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Webinar on the progress of ETF implementation under the Paris Agreement

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Opening remarks



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Agenda

- **ETF Process Overview**
- **Recalling the milestone: 2024-2025 biennium**
- **A snapshot into the Technical Expert Review Annual Report**
- **Supporting the reviews to uphold consistency and quality**
- **Looking back to inform the future of the FMCP**
- **TER Outlook of 2026**
- **Q&A**

ETF Process Overview

Architecture of the ETF

Reporting Biennial Transparency Report

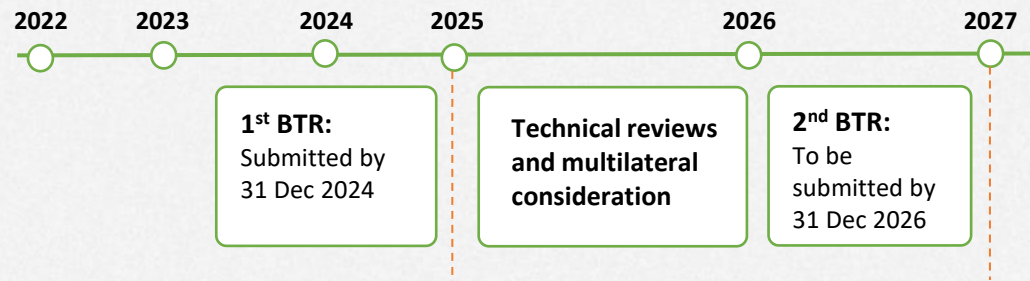
- GHG inventory (*all shall*)
- Progress in NDCs (*all shall*)
- Support provided / mobilized (*developed shall*)
- Support needed / received (*developing should*)
- Adaptation (*all should*)

Review* Technical Expert Review

- Consistency of information reported
- Consideration of progress with and achievement of NDC
- Support provided (*developed shall, and other Parties at their discretion*)
- Identification of improvements
- Identification of capacity building needs

Consideration Facilitative Multilateral Consideration of Progress

- Online Q&A
- In session presentation and Q&A (*all shall*)



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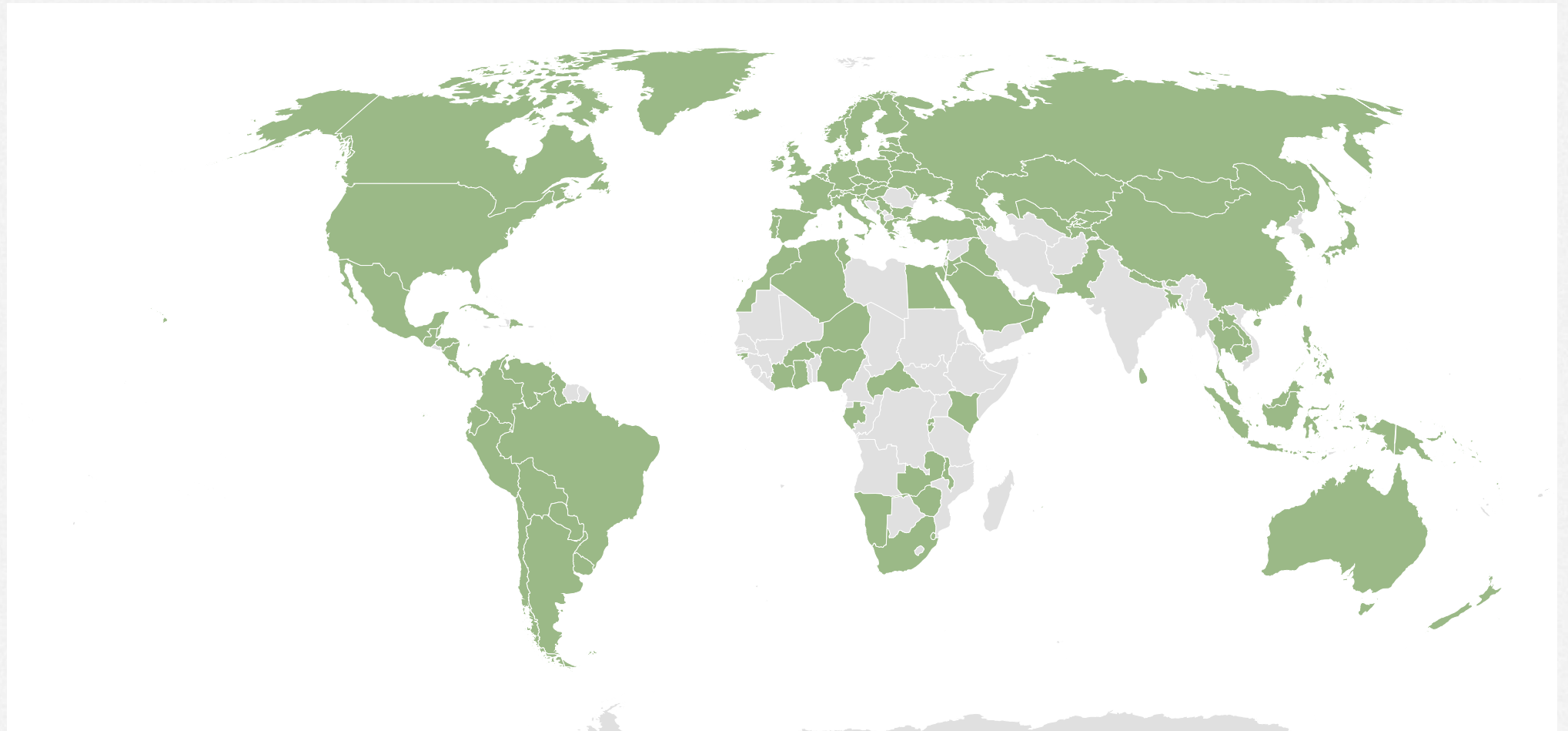
* Simplified reviews of Annex I Party's NIR are conducted in the year a BTR is not due. Technical analyses of REDD+ results are conducted concurrently with TERs, as applicable.



**Recalling the milestones:
2024-2025 biennium**

BTR submission update (as of 27 January 2026)

128 Parties across all regions have submitted BTR1, inc. 13 LDCs and 14 SIDS



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2025 Synthesis
Report of the
BTR



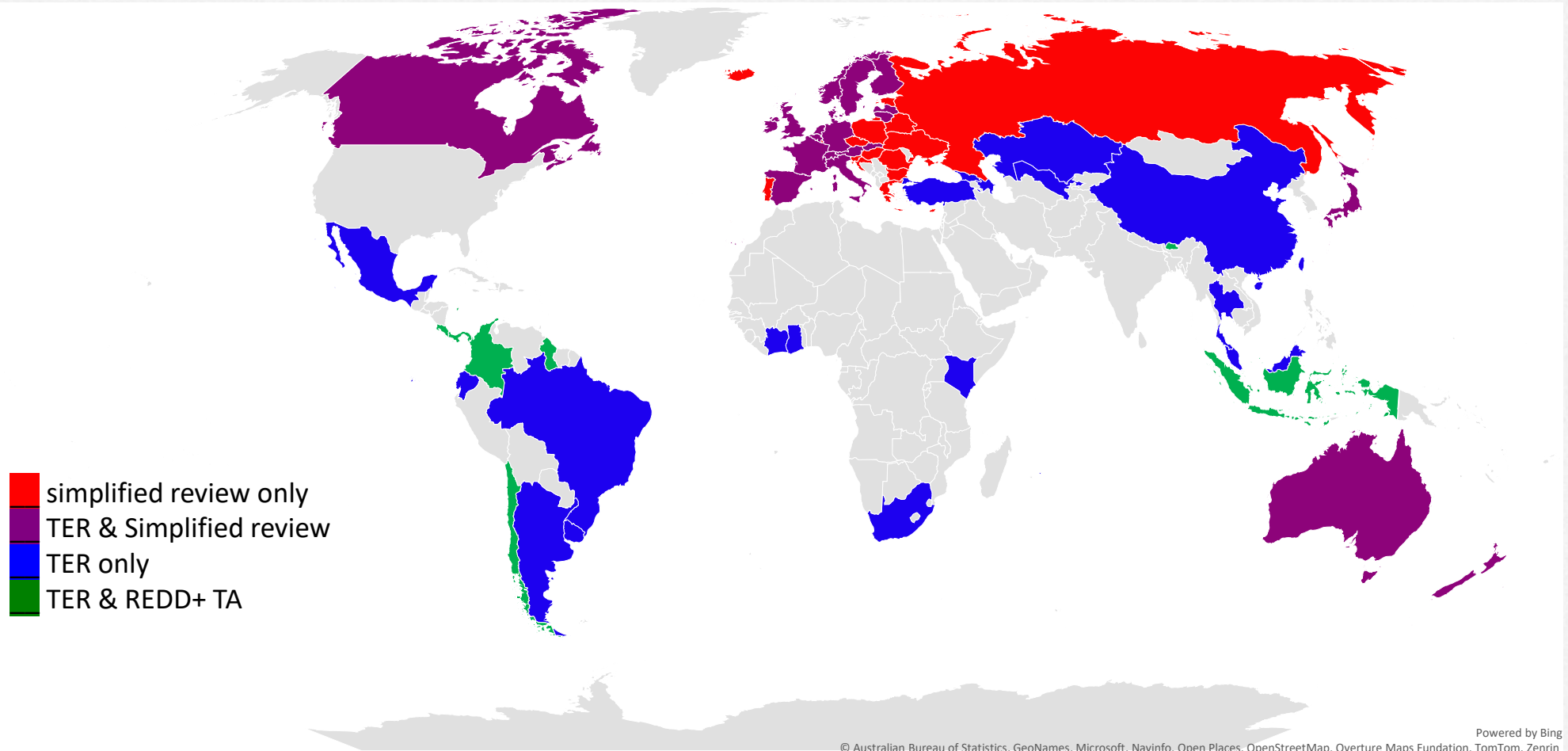
Note: 88 Parties had submitted their BTR1s by the 31 December 2024 deadline, of which 73 Parties submitted CRTs, 69 submitted CTF tables for NDC information and 54 submitted CTF tables for support information with their BTR1s

