

# The IPCC Guidance and the New Climate Regime

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- **The IPCC guidelines serve as the basis for reporting of GHG inventories** by both Annex I and non-Annex I country Parties under the Convention:
  - Annex I country Parties are required to use the 2006 IPCC Guidelines
  - Non-Annex I Parties are required to use the Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines and are encouraged to use the Good Practice Guidance
- **Annex I Parties to the Kyoto Protocol** are required to use the IPCC guidance to prepare the supplementary information on LULUCF (**KP Supplement**)



# Article 13: Transparency Framework is in the heart of the Paris Agreement

Action: provide a **clear understanding** of climate change action in the light of the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2, including:

- # **Clarity and tracking of progress** towards achieving Parties' individual nationally determined contributions under Article 4;
- # Parties' **adaptation actions** under Article 7, including good practices, priorities, needs and gaps.

**Article 13.5**

Inform global stocktake under Article 14

**Article 13.6**

Support: The purpose of the framework for transparency of support is to provide:

- # **Clarity on support provided and received** by relevant individual Parties in the context of climate change actions under Articles 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11;
- # To the extent possible, a **full overview of aggregate** financial support provided.



## IPCC guidance on GHG inventories and the Paris Agreement

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- Parties are required to use the **IPCC good practice methodologies** for the preparation of the national inventory report of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases (Art. 13.7.a)
- **The IPCC methodological guidance on GHG inventories** are expected to be key in reporting the information necessary **to track progress made in implementing and achieving the nationally determined contributions** under Article 4 (Art. 13.7.b), e.g.:
  - Contribution from the LULUCF sector
  - Emissions and removals covered by the indicators relevant to NDCs



## The 2019 Refinement and Transparency Framework under the Paris Agreement

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- The *2019 Refinement* is aimed at improving the **transparency, accuracy, completeness, comparability and consistency (TACCC)** of GHG inventories, through refinements based on scientific and other technