

**Facilitative sharing of view under the international consultation and analysis
process – informal bilateral consultation by SBI Chair**

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Speaking notes

- **Brief introduction**

- The process of the international consultation and analysis (ICA) of biennial update reports under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation is one of the significant implementation developments under the Climate Change Convention;
- Modalities and guidelines for ICA, contained in paragraphs 56 – 62 of decision 2/CP.17 and annex IV of the same decision, serves as a basis for the implementation of the ICA processes;
- The ICA process includes two steps: (a) technical analysis of biennial update report by a team of technical experts resulting in a summary report; and (b) facilitative sharing of views (FSV) among Parties, with the summary report and the submitted BUR as inputs. The FSV shall be in a form of workshop under the SBI and a record of FSV shall be made.
- With the submission of first BUR on 2 December 2014 from Namibia, and subsequently 12 other non-Annex I Parties,¹ the provisions relating to the implementation of the ICA process has come into effect.
- The purpose of this informal consultation is to brief Parties on:
 - The progress of implementation of the ICA process, in particular on the technical analysis of BURs,
 - The plans for the workshop on the facilitative sharing of views among Parties, and to hear Parties' views on these.

- **Current status and plan**

- **Training of team of technical experts**

- The Consultative Group of Experts have developed and deployed a training programme for the experts nominated on the UNFCCC roster of experts to undertake technical analysis of BURs. By end of May 2015, over 50 experts from the UNFCCC roster of experts successfully

¹ Andorra, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Republic of Korea, Singapore, South Africa, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia and Viet Nam.

completed the training programme, and are now eligible to participate in the technical analysis of BURs. This training programme will be a continuous feature running, at least, two rounds/sessions every year.

Technical analysis of BURs

- The first round of technical analysis of BURs was convened from 18 – 22 May in Bonn, Germany. It covered 11 BURs that were submitted in the period from 2 December 2014 to 28 February 2015.
- The teams of technical experts are currently preparing the summary reports which will be finalized in consultation with the Parties concerned.
- The timeline for the preparation and finalization of the summary report are clearly articulated in decision 20/CP.19, according to which:
 - o The TTE shall complete a draft summary report, no later than three months after the start of the technical analysis;
 - o The draft summary report should be shared with the respective non-Annex I Party for review and comment, to be provided within three months of its receipt;
 - o The TTE shall respond to and incorporate the comments from the Party concerned and finalize, in consultation with the Party concerned, the summary report within three months of the receipt of the comments.
- All in all, the TTE and the Party concerned has up to 9 months to complete the summary report from the time the technical analysis has been completed.
- The secretariat has also, tentatively, scheduled two additional rounds of the technical analysis sessions in this year from 17 to 21 August 2015 and from 16 to 20 November 2015 to address any BURs submitted in the period from 1 March to 31 May 2015 and 1 June to 31 August 2015, respectively.

Facilitative sharing of views (FSV) amongst Parties

- Planning for the first workshop on the facilitative sharing of views is well underway.
- One of the preconditions for a developing country Party that submitted its BUR to undergo the facilitative sharing of views is having in place a final summary report. Considering the work on the preparation of the summary

reports from recently concluded technical analysis have just started, there is no certainty that any of these summary reports will be finalized in the period between now and December 2015.

- Therefore, the most realistic timing for the first workshop on the facilitative sharing of views will be at the 44th session of the SBI in May 2016.
- By then, we expect to have all the summary reports of the BURs analyzed in this first round of technical analysis as well as a few more from the next two rounds which will be held later this year.
- This approach of having the FSV workshop at the relevant sessions of the SBI will need to be revisited later when the number of BURs submitted becomes substantially high as it will amount to a huge pressure of the SBI's negotiating time.
- This is going to result in additional resource requirements which have been provisioned for support under supplementary funding.
- Organization of FSV workshop during SBI 42 (May 2016): preliminary thoughts
 - The procedures and guidelines for the ICA contained in annex IV of decision 2/CP.17 already provides detailed guidance on how the FSV workshop should be structured:
 - The SBI shall, at regular intervals, convene a workshop for the facilitative sharing of views, open to all Parties, for all Parties for which there is a biennial update report and a final summary report.
 - Parties will be allowed to submit written questions in advance.
 - The facilitative exchange of views among Parties will consist of a one- to three-hour session for each Party or group of Parties. Parties may request to go individually or in a group of up to five Parties.
 - The session will consist of a brief presentation by the Party or Parties concerned on their biennial update report, followed by oral questions and answers among Parties.
 - On the basis of these guidance, I would like to share my preliminary thoughts on the FSV workshop:

- The first round of the FSV workshop will cover, to extend practicable, all developing country Parties whose BURs were analyzed and their corresponding final summary reports prepared by 16 February 2016. This should give 3-months of time to Parties to prepare effectively for the first rounds of the FSV Parties undergoing FSV this will mean enough time to prepare their presentations, and written responses to questions raised by other Parties; and for other Parties, enough time to study the BURs and the summary reports, and prepare and send written questions.
- The workshop will be chaired by the SBI Chair.
- Depending on the exact number of Parties undergoing FSV, the workshop may be split into segments spreading over more than one day.
- After hearing your views on these aspects, I plan to start working on other practical matters such as time to be allocated for each Party for presentation and Q&A so that I can come back to you at the next SBI session with more complete update on the organizational matters.
- In meantime, since it will have a significant impact on the SBI's time, I wish to invite Parties to start reflecting so that we can collectively design the FSV workshop in a manner that is less resource intensive and onerous.
- Next steps
 - Continue informal consultation with Parties;
 - Conduct a side-event on the margins of SBI43 in Paris on ICA;
 - Need for development of IT tools to facilitate easy access to relevant information such as BURs and summary reports, and also online tool for Q&A.