ETF review implementation update

50 TER weeks and 41 simplified reviews completed between 2024-2025 biennium

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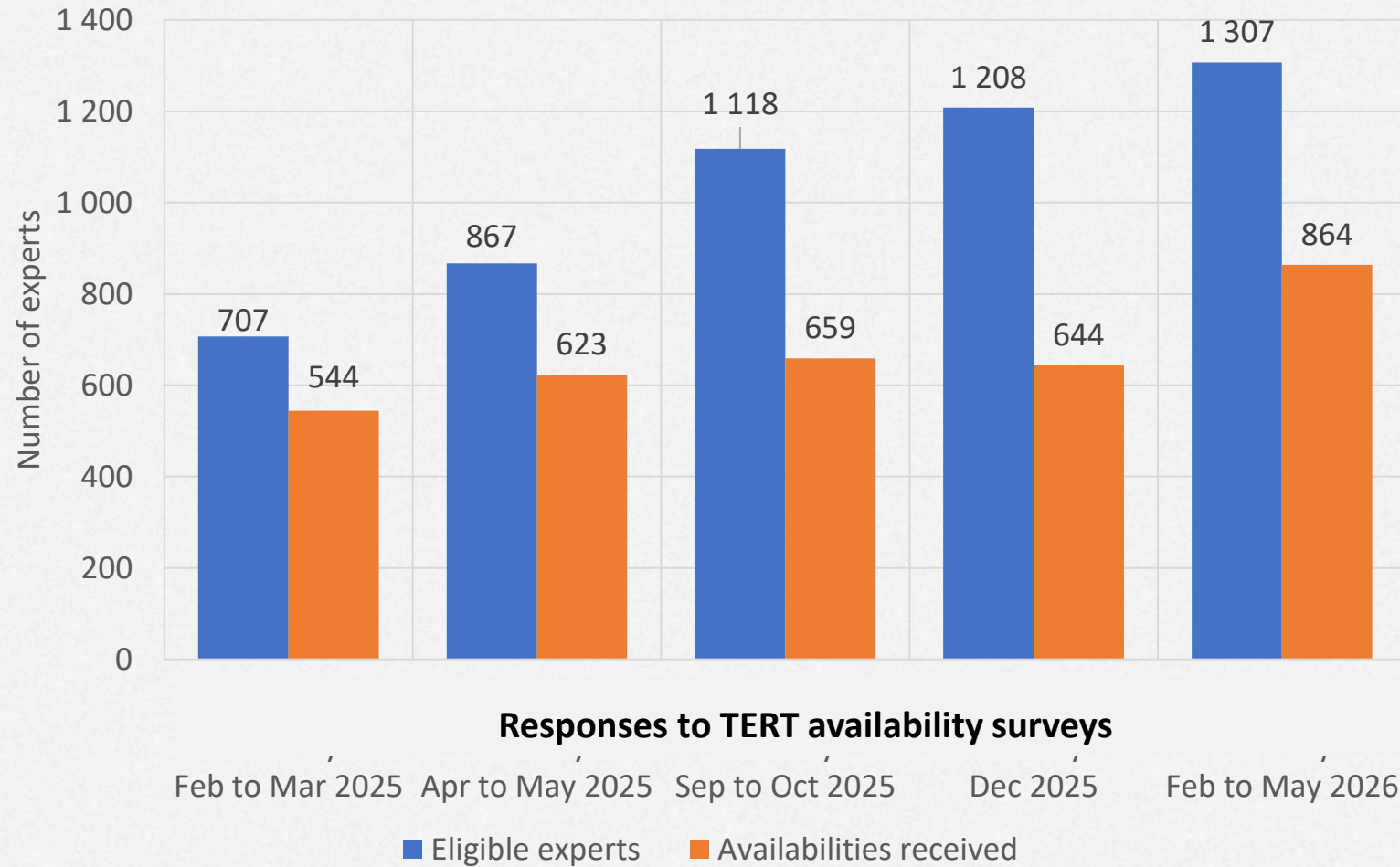
BTR, TER report
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report



