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# Implementation update (for BTR reviews from May 2024 to May 2025)

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# Part I: Setting the scene



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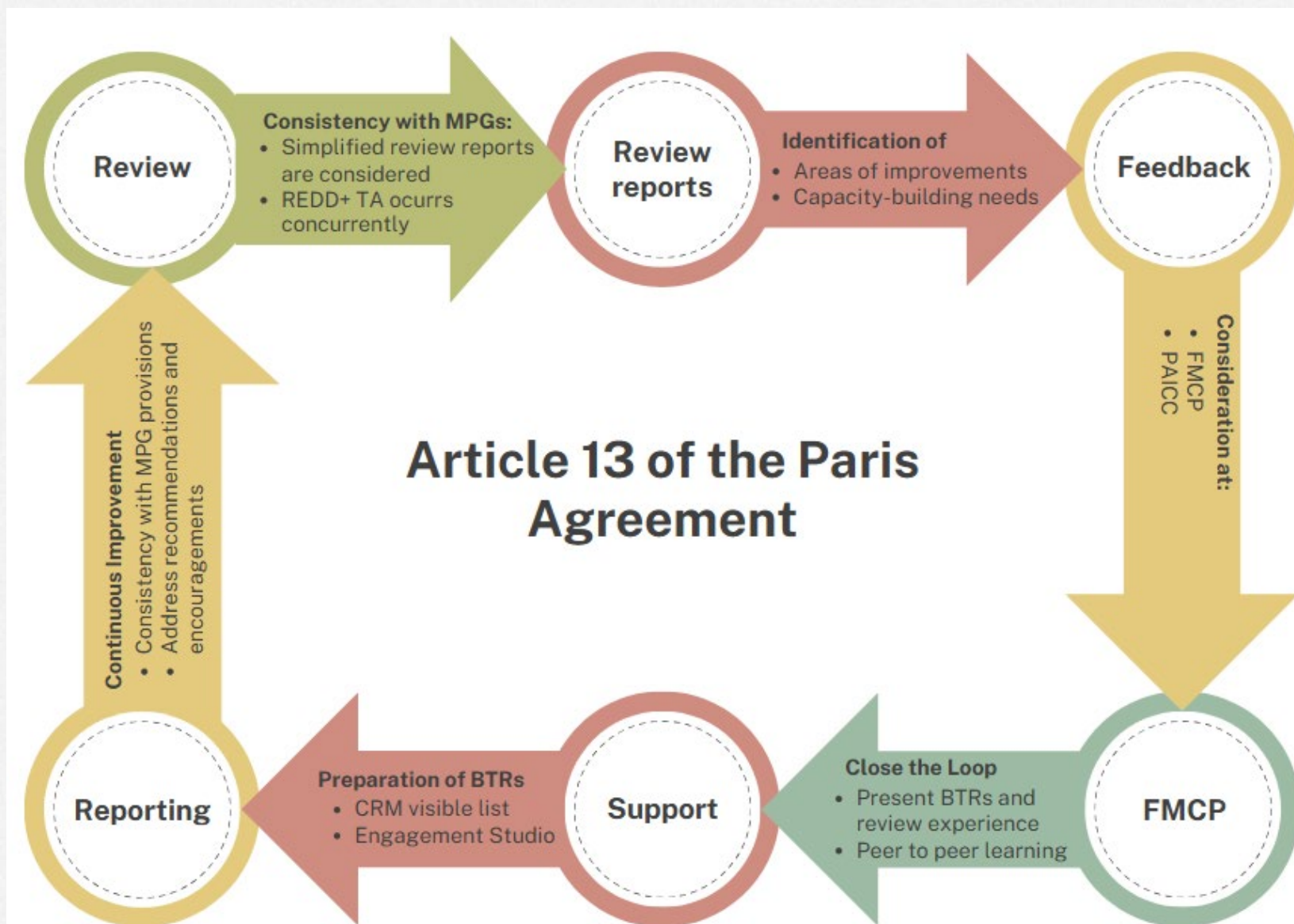


## Presentation Outline

- Technical Expert Review
  - 2024–2025 reviews of BTR1
  - Challenges and opportunities
- REDD+ Technical Analysis
- Simplified Review
- Review Knowledge Hub
- Facilitative Multilateral Consideration of Progress



