

UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION AND ANALYSIS (ICA)

Coordinating international consultation and analysis

UNFCCC Side Event; COP 22, Marrakesh, Morocco; 15 November 2016

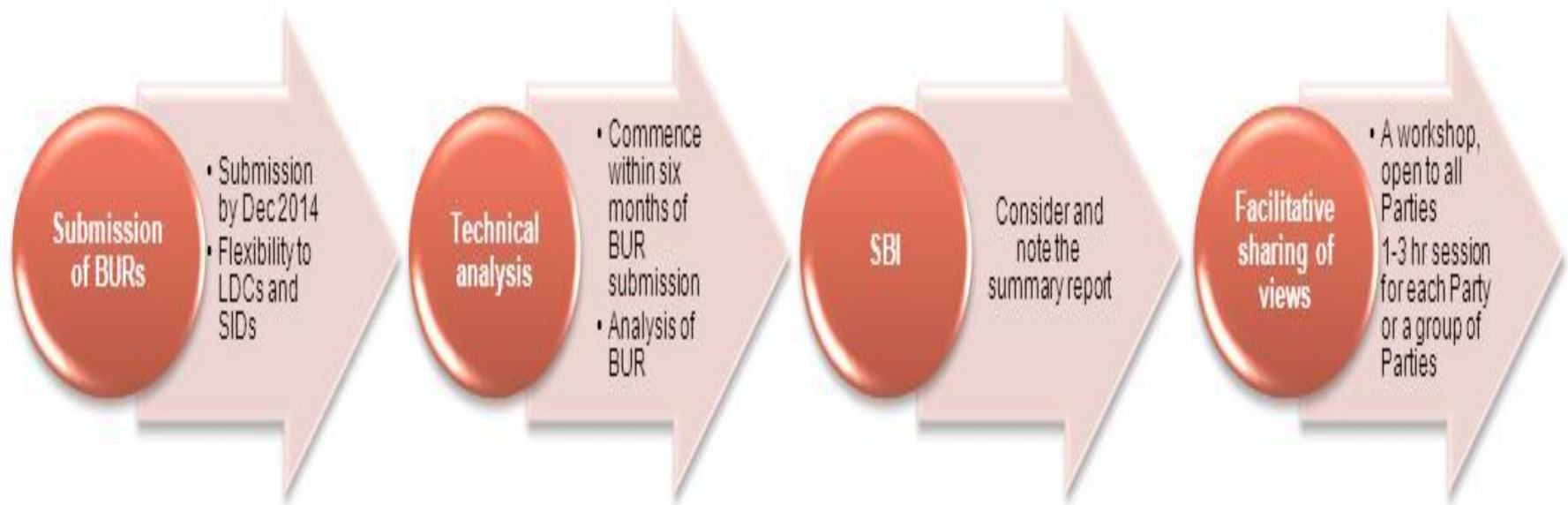


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 - ❖ Support to the facilitative sharing of views workshop
- ❖ Challenges encountered in coordinating the ICA



