

IGES-GHGMI COP25 Official Side Event
“Enhancing the Transparency Framework by Policy-relevant MRV Systems”
12 December 2019 4:45-6:15 pm @Room 2

Background and objectives

With the adoption of “modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs) for the enhanced transparency framework” at COP24 in 2018, countries will begin the preparation of submitting biennial transparency reports (BTRs) no later than 31 December 2024. While it is important that countries prepare their BTRs in line with these MPGs, it is equally important that those BTRs can actually help countries to identify mitigation potential or inform relevant stakeholders, thereby facilitating the implementation of climate actions domestically.

To achieve this, policy-relevant MRV systems need to be established. Yet, the understanding of countries in the idea/concept of policy-relevant MRV systems vary across countries. Therefore, this side event will offer the opportunity to share our diverse ways of understanding across this topic and discuss key aspects of MRV systems that can be sustainable and support domestic climate actions:

The key questions this side event panel will discuss are:

- What are the policy relevant MRV systems?
- How can we create those systems?
- What are key factors for making the systems successful?

Tentative agenda

1. Opening remarks (5 minutes, speaker 1)
2. Framing remarks (10 minutes, speaker 2 & 3)
3. Countries’ remarks (55 minutes - 13 minutes, each)
 - a. Answer briefly, these questions:
 - Is your MRV system capable of mitigation actions or policies?
 - What are the policy relevant MRV systems?
 - How can we create those systems?
 - What are key factors for making the systems successful?
4. Q&A (10 minutes)

Tentative speakers with key talking points

1. Opening remark by Hiroshi Tsujihara (MOEJ)
2. Framing presentation and BUR analysis on mitigation policies by Kentaro Tamura (IGES)
 - Mutual learning for making the ETF more policy-relevant
3. Concept of and approaches for policy-relevant MRV systems by Molly White (GHGMI)
 - Climate MRV system components
 - Fundamental MRV activities
 - MRV system infrastructure
4. Country’s experience – (Lennox Gladden, Belize / Roxie Hutchinson, Grenada)
 - Co-developed MRV activities
 - Shared system infrastructure
5. Country’s experience – (Mary Awad, Lebanon)
6. Country’s experience (Takashi Morimoto, Japan)