

Reference Manual on the Enhanced Transparency Framework

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Do you know?

1. When is the first biennial transparency report (BTR) due?

2. Could countries submit their first BTR prior to 2024? If so, what might they want to first consider?

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3. What will countries use to track progress towards their nationally determined contribution?

4. How many expert reviewers will be needed to review BTRs?

FAQs on the Enhanced Transparency Framework



FAQ's on the
Operationalization of the
Enhanced Transparency
Framework

1. Transitioning from reporting of BRs/BURs to BTRs
2. Linkages between communication of NDCs under Article 4 and the ETF
3. Linkages between reporting of National Communications and the ETF
4. Reporting of GHG inventories in the ETF
5. Reporting of BTRs
6. Cross-cutting issues: Specific flexibility provisions and discretion
7. Technical expert review
8. Institutional arrangements and support for developing countries
9. Training and tools
10. Non-Paris Agreement Parties

<https://unfccc.int/enhanced-transparency-framework>

If you have questions or comments on the existing FAQs, would like to pose new FAQs for consideration please contact iar@unfccc.int.

ETF Reference Manual

Targeted Audience: All Parties, expert reviewers, Article 15 Committee, stakeholders

Focus: Practical guidance to implement the ETF, within the overall cycle of ambition. Highlighting linkages with NDC accounting, compliance, and the global stocktake

Approach: Synthesize decisions; a living document to be updated as negotiations finalize and practical experience gained.

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Reference Manual for the Enhanced
Transparency Framework under the Paris
Agreement



Understanding the enhanced transparency
framework and its linkages to nationally
determined contribution accounting

Overview of Contents of the ETF Manual

Chapter	Contents
The Paris Agreement: The big picture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall cycle of ambition• Summary of major steps: communication of NDCs, reporting and review of BTR, the global stocktake and the Article 15 committee.
Reporting and accounting for NDCs under the Paris Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication of the NDC (e.g. ICTU)• Provision of information in the BTR to facilitate transparency and track progress made in implementing and achieving the NDC• Technical expert review and facilitative multilateral consideration of progress
Institutional arrangements in relation to the ETF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of domestic institutional arrangements• Key bodies and initiatives to support the transition to the ETF
Global stocktake	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How the global stocktake relates to the ETF• Components of the global stocktake
Facilitating implementation and promoting compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relationship between the ETF and the committee• Outputs of the committee
Annexes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides key milestones in the transition to the ETF• Link to the FAQs

Next steps?



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- *Questions added on a rolling basis*
- *Please let us know if you have questions that you do not see posted here.*

ETF Reference Manual:

- *Prepare draft for comment at the upcoming meeting of Lead Reviewers (March 2020)*
- *Release first draft (2020)*
- *Periodically update as negotiations finalized and practical experience gained*

Resources for Transparency

Multiple information resources and capacity building opportunities are available to support enhancement of transparency.

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- Regional NC/BUR preparation training workshops;
- GHG quality assurance workshops;
- Training and certification of experts for review/analysis of GHG, BR/NC, and BURs;
- [FAQ on ETF](#)

Consultative Group of Experts

- NC/BUR training material;
- Technical advice and support to developing country Parties to prepare BTR; [technical handbook](#) for preparing for implementation of the ETF for developing countries.

Other multilateral organizations

- [Global Environmental Facility](#)
- [Capacity-building Initiative on Transparency](#)
- [UNDP/UN Environment Global Support Programme](#)