International Consultation and Analysis



Guiding principles for conducting the ICA process



Objective

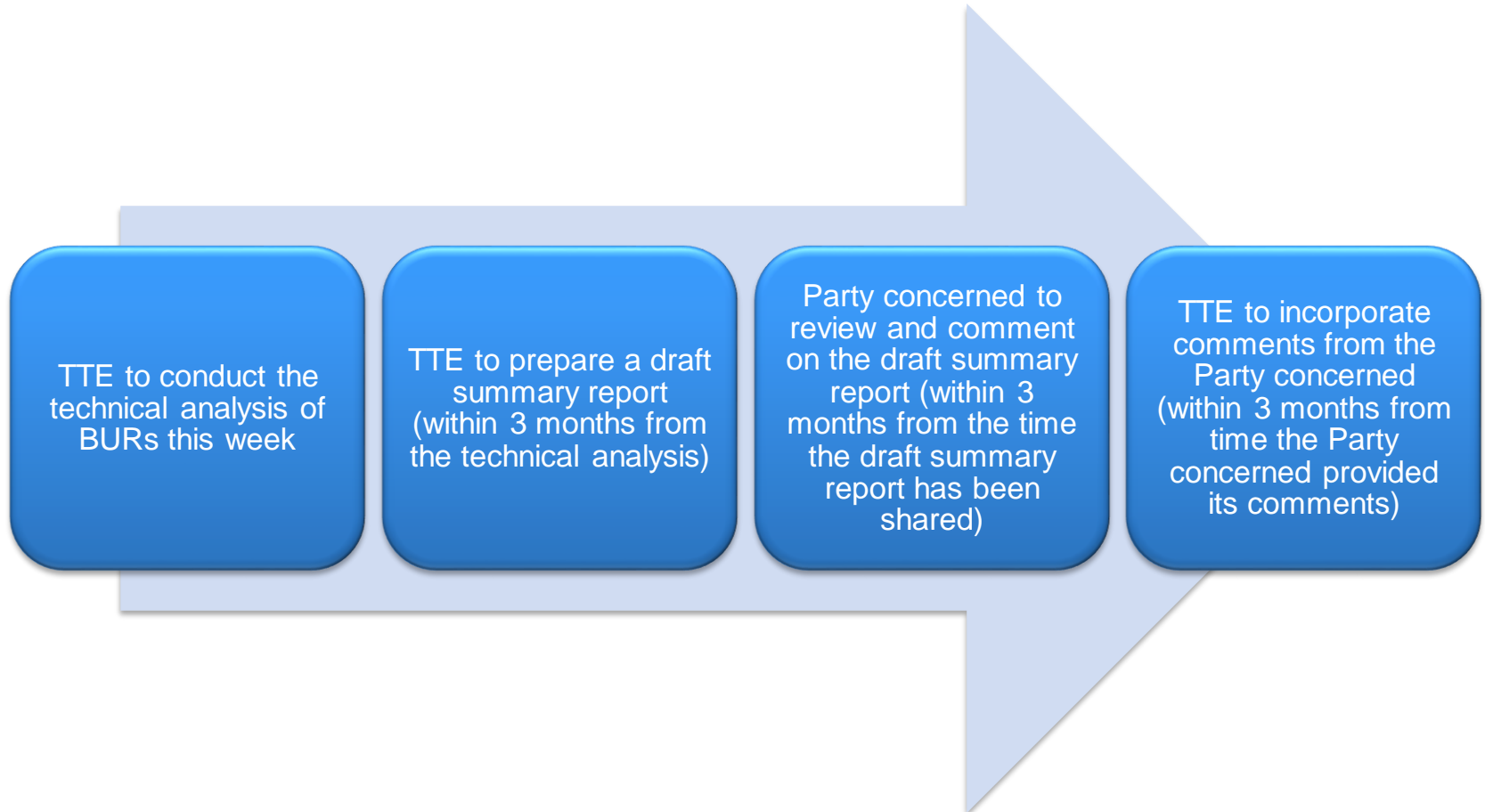
Aims to increase the transparency of mitigation actions and their effects

Principles

The ICA will be conducted in a manner that is:

- **Non-intrusive;**
- **Non-punitive and;**
- **Respectful of national sovereignty.**

