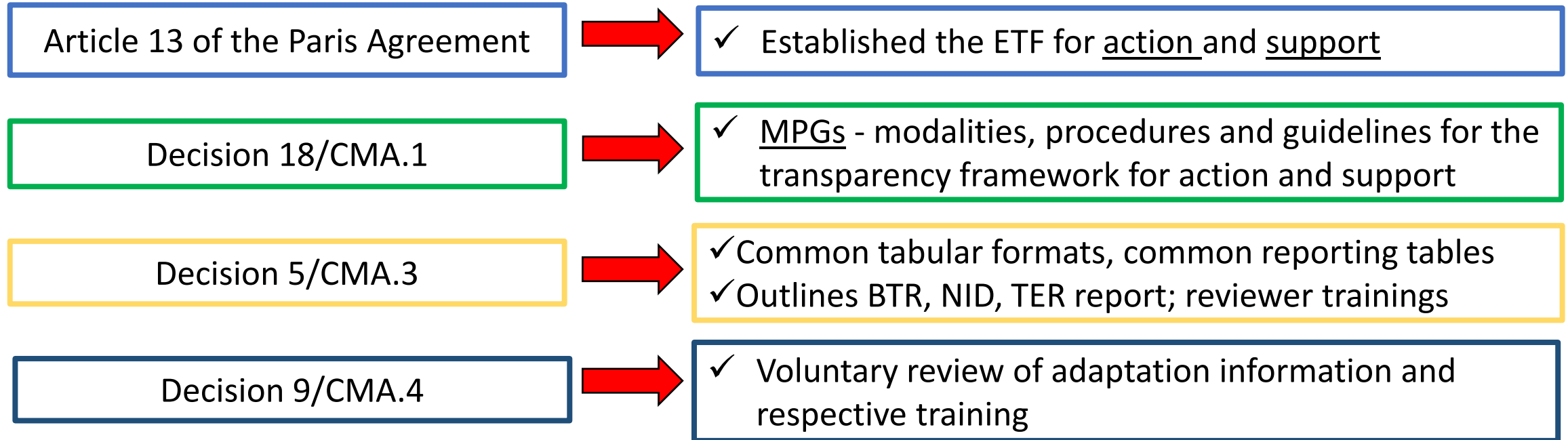
Finance flows **consistent** with
path to low GHG
emissions and
resilient development