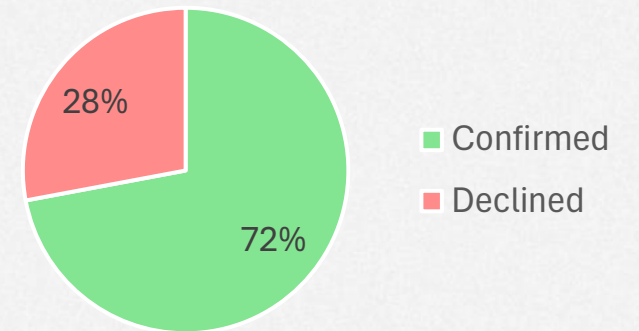
Notes: (1) 10 Parties requested **voluntary review of adaptation information**; (2) **REDD+ TA** was conducted concurrently for 7 Parties

Experts' interest in BTR reviews

Increased eligible expert and availability



Response rates to TERT invitations



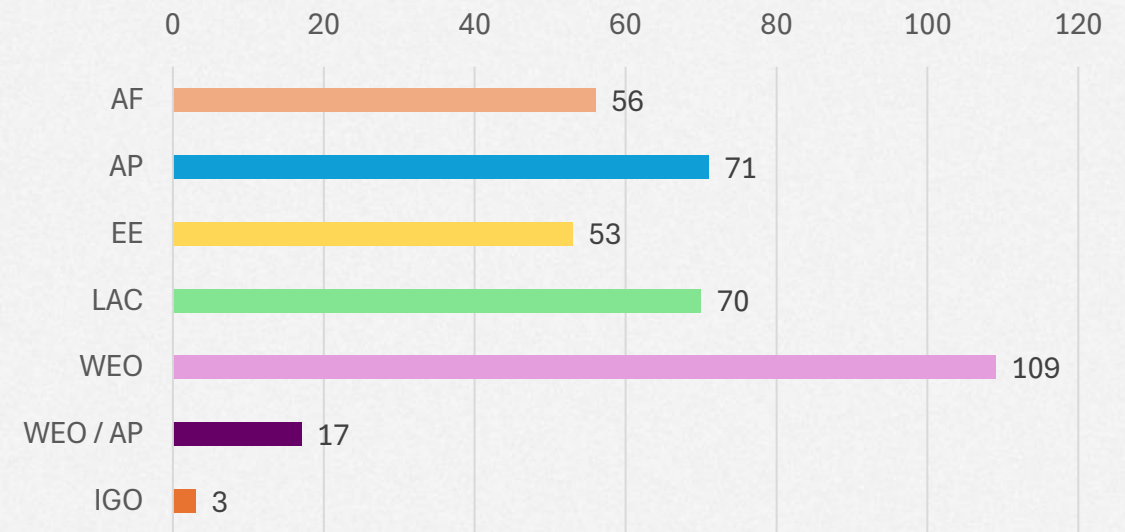
TERT composition statistics (2024-2025 biennium)