Coordinating the technical analysis process

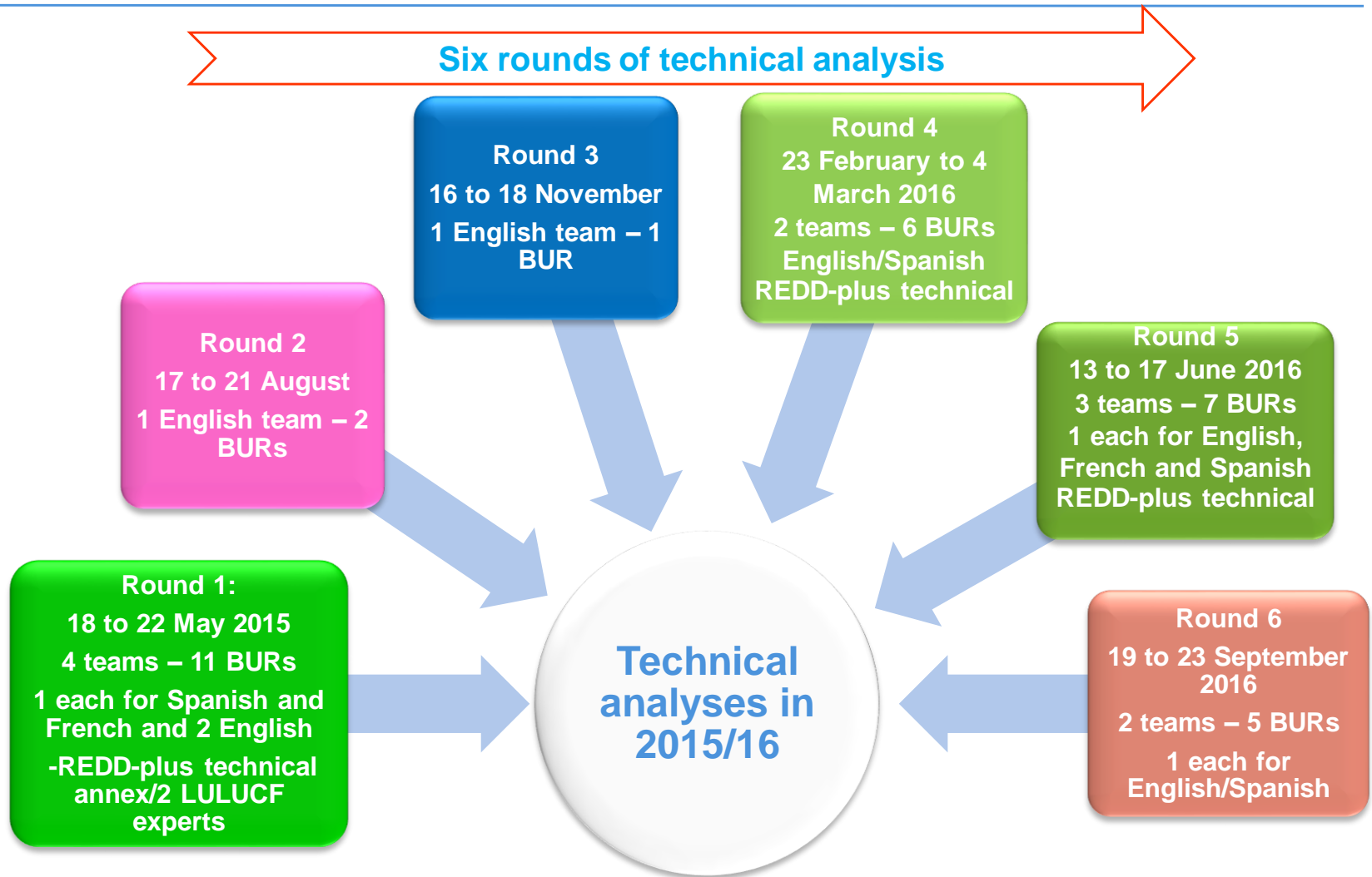


Mandate of the TTE: – operational guidance from annex to decision 20/CP.19

- ❖ Paragraph 15 (a): **Identifying the extent** to which the elements of information listed in paragraph 3(a) of the guidelines contained in decision 2/CP.17, annex IV, are included in the BUR of the Party concerned;
- ❖ Paragraph 15 (b): **Undertaking a technical analysis** of information contained in the BUR, and any additional technical information that may be provided by the Party concerned;
- ❖ Paragraph 15 (c): **Identifying, in consultation with the Party concerned, capacity-building needs** in order to facilitate reporting in accordance with annex III to decision 2/CP.17, and participating in international consultation and analysis in accordance with annex IV to decision 2/CP.17, taking into account Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention.



Coordinating the technical analysis



Team composition: Criteria 1

Criteria 1 Paragraph 3

A TTE shall be composed of experts nominated to the UNFCCC roster of experts, taking into consideration the expertise needed to cover the areas of information contained in the BUR, and as outlined in paragraph 3(a) of annex IV to decision 2/CP.17, taking into account the national circumstances of the Party concerned.

- ❖ All TTE members were on the roster of experts;
- ❖ In general, each team is composed by experts covering the following areas:
 - a) Mitigation experts;
 - b) National GHG inventory experts;
 - c) Cross cutting experts: national circumstances and institutional arrangements; needs and support received and;
 - d) **As needed, LULUCF experts for the analysis of those BURs that contain technical annex on REDD plus.**



Team composition: Criteria 2

Criteria 2: Paragraph 4


Once the CGE training programme is established, only those nominated experts who have successfully completed the CGE training programme referred to in paragraph 4 of decision 20/CP.19 shall be eligible to serve in the TTE. A TTE shall include, as a high priority and to the extent available, at least one CGE member and up to one third of the TTE. For other experts on the TTE, priority will be given to experts who served as the members of the CGE.

- ❖ All non-CGE TTE members successfully completed the CGE training programme;
- ❖ Of the **82 experts** who participated, **24 were CGE members**, including both current and past members.. On average, depending on the availability, each team was comprised of at least two CGE members – one each from an Annex I Party and non-Annex I Party.