Ambition Cycle

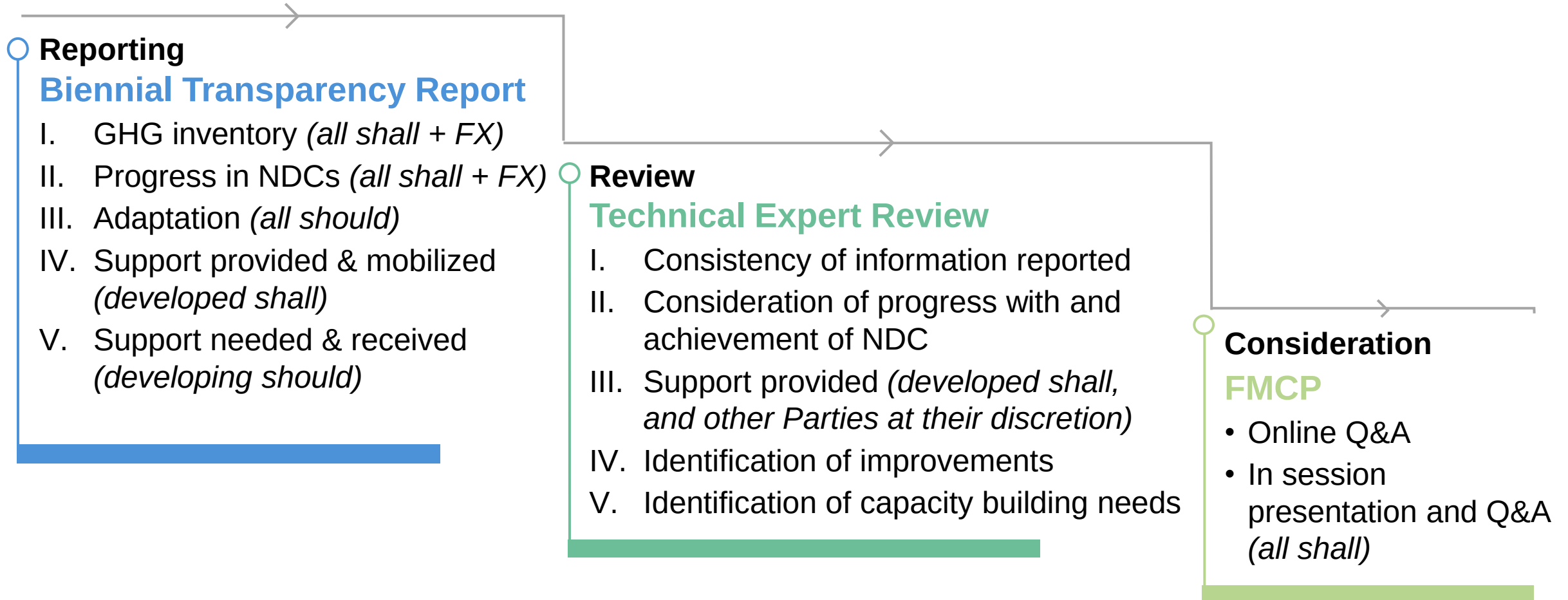


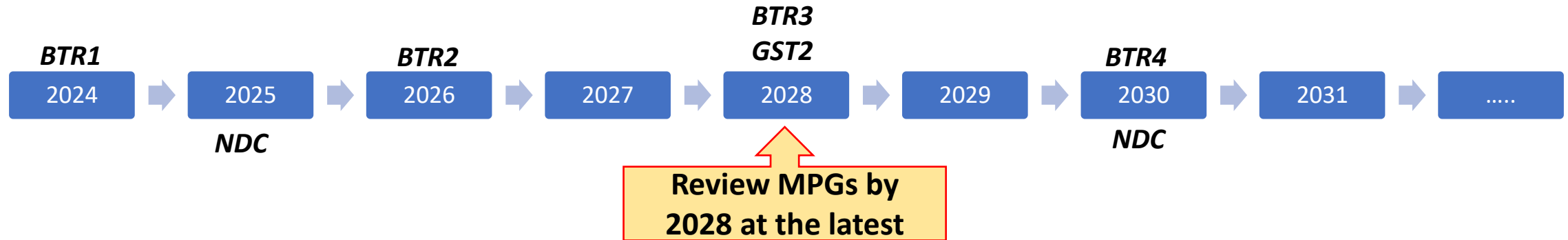
Key decisions



Main principles







All Parties to the Paris Agreement

- I. First BTRs by 31 December 2024, at the latest, and biennially thereafter (*SIDS and LDCs have discretion*)
- II. TER (to be initiated immediately following the submission)
- III. FMCP (ASAP following the publication of the TER report)

Technical analysis of REDD-plus activities for result-based incentives

*National Communications**

Note: Parties may submit their NC and BTR as a single report

TER: technical expert review; FMCP: Facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress

- **Flexibility** to those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities
- **Facilitating improved reporting and transparency over time**



Timing

- Parties **shall** submit their first BTR and NIR, *if submitted as a stand-alone report*, in accordance with the MPGs, at the latest by 31 December 2024, and **no less frequently than on a biennial basis**
- **The LDCs and SIDS may submit the information at their discretion**



Flexibility

- in the light of their capacities
- to be self-determined
- scope, level of detail, frequency

If FX applied →

- ☐ clearly indicate the provision to which flexibility is applied
- ☐ concisely clarify capacity constraints
- ☐ provide self-determined estimated time frames for improvements in relation to those capacity constraints



Content and mode

- **BTR (with progress on NDC)**
- **NIR (NID+CRTs)**
- CC impacts and adaptation (or cross reference to previously reported information, i.e. AdCom, NAP, and focus on updates)
- Support needed & received
- **LDCs and SIDS at their discretion**
- Submissions via “Online Portal” & in one of the UN languages

ETF vis-à-vis MRV: Reporting themes



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Biennial Update Reports BUR

- National greenhouse gas inventory
- Mitigation actions and their effects
- Finance, technology and capacity-building needs

Cancun Agreements (1/CP.16)
and Durban Outcomes (2/CP.17)

National communications NC

- National greenhouse gas inventory
- Programmes containing measures to mitigate climate change
- Programmes containing measures to facilitate adaptation to climate change
- Transfer of technology
- Constraints and gaps, and related financial, technical and capacity-building needs
- Capacity-building
- Research and systematic observation
- Education, training and public awareness
- Information and networking

Article 4.1 and 12.1 of the Convention;
decision 17/CP.8

Biennial transparency reports BTR

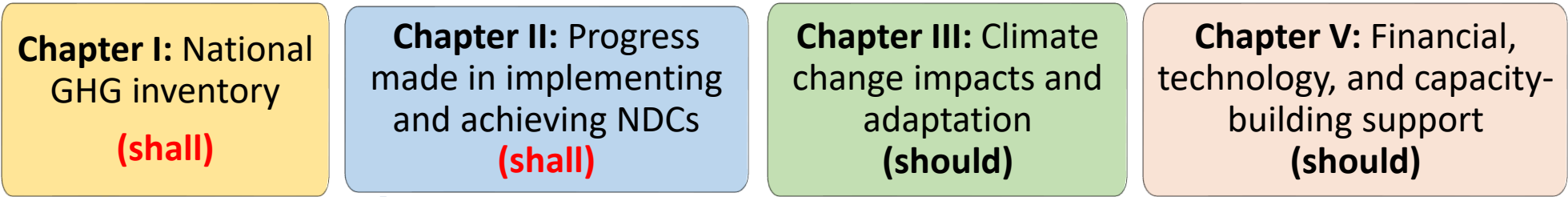
- National greenhouse gas inventory
- Progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs
- Climate change impacts and adaptation (as appropriate)
- Financial, technology transfer and capacity-building support needed and received

Flexibility ↔ Areas of improvement

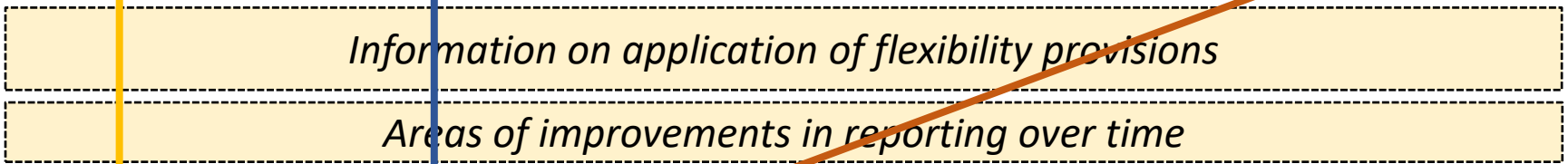
Article 13 of the Paris Agreement;
decisions 18/CMA.1, 5/CMA.3

It is important to note that the legal nature of these reporting themes differ across the reports.

Thematic chapters



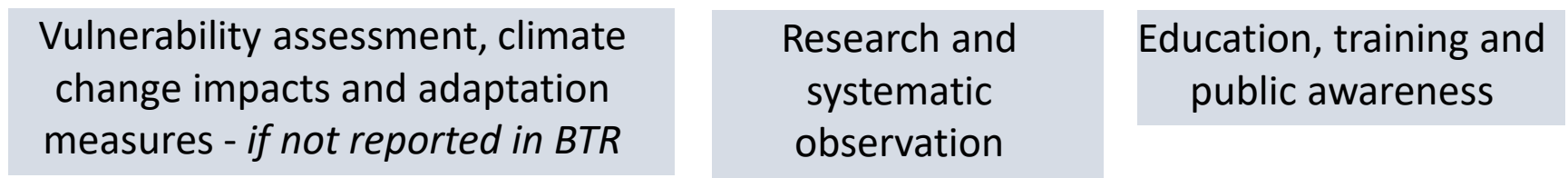
Additional areas, as applicable



Annexes, as applicable



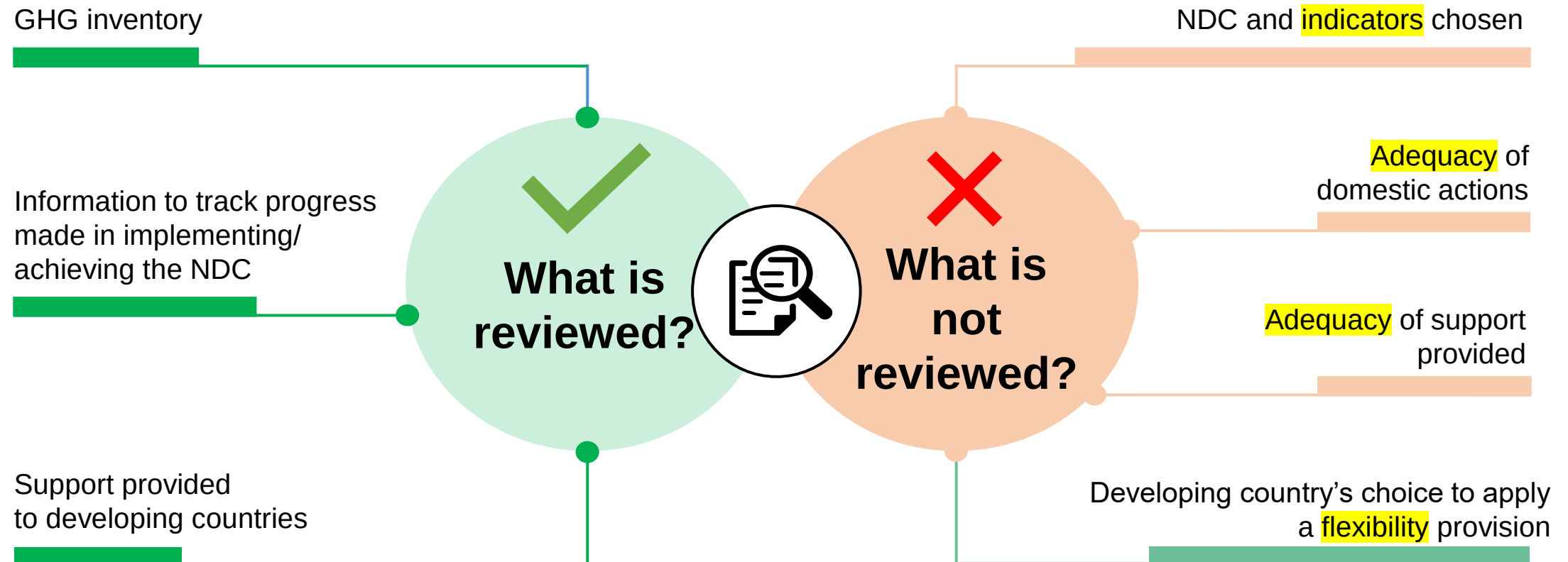
Additional information when NCs and BTRs submitted jointly
(every 4 years)



Overview of the technical expert review (TER) process



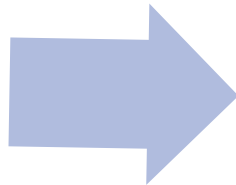
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Special circumstances of LDCs and SIDS in the TER process - LDCs and SIDS may choose to participate in the same centralized review as a group.