Participation of experts across all regions and groups

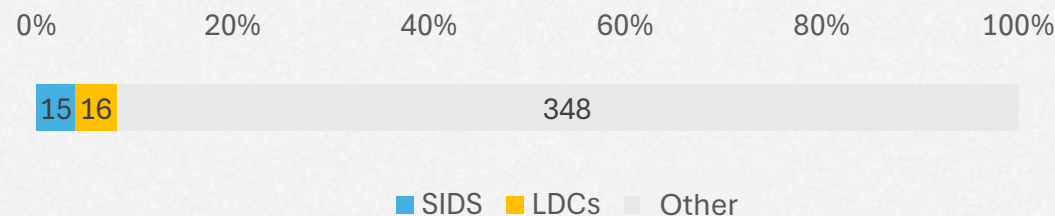
As part of the **50 BTR reviews** conducted in the 2024-2025 biennium, a total of **295** individual experts participated in the BTR reviews.

Note: 11 additional experts also supported the technical analyses of REDD+ results submitted by 7 Parties in conjunction with their BTR, bringing the total number of experts to **306**.

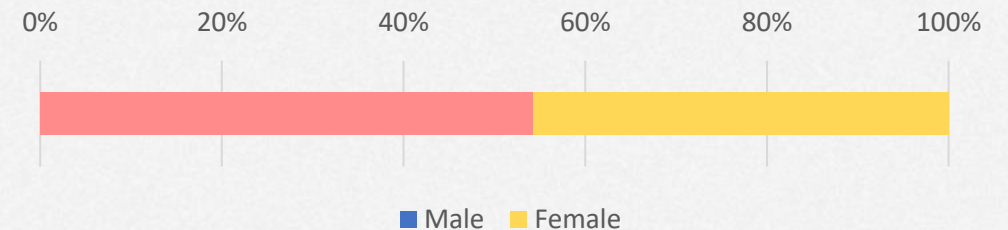
Expert participation in TERTs, by region



Expert participation in TERTs from SIDS/LDCs



Expert participation in TERTs, by gender





A snapshot into the Technical Expert Review Annual Report

Key insights from TERs (2024-25) from TER Annual Report

Synthesis of review activities of the year, featuring technical expert review of BTRs, REDD+ technical analysis and simplified review activities.

Key message 1. Technical reviews strengthen trust and transparency under the Paris Agreement.

Key message 2. Data-driven insights are laying a robust foundation for global stocktake.

Key message 3. Digital tools and innovation are driving efficiency and institutional learning.

Key message 4. Resource mobilization remains critical to sustaining review capacity.

Key message 5. This report serves as a transparent, technical resource to guide future improvements.

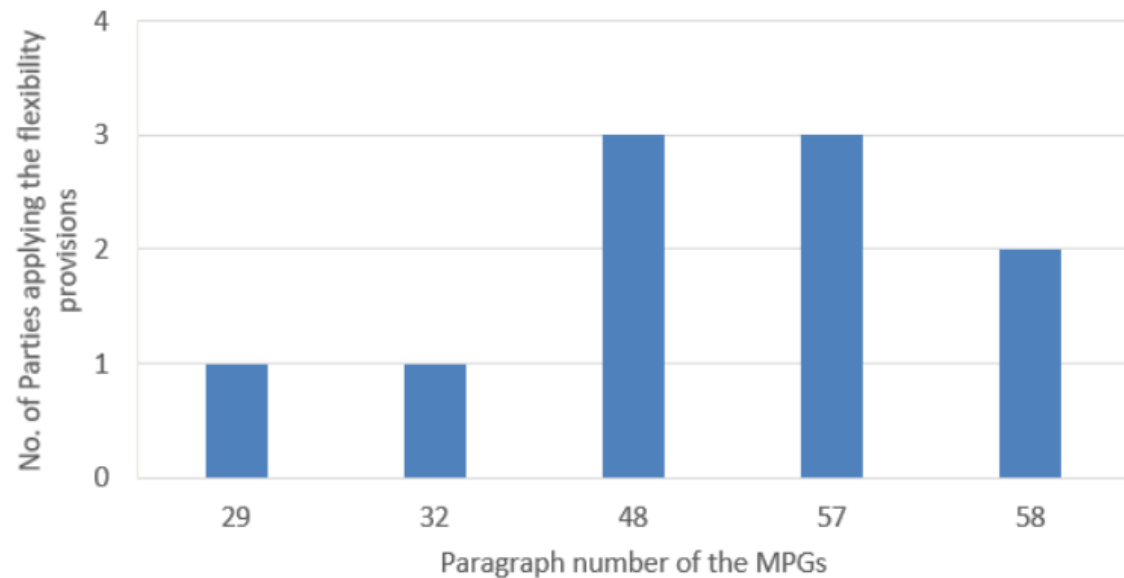


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Technical Expert Review
Annual Report