Online Learning Management System (LMS) Platform

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Structure of the TTE training programme


The training programme covers three clusters of training materials. Find out more about the structure of the training and which modules you need to complete by clicking on the graph.

(A) Provisions on reporting information in the BURs and conducting technical analysis of BURs under the international consultation and analysis (ICA) process.

(B) Background materials covering methods and science on key themes addressed in BURs, and

(C) Provisions relevant to the technical analysis of a technical annex, containing information on NDCs-based actions relating to REDD-plus activities.





Questions?
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NEWS

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The next training round, including the new online training, starts on 15 January 2018.


Feel free to check out the online training, even if you have already completed a module. The online version includes additional examples and is based on experiences of the first three rounds of technical analysis.

Access online training courses




Course navigation

Please look at this tutorial before starting




Cluster A: Technical analysis

All experts



Cluster B: Background material

Only less experienced experts




Cluster C: REDD-plus

Only LULUCF experts

Download PDF training material

The training material is also available for download in pdf form, in case you prefer to print and read.

Please be aware that only the online courses contain examples, exercises and quizzes based on submitted BURs and recent experiences with the technical analysis.



CGE TTE training programme:

Download training material


Assessments

Assessments will open 10am Central European Time (Bonn) on the indicated start day and close at 5pm Central European Time (Bonn) on the indicated end day. Within the assessment period you can start the modules at your own discretion.

Once you start a module, you need to complete the module assessment within 60 minutes. The modules can be split over different dates. To successfully complete a module you need to achieve 60 per cent. Each module is graded individually.

For cluster B, you will immediately see if you have been successful. The training record is then shown as 'Completed' and removed from your 'Active' selection. If you have not been successful, it will remain in your training record and you can directly re-take.

For clusters A and C, in case needed, you will be able to re-take the assessment of a module in the re-take periods specified on the next round of assessments. All experts are required to take the assessment in module 1 plus at least one thematic module. Please note that REDD plus can only be taken if you have previous LULUCF experience or have completed module 2.20 LUCF/LULUCF. If in doubt, please check with us at ica@unfccc.int.