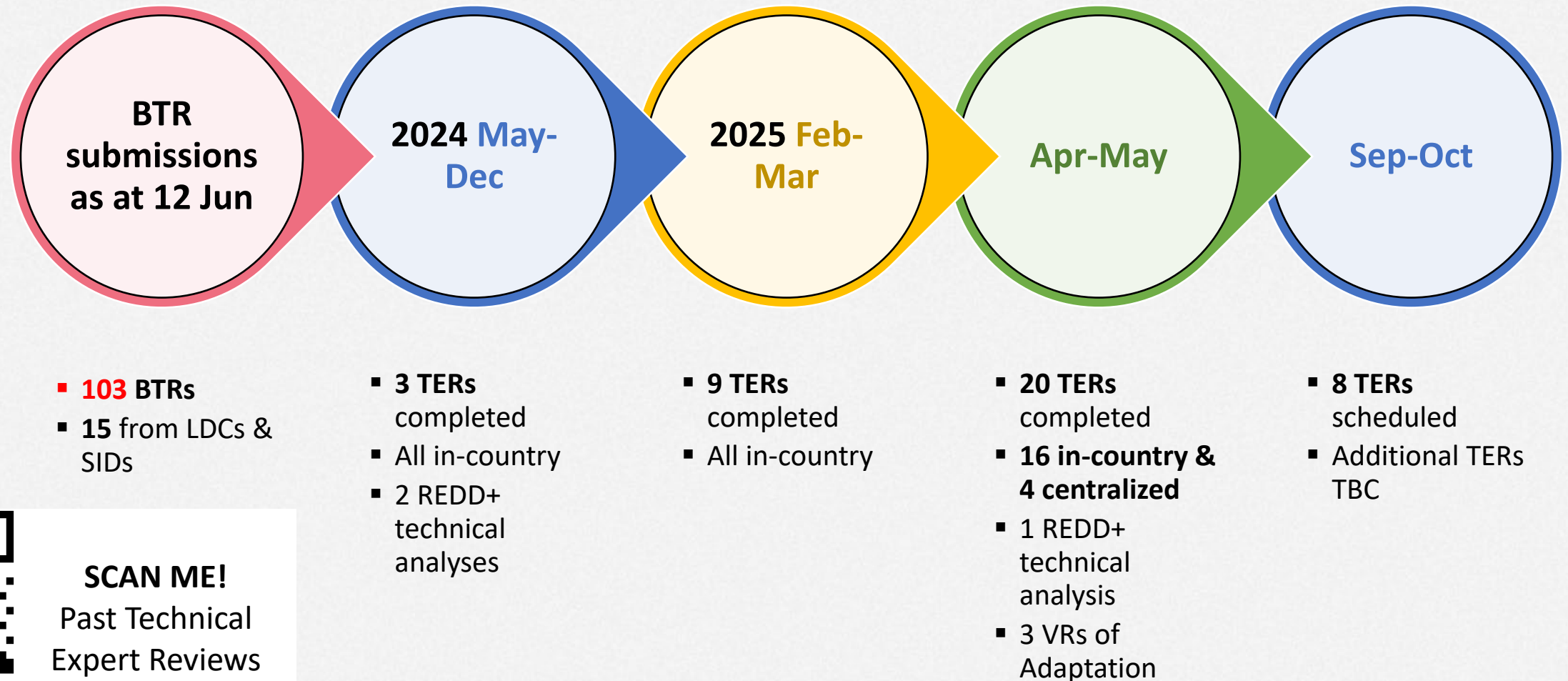
# Linking the ETF reviews



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# Implementation update - technical expert reviews (TER) of BTR1 in 2024-2025

## Completed and planned reviews



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# BTR review implementation

## Challenges

1. **Surge in Review Volume:** Unprecedented workload as all Parties now report biennially. Coordinating so many reviews on tight timelines is a major operational challenge.
2. **Limited Expert Resources:** Ensuring enough qualified experts and support staff for simultaneous reviews remains difficult.
3. **Data Complexity:** BTRs encompass more information than previous reports – from GHG inventories and NDC progress to support provided/received, and even optional adaptation data.
4. **Need for Efficiency and Innovation:** Simply scaling up old review approaches will not be sustainable in terms of time, cost, and human resources.
5. **Value Added and Continuous Improvement:** BTR review process is already showing clear benefits. Technical reviews are a catalyst for deeper engagement – they help countries identify capacity-building needs and improve their data, while also fostering trust and strengthening partnerships.