1. Application of flexibility by developing countries

7 published review reports were analyzed

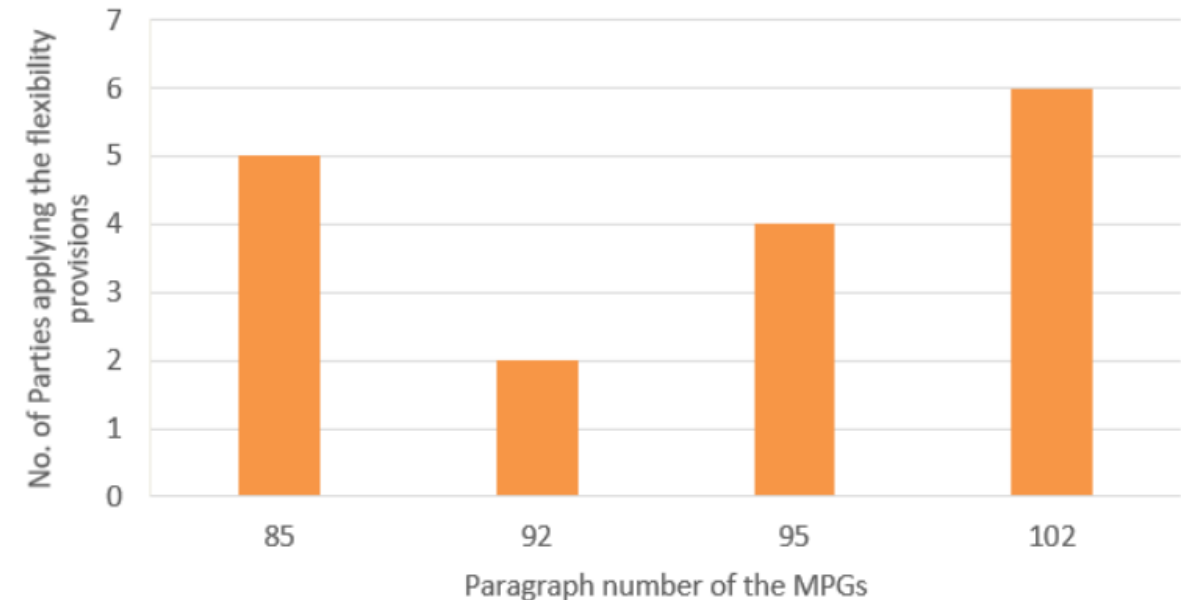
Application of flexibility provisions related to national inventory reports by developing country Parties for which technical expert review reports had been published as at 31 October 2025



Notes: (1) The TERRs of seven developing country Parties had been published; (2) some of these Parties applied more than one flexibility provision.

48-Gases reported; 57-Time series; 58-Latest reporting year

Application of flexibility provisions related to tracking progress in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions by developing country Parties for which technical expert review reports had been published as at 31 October 2025



Notes: (1) The TERRs of seven developing country Parties had been published; (2) some of these Parties applied more than one flexibility provision.

85-Expected and achieved GHG ERs for PaMs; 95-Extension of projections; 102-Methodology and coverage for reporting projections



2. Areas of improvement (recommendations)

17 published review reports were analyzed

The provisions of the MPGs that generated the most recommendations under each reporting area are:

- For **GHG inventory reporting**, issues related to transparency (MPGs para. 39);
- For **tracking progress** in implementing and achieving NDCs, issues related to expected/achieved emissions reductions estimate (MPGs para. 85);
- For **finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building support**, information on capacity building support provided (MPGs para. 128);



3. Capacity-building needs identified by TERT

7 published review reports were analyzed

For **NIR**, the **top 3** areas for which capacity-building needs were identified:

