



## #Together4Transparency events at SB 60 Bonn

Launching of BTR reviews: Experiences and lessons from the in-country review of Andorra's first BTR

Thursday 6 June 2024 (13:15–14:30, SE Room Berlin (110 pax))

### 1. Background and context

Under the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement, all Parties shall submit Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) by 31 December 2024. LDCs and SIDS may submit BTRs at their discretion. As part of the ETF, a new review system replaces the existing international assessment and review (IAR) and international consultation and analysis (ICA) processes for developed and developing countries, respectively. Parties will continue to submit national communications, annual GHG inventory, REDD+ reference levels and REDD+ technical annexes, as appropriate. The ETF represents a unified transparency system for all Parties to the Paris Agreement that encompasses submission of BTRs, followed by technical expert reviews of information submitted, and a facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress (FMCP).

Shifting to the ETF presents significant opportunities but also potential challenges, particularly for developing country Parties, in the light of their different starting points in adhering to more extensive reporting and review requirements. The review process will help build the capacity of Parties to successfully prepare their subsequent BTRs. Effective preparation for the review process, encompassing human, institutional, technical, and financial capacity, is crucial. Collaborative efforts among the secretariat, Parties, and non-Party stakeholders are essential to bolster national capacity for effective participation in the ETF review system. The secretariat has commenced preparatory work to ensure a seamless initiation of the review and FMCP process once BTRs are submitted.

### 2. Objective

Under the banner of the #Together4Transparency collaborative initiative, this event is designed to:

- i. Disseminate information on the ETF implementation update and key messages.
- ii. Highlight the vast scope of the review, covering both a wide range of topics as well as the logistical setup.
- iii. Share the overall BTR review plan and experiences from the first BTR review to inform subsequent TERs.
- iv. Provide an overview of the secretariat's ongoing effort to operationalize the facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress (FMCP).

### 3. Target audience

This event is geared towards Party representatives, including national focal points and transparency practitioners, potential technical review experts from Parties and relevant intergovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders with an interest in the successful implementation of the ETF. The event will be open for participation by any registered SB60 delegates attending the conference.

### 4. Format



The event will utilize a moderated panel discussion format addressing a series of guiding questions. The panel will consist of, among others, representatives from Andorra, which is the first country to make a BTR submission undergoing a technical expert review. To set the stage, the secretariat will provide a background presentation highlighting key aspects on BTR submission update, implementation of the technical expert review and the FMCP process. The audience will have the opportunity to engage with panelists in an interactive session.

## 5. Agenda

Moderator: Xuehong Wang, Manager, Transparency Division, UNFCCC secretariat

Time	Session
<b>Part I: Welcome and opening (30 minutes)</b>	
13:15-13:30 (15 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and introduction to the event’s objectives – Xuehong Wang, Manager, Reporting and Review Subdivision, Transparency Division</li> <li>• Opening remarks – Donald Cooper, Director, Transparency Division, UNFCCC secretariat</li> <li>• Opening remarks – Shahin Shahyarov, Incoming Presidency</li> </ul>
13:30–13:45 (15 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ETF implementation update: Alma Jean and Ruta Bubniene, UNFCCC secretariat               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review basics</li> <li>○ Review timeline, tools and procedures, and expert resources</li> <li>○ BTR1 submission outlook</li> <li>○ Overall review planning and schedule</li> <li>○ Operationalizing FMCP</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Part II: Panel discussion (30 min)</b>	
13:45–14:15 (30 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of panel members – Xuehong Wang</li> <li>• Experiences from the first technical expert review:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Andorra representatives: Anna Boneta and Carles Miquel</li> <li>○ Expert representatives: Ole-Kenneth Nielsen and Marcelo Theoto Rocha</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Guiding questions to the panelists</u></p> <p><i>Andorra specific:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is your experience with the BTR review? Can you share a challenge and/or an opportunity from the BTR review which could be insightful for others?</li> <li>2. How could Andorra benefit from the BTR review, e.g. how could the review inform Andorra’s national climate action and policy development?</li> </ol> <p><i>Experts specific:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Being a review expert, what’s your experience with Andorra’s BTR review? How was it different from your previous review experience?</li> <li>2. Drawing from your review experience, can you share some key lessons learned that could be helpful to the fellow review experts?</li> </ol>



<b>Part III: Q&amp;A and wrap up (15 minutes)</b>	
14:15–14:25 (10 min)	Q&A
14:25–14:30 (5 min)	Wrap up (Moderator)

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