

Reporting and Review System Under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol: A Foundation for MRVs in post-2012

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Comments on Reporting and Review of Annex I National Communications

- Guidelines for reporting provide a sound basis for preparation of AI Nat. Comm.
- Recent improvements to reporting, such as the workshop on preparing projections, have been helpful
- Other improvements in reporting guidelines could be considered as well
- We found the in-country review of our 4th Nat. Comm. to be helpful in the preparation of the 5th Nat. Comm.
- The review was a helpful, cooperative dialogue between the reviewers and preparers – same is true for GHG inventory reviews

Comments on Reporting and Review of Annex I National Communications (2)

- The in-country review led to specific improvements in the 5th National Communication
 - Link information in chapters 2, 3, 4 and 5 to create a “storyline”
 - More rigorous in inclusion of elements in the policies and measures chapter
 - Selected a peer reviewed model for the projections chapter
 - Prepared documentation for GHG accounting for policies and measures in the 5th Nat. Comm.
- More focus should be placed on some of the chapters (policies and measures, projections , financing)
- Some of the information included in a Nat. Comm. Could be reported with less frequency (e.g., national circumstances) some more frequently (e.g., policies and measures)
- SBI should spend more time and more focused discussion on Nat. Communications:
 - Individual Party Reports
 - Reviews
 - Compilation and Synthesis