## Opportunities

1. Efficiency gain
2. Collaboration
3. Enhanced Coordination and Cooperation
4. Innovative approaches to technical expert reviews



# REDD+ in ETF

## Interlinkages between REDD+ and BTR reporting & review

- ✓ **The technical analysis of REDD+ results takes place concurrently with BTR reviews:** Access to REDD+ results-based finance requires completion of the review process
- ✓ **Consistency:** REDD+ results need to maintain consistency with GHG inventories, making REDD+ activities together with the ETF a driver of quality and accuracy
- ✓ **Tracking progress:** NDC tracking progress can show progress in halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation by 2030
- ✓ **Article 6.4:** Projects under the scope of REDD+ need to demonstrate link with national REDD+ activities



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## Simplified Reviews



The MPG determines that the secretariat conduct simplified reviews for National Inventory Reports submitted in a year when a BTR is not due (e.g. 2025, 2027)



**41 submissions of 2025 NIRs by Annex I Parties** were subject to Simplified Reviews during May-June 2025



The reviews were conducted by the secretariat using automated approaches, following what was agreed at the first lead reviewers meeting of BTRs (April 2024)



Simplified Review Reports will be made available at the UNFCCC website



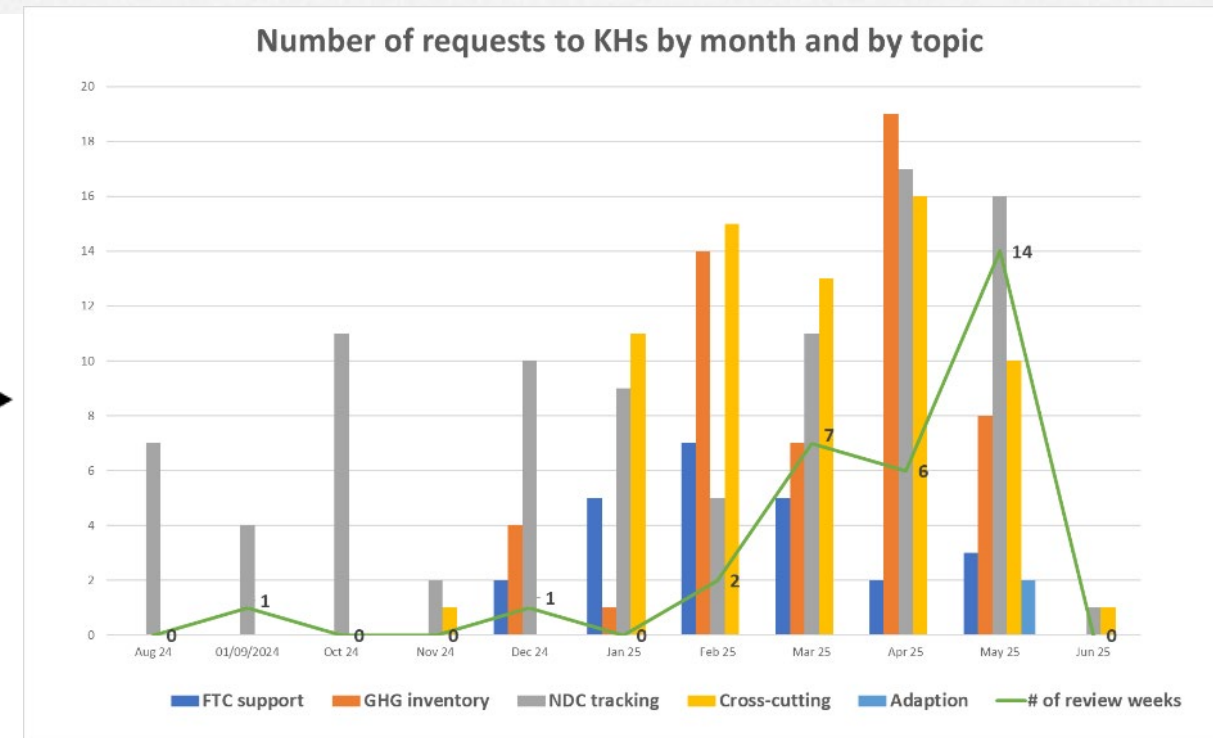
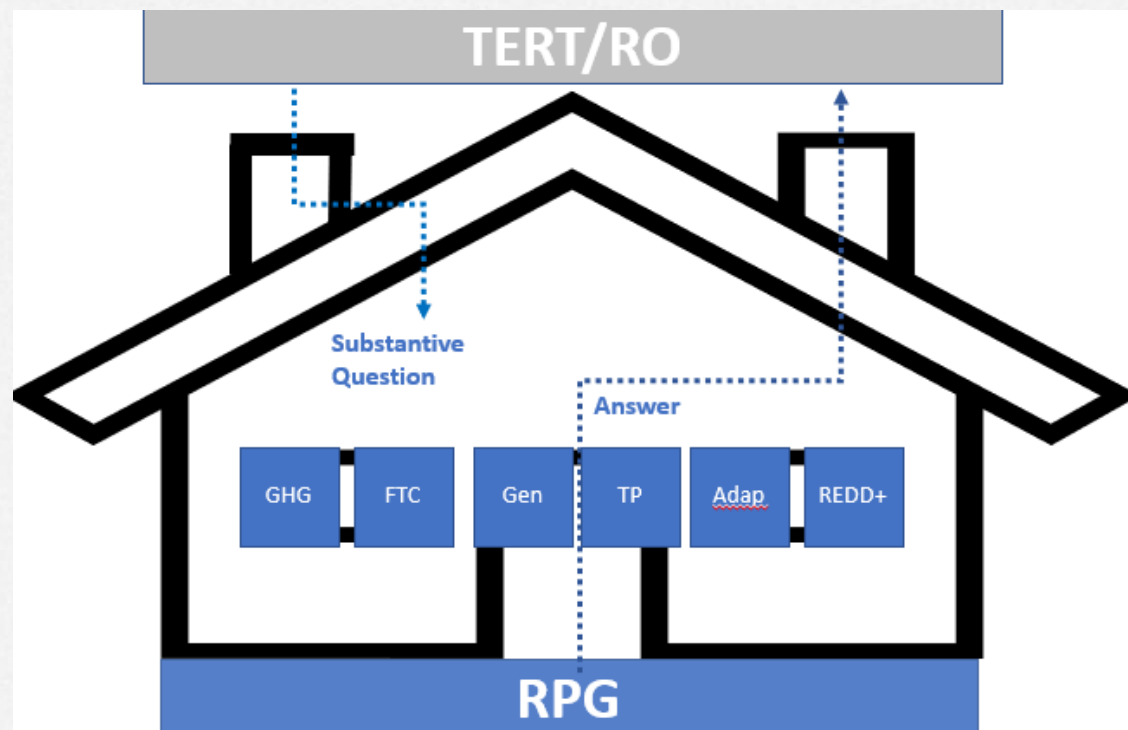
Findings of the simplified review will form **part of the technical expert review**