- Occurs as soon as possible **following the publication of a Party's TER report.**

How FMCP works?



Step 1: Q&A phase

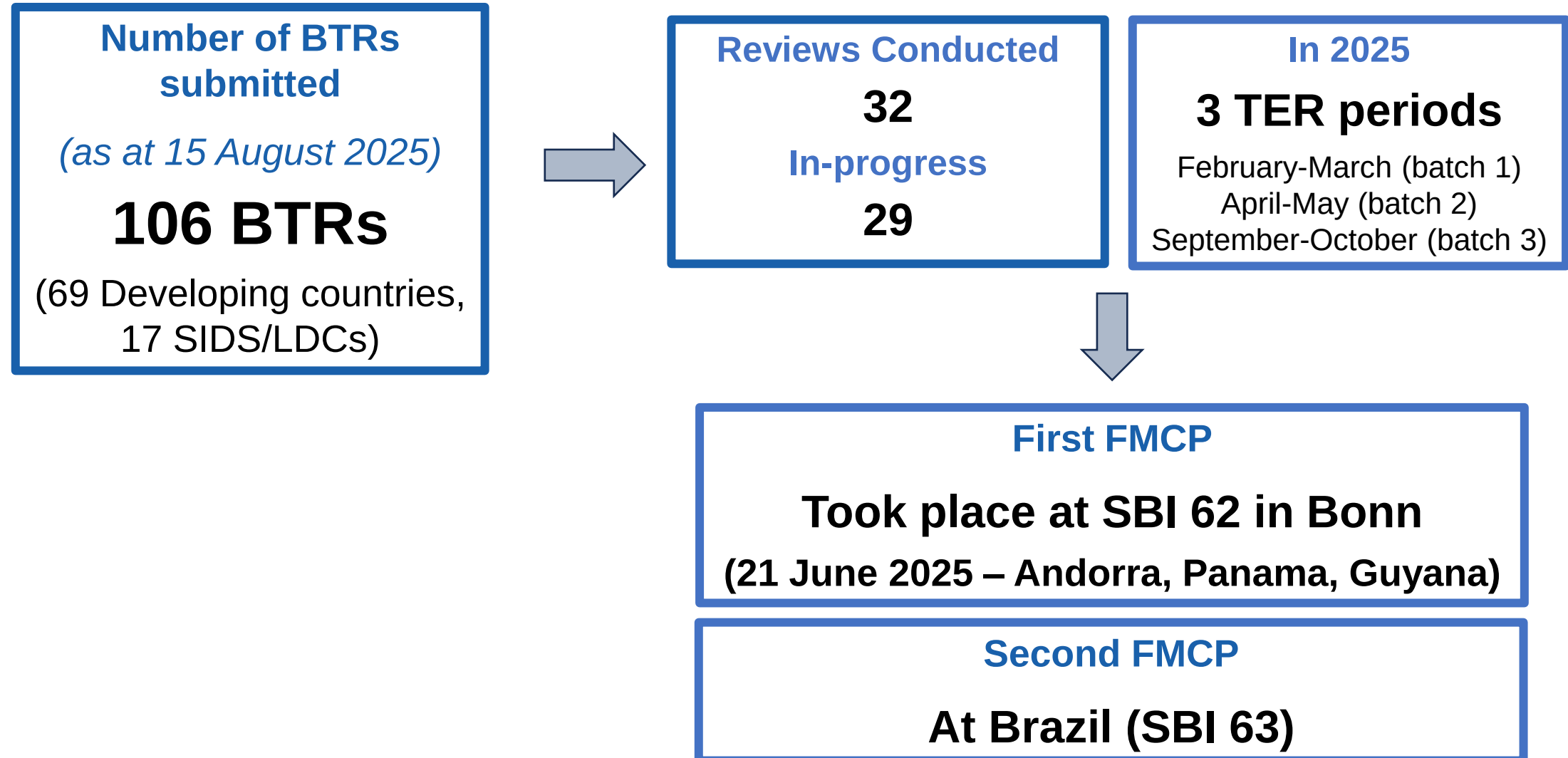
- Other Parties send questions through an online platform
- Party responds to these questions
- Q&As compiled and published on webpage