Upcoming assessments

30 March – 05 April 2018 Assessments

04 May – 10 May 2018 Re-takes

Access to training modules

Assessment schedule and results

Help tools

Discussion forum

Glossary

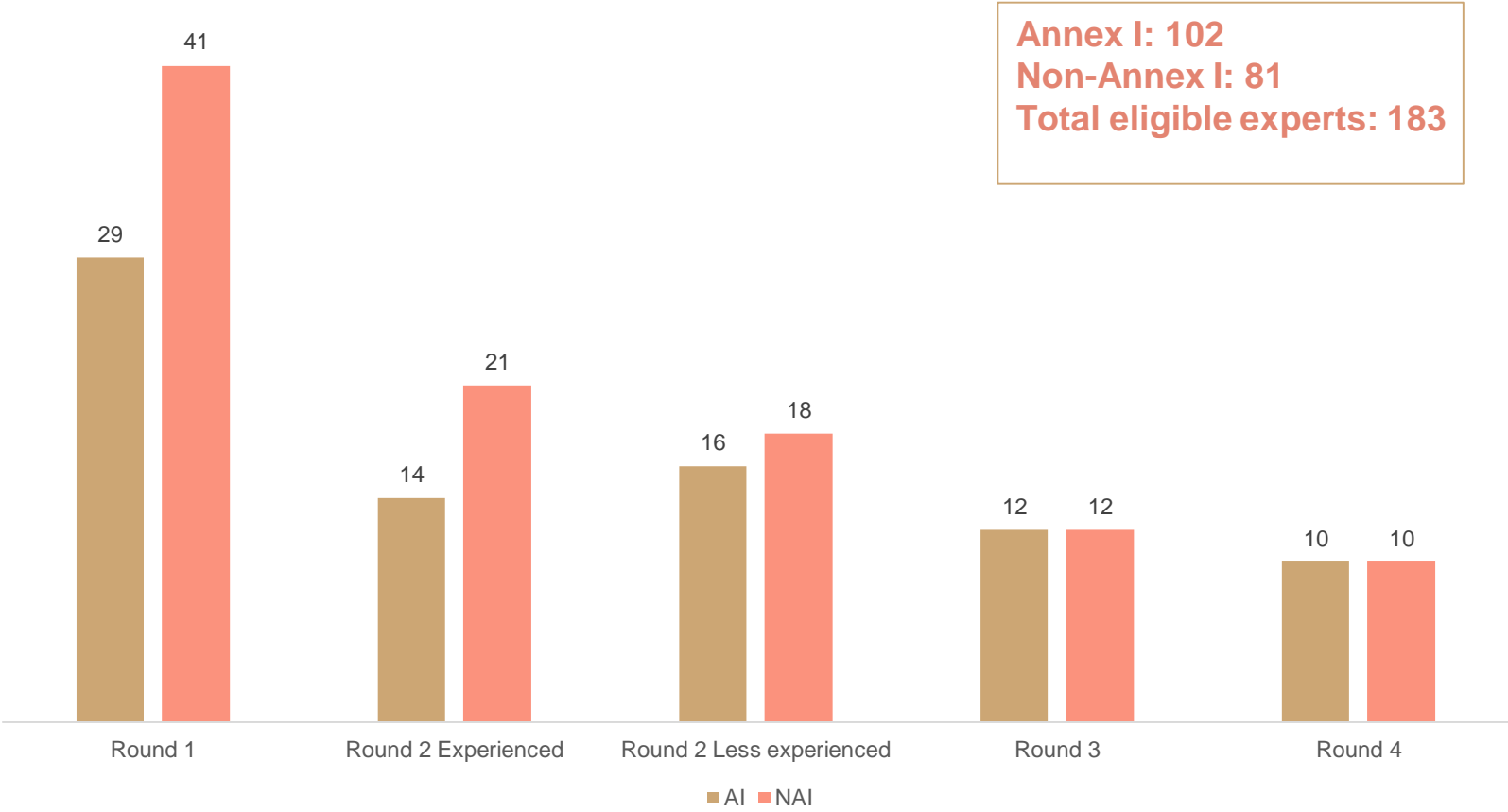
Acronyms

FAQs

Relevant COP decisions



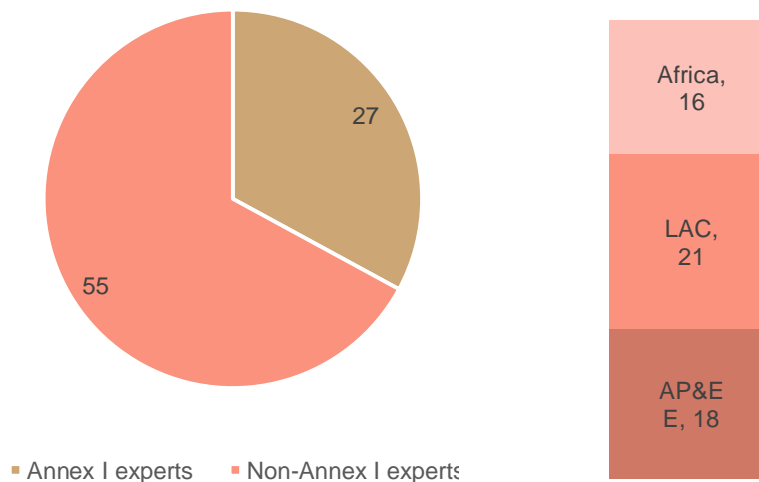
Total number of experts eligible for TTE composition



Team composition: Criteria 3

Criteria 3: paragraph 4

The TTE shall be composed with a view to ensuring in the overall composition of the TTEs that the majority of experts come from non-Annex I Parties. All effort should be made to ensure geographical balance among the experts selected from non-Annex I Parties and Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties). Each TTE shall be co-led by two experts: one from an Annex I Party and another from a non-Annex I Party. The co-lead experts should ensure that the technical analyses in which they participate are performed in accordance with this annex, and annex IV to decision 2/CP.17




Each team led by two Co-Leads: one from Annex I and another from non-Annex I.

To extent possible, CGE members are assigned as Co-Leads.




Output of the technical analysis: summary report

Technical analysis round	Status summary report	Countries
1 st	Published	Andorra, Chile, Brazil, Macedonia, Namibia, Peru, Republic of Korea, Singapore, South Africa, Tunisia, Vietnam.
2 nd	Published	Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina
3 rd	Published	Ghana
4 th	Published	Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Lebanon, Mexico, Uruguay
5 th	Published	Paraguay
	Ongoing	India, Indonesia, Mauritania, Montenegro, Thailand, Malaysia
6 th	Ongoing	Armenia, Israel, Morocco, Republic of Moldova and Serbia



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TEMPLATE

Technical analysis of the first biennial update report of [Party] submitted on [day/month/year]