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# Review Knowledge Hubs to secure consistency

The KHs will deepen learning on substantive BTR TER topics by guiding TROs and maintain consistency of TERTs assessment with MPG and across the TERs. KHs have responded to 270 requests supporting reviews of 32 Parties so far



# Facilitative, Multilateral Consideration of Progress (FMCP)

A platform for Parties to engage in open dialogue, share experiences and learn from each other's best practices in implementing Paris Agreement NDCs.

- The scope, format and steps of the FMCP are set out in the MPGs, Decision 18/CMA.1
- Focus on policy discussion (technical questions in written Q&A phase)
- Testing World café format for an informal dialogue;
- SBI chair reflection session to gather feedback from Parties on FMCP<sup>1</sup> and suggestions to next FMCPs - June 23rd, 13:00-14:00



## **Working group session (mandatory)**

Presentation  
+ combined oral Q&A



## **“Informal Dialogue on FMCP” (voluntary)**

World café format



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**Thank you!**

## Part II. Panel discussions



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# Guiding Questions for Parties and Reviewers

1. How could your country benefit from the biennial transparency report (BTR) review, e.g. how could the review inform your country's national climate action and policy development?
2. As a reviewer, 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?

# Guiding questions for Partner Organizations

1. How can partner agencies add value to the technical expert reviews (TER) process?
2. Considering the landscape of limited financial resources how can partnerships facilitate efficiency gains for the TER process?

# Questions?



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