- applying methods from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (MPGs para. 20)
- using recommended tiers for key categories (MPGs para. 21)
- reporting emissions and removals for all categories, gases and carbon pools, providing trend summaries, and separating sources from sinks where possible, while considering confidentiality (MPGs para. 47)

For **tracking progress** in NDC implementation and achievement:

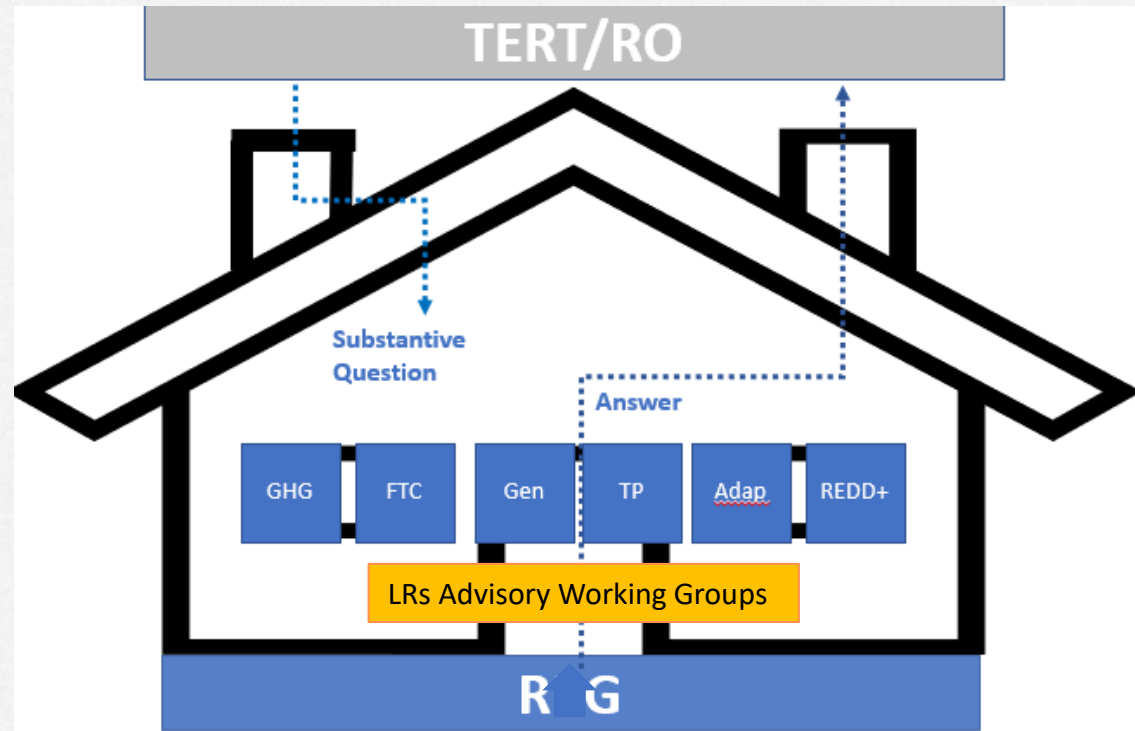
- providing estimates of expected and achieved GHG emission reductions for actions, policies and measures (MPGs para. 85)
- providing, for each action, policy and measure, information on costs, non-GHG mitigation benefits and how the mitigation actions interact with each other (MPGs para. 83)
- providing detailed information on the assessment of economic and social impacts of response measures (MPGs para. 90)



**Supporting the reviews to uphold
consistency and quality**

Guidance and support mechanisms for TERT

The TER knowledge was institutionalized and operationalized through Knowledge Hubs, Advisory Groups and Review Guidance.



Knowledge hubs:

- guided 50 TERTs on about 300 complex review issues in 2024–2025.

Advisory groups of review experts:

- developed solutions for most challenging review issues, informed the 2nd Annual LRs Meeting (2025)

Review guidance:

- agreed solutions were endorsed by LRAs and integrated into the Review Guidance for BTR Reviews.