Summary report by the team of technical experts

Summary

According to decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 41(a), Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), consistent with their capabilities and the level of support provided for reporting, were to submit their first biennial update report (BUR) by December 2014. The least developed country Parties and small island developing States may submit BURs at their discretion. Further, according to paragraph 58(a) of the same decision, the first round of international consultation and analysis (ICA) will be conducted for non-Annex I Parties commencing within six months of the submission of the Party's first BUR. The process of ICA consists of two steps: the technical analysis of the submitted BUR, followed by a workshop for the facilitative sharing of views under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation. This summary report presents the results of the technical analysis of the first BUR of [Party] conducted by a team of technical experts in accordance with the modalities and procedures contained in the annex to decision 20/CP.19.



¹<http://unfccc.int/8722.php>

FSV

FACILITATIVE SHARING OF VIEWS



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The facilitative sharing of views (FSV) workshop

Interaction between Parties during the FSV process



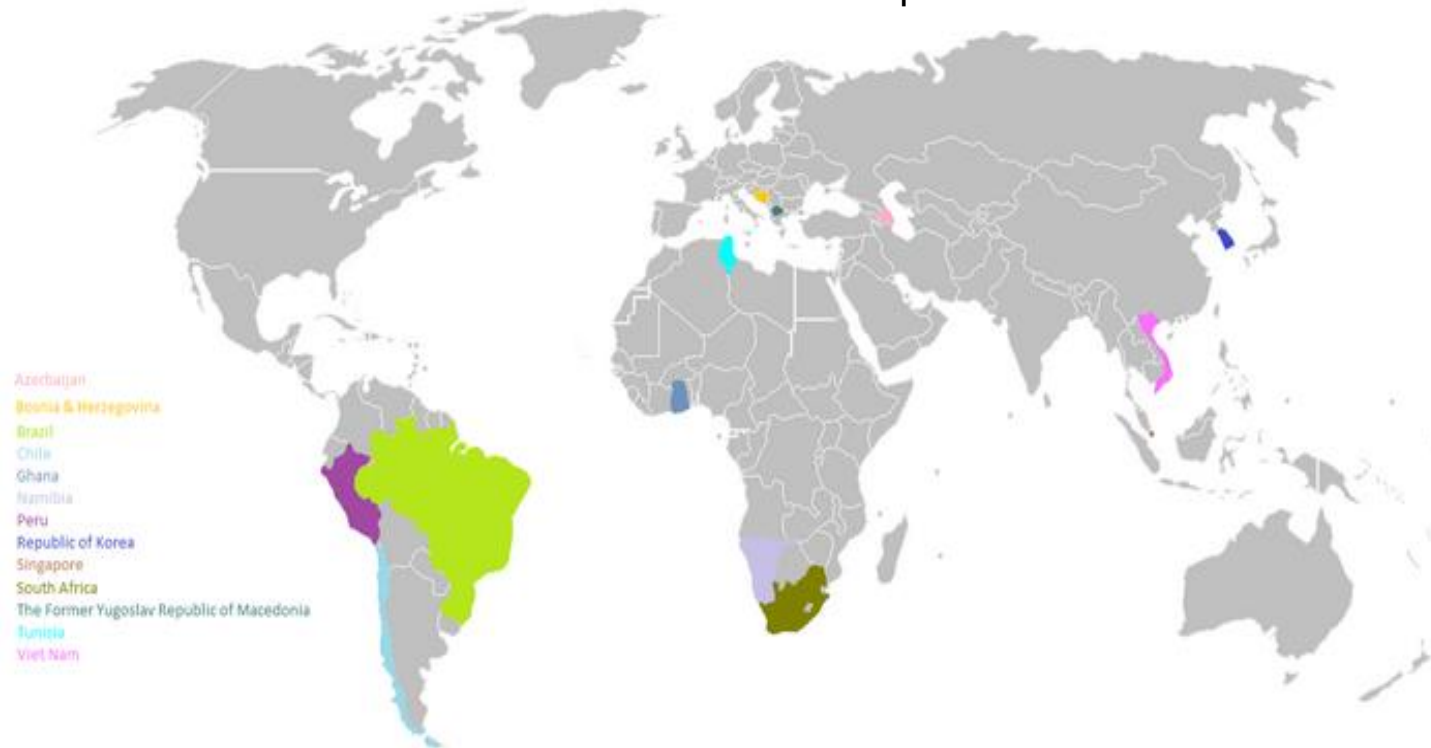
Modalities and guidelines for international consultation and analysis (Annex IV to decision 2/CP.17):

- The SBI shall, at regular intervals, convene a workshop for the facilitative exchange of views, open to all Parties, for **all Parties for which there is a biennial update report and a final summary report**;
- The outcome of the ICA will be a **summary report and a record of the facilitative sharing of views.**

First FSV workshop

The first FSV was successfully conducted on **20 to 21 May 2016**, giving developing countries the opportunity to showcase their actions taken to reduce GHG emissions, highlight the associated challenges and gaps, and provide an overview of international support received and needed.