Step 2: Working group session phase

- Takes place at the SBI session
- Presentation by the Party
- Discussion by all on the presentation and information considered

→ All records will be made available on the secretariat's webpage

Technical Expert Reviews



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- **Mandated events on ETF support:**
 - **BTR workshop** to facilitate experiences sharing
 - **Facilitative dialogue** to discuss the findings in the synthesis report
- **FMCP 1**
- **SBI conclusions on ETF support**

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- **World Café format-workshop** for Parties to consider future activities on ETF support
- **CMA decision**, including future activities, as appropriate
- **CGE**: Term, composition and TOR
- **FMCP 2**
- **Continue support for ETF**
- **BTR, TER, FMCP cycles**
- **Review MPGs** by 2028, at the latest

November

Beyond

OTHER EVENTS:

- ❖ *Workshops, webinars, Baku Climate Action Week*

PUBLICATIONS:

- ❖ *CGE capacity building need assessment paper; BTR experience sharing workshop report; BTR synthesis report; BTR reviews synthesis report; NDC synthesis report*

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- [ETF manual](#) and [FAQs](#)
- [Technical Paper on Benefits of Climate Transparency](#)
- [Climate Action and Support Transparency Training \(CASTT\)](#)
- [GHG Quality Assurance \(QA\) Workshops](#)
- [MRV/Transparency Helpdesk](#)

Consultative Group of Experts

ETF technical materials:

- [2nd edition of the ETF Technical Handbook & addendum](#)
- [CGE Toolbox for IAs](#)

CGE Regional Training Workshops and Webinars

Training materials:

- [Reporting on mitigation and adaptation](#) under the ETF

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Other multilateral organizations

- [Global Environment Facility](#) and its implementing agencies
- [Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency \(CBIT-GSP\)](#)
- UNDP, UNEP CCC, FAO
- Other multilateral and bilateral support providers

❖ <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/transparency-and-reporting/support-for-developing-countries/support-to-developing-countries#Financial-and-Technical-Support>

Key challenges

1. Data (quality) collection and management processes (MRV/Transparency systems)
2. Lack of technical capacity and knowledge, and lack of qualified technical experts
3. Coordination across sectors and relevant institutions/stakeholders

Key areas of capacity-building needs

1. Enhance existing MRV systems and national capacity to meet the new requirements
2. Strengthen national capacity to use CRTs, CTFs and ETF reporting tools
3. Enhance the institutional arrangements, data collection and management process
4. Leverage collaboration and engagement with domestic stakeholders, international organizations and any other relevant stakeholders

2024 Capacity-building Needs Assessment by CGE:
<https://unfccc.int/documents/640520>

- ✓ As of 15.08.2025, **106 BTRs** are submitted, among which **69** are from **developing country** Parties (**17 from LDCs/SIDS**).
- ✓ All necessary operational details are in place. **Apply flexibility provisions, where necessary. Start now, improve over time.**
- ✓ **Use your existing MRV arrangements** as a foundation in implementing the ETF (and preparation of BTRs).
- ✓ **Focus on enhancing the institutional arrangements:** Better arrangements will pave the way to better BTRs over time.
- ✓ Understand and promote the **benefits of ETF and BTRs at the national level** - with a view to facilitate political buy-in and high-level support.
- ✓ Use the opportunity to identify and communicate your **support needs** to meet your priorities, address challenges and gaps.
- ✓ **Strategize** your next steps: what are your priorities, what are your sustainable development goals, what is the story you would like to share, how do you wish to use this report.

Thank you!
Questions, answers, reflections?



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