Lead Reviewers meetings under the ETF

Lead reviewers meetings are annual mandated events to:

- Ensuring that the TERs are **in accordance with the MPGs**
- Ensuring the **quality and objectivity** of the TERs
- Providing for the **continuity, consistency across Parties** and timeliness of the TERs
- Providing suggestions on **how to improve the quality**, efficiency and consistency of the TERs

Second LR Meeting (Virtual, Sep 2025):

- Took stock of the secretariat's progress with organizing reviews
- Progressed on the elements of work agreed during the 1st LR meeting

(Review Guidance and Simplified Reviews)

- Provided guidance on substantive review issues
- Provided a space for **LRs and PAICC** to communicate and share experiences

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LR Meetings incl.
conclusions



Looking back to inform the future of the FMCP



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FMCP Implementation in 2025

FMCP launched in 2025 with multiple formats tested



FMCP1 @ SB62 (June 2025)

- 3 Parties
- Piloting of a combined oral Q&A session and informal FMCP dialogues



FMCP2 @ COP30 (Nov 2025)

- 9 Parties
- Focus on time-management, concise questions and answers during the working group session

FMCP Implementation in 2026

Accommodating much larger number of Parties by maintaining impactful policy level dialogue and technical level informal exchange



116 Parties (BTR submissions) to undergo FMCP at SB64–66



Shaped by the experiences from FMCP 1 and 2



Focus on policy-level discussions during the working group session



Recognition of usefulness of informal dialogue

TER Outlook for 2026

Overcoming challenges through innovation

Innovation to gain efficiency and cost savings

Operational

- Delayed TER scheduling due to incomplete Party submissions/resubmissions
- Limited expert availability/high rejection rate

Advanced planning, guidance, interaction and flexible approaches

Technical

- Increasing complexity of data sets and information (NDC tracking, etc)
- Limited capacity of the existing tools to manage complex data/analysis

Enhanced review tools to manage data complexity and analysis

Financial

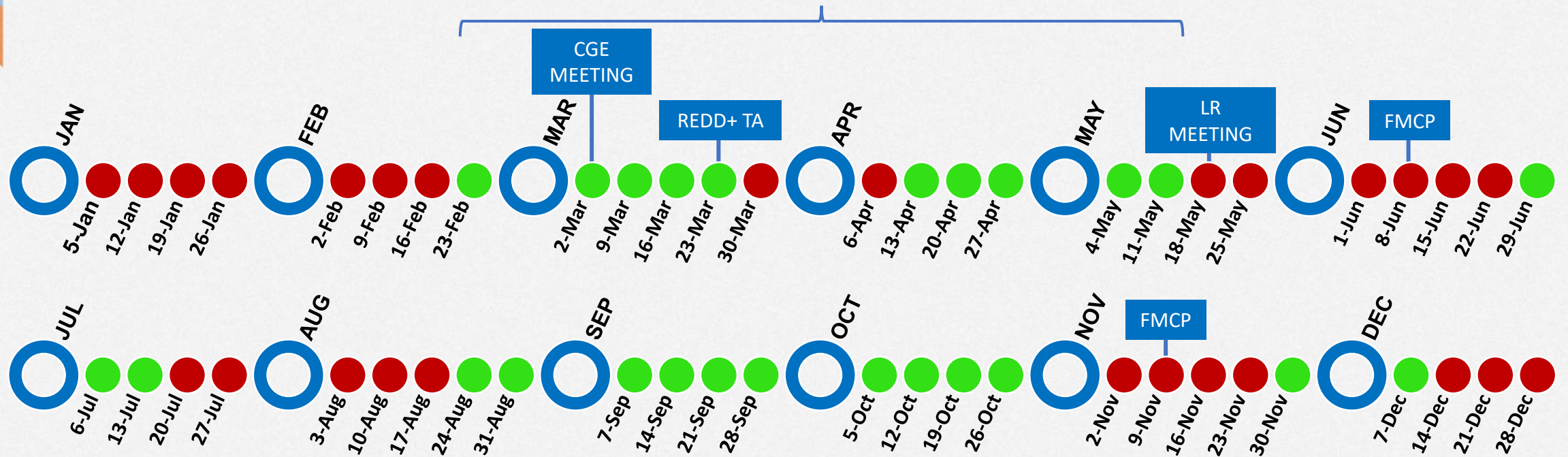
- The cost of conducting planned TERs exceeds the allocated budget
- Inability to meet exceptional funding requests

Increased support through supplementary resources and partnerships


Technical Expert Review Planning for 2026

Preliminary schedule

32 BTR1 reviews are scheduled between February and May 2026



Additional reviews will be scheduled from June through December 2026, to achieve a review target of 60 BTR1 reviews in 2026

 Review weeks

Q&A



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