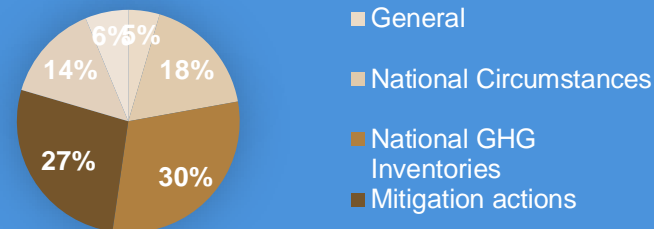
13 Parties undertook the first FSV at the first workshop:



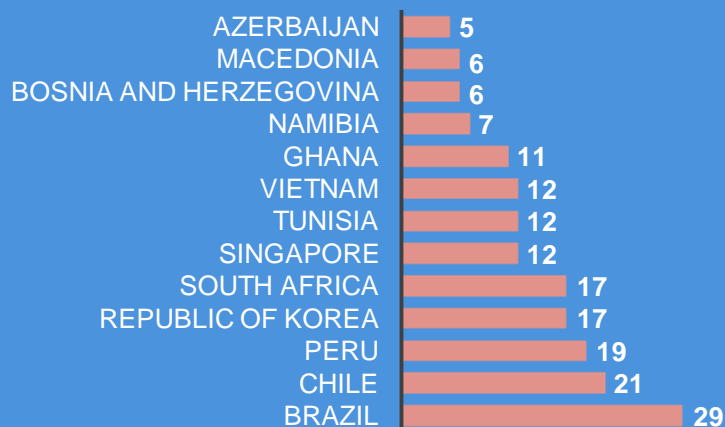
SBI 44 – FSV Question period

- 174 Questions submitted by 8 Parties and directed to 13 countries under FSV
- Every Party under FSV received at least 4 questions from Japan
- 8 (General), 31 (National circumstances), 53 (National GHG inventories), 48 (Mitigation actions), 25 (Constraints, Gaps, FTC needs) and 11 (Domestic MRV) questions were asked
- No Party undergoing FSV also asked questions
- All questions were asked by Annex I Parties

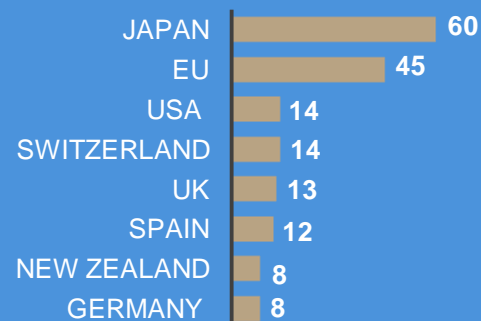
Questions per Category



Questions to Parties under FSV



Questions by submitting Parties



Second FSV workshop

The second workshop was held in Marrakesh on **10 November 2016**, with **7 Parties** presenting their BUR and exchanging views with other Parties.

Parties which undertook to the FSV during COP 22 were:

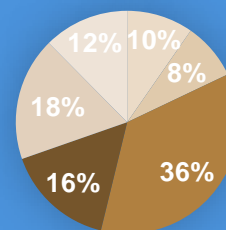


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SBI 45 – FSV Question period

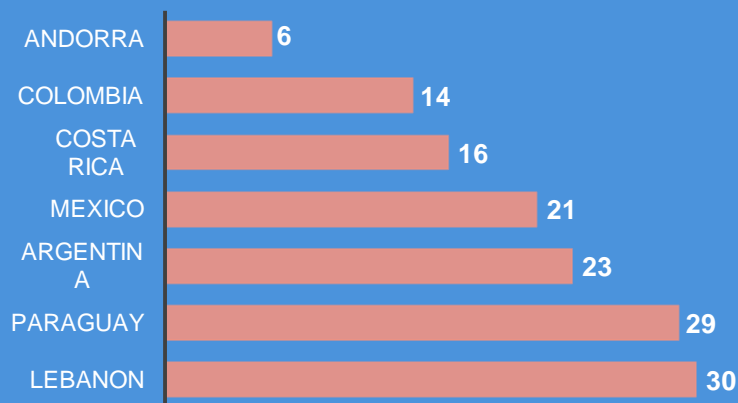
- 139 questions submitted by 9 countries to 7 Parties undergoing FSV
- 14 (General), 12 (National circumstances), 52 (National GHG inventories), 23 (Mitigation actions), 26 (Constraints, Gaps, FTC needs) and 18 (Domestic MRV) questions were asked
- No Party undergoing FSV also asked questions
- 88 % of all questions were asked by Annex I Parties
- Questions by Switzerland (8) and Norway (4) were submitted after 31 October

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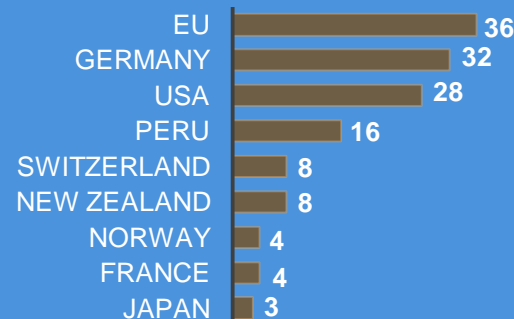


- General
- National Circumstances
- National GHG Inventories
- Mitigation actions

Questions to Parties undergoing FSV



Questions by submitting Parties



Coordinating the FSV workshop

- ❖ The SBI, with **support from the secretariat**, has **successfully launched the first cycle of FSV workshops in 2016**, with a total of **20 Parties** participating in the process. The FSV records of 13 Parties were published on the UNFCCC website. The **design and implementation** of the workshops were planned on the basis of the ICA modalities and guidelines and output from additional informal consultations among Parties, which were convened in 2015;
- ❖ The FSV is perceived to be a very **constructive process**, which **facilitates transparent exchange** of information between developing countries and other Parties, regarding their reporting under the Convention; the feedback received by the secretariat indicates that Parties are satisfied with the manner in which the FSV has been conducted thus far;
- ❖ In their presentations, most of the countries **expressed the need for continued international support to enable them to improve** their national systems for measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) among others; they also shared the **challenges encountered** during the BUR preparation and ICA process and their lessons learned;
- ❖ With the aim **improving the efficiency** of the FSV workshop, the secretariat **introduced a cut-off date of the question period**¹, to enable Parties to have **sufficient time** to respond to FSV questions posed by other Parties.

¹ *Written questions submitted in advance*



Overall challenges in coordinating the ICA process

1. **Planning** is based on the GEF forecast with a large degree of uncertainty, making it difficult for the secretariat to allocate/ mobilize secretariat/ expert resources efficiently. Early communication by Parties will be helpful;
2. Limited **availability of experts** due to competing demands from other similar processes, and limited funding available for Annex I Parties to support participation of their experts in the technical analysis;
3. The **broad guidance** from the BUR reporting guidelines and Modalities and procedures of the ICA results in different ways of reporting and analysis, as well as operationalization issues for the FSV workshop;
4. Some Parties have requested **financial support** to facilitate their participation in the FSV; however, due to financial constraints and the lack of a specific mandate to allocate resources for this purpose, the secretariat at the moment is unable to facilitate this request;
5. TTEs are funded from the secretariat's **supplementary budget**, and the limited funding is also depleted; under such a scenario, **planning and scheduling projected rounds of technical analysis is unpredictable.**



Implications of unpredictable funding for the ICA in 2017

Technical analysis rounds for 2017	Biennial update reports	
	BUR 1	BUR 2
TASR - 8th round (BURs submitted from 21 September to 21 December 2016)		
Time TBD	Botswana China Cote D'Ivoire Jamaica Nigeria	Argentina Chile India Namibia Peru South Africa
ASR - 9th round (BURs submitted from 22 December 2016 to 22 April 2017)		
Time TBD	El Salvador	Brazil Macedonia
ASR - 10th round (BURs submitted from 23 April to 23 August 2017)		
Time TBD	Egypt Jordan Mongolia Togo Yemen	
ASR - 11th round (BURs submitted from 24 August to 23 December 2017)		
Time TBD	Benin Honduras Panama Saudi Arabia	Armenia Azerbaijan Tunisia Uruguay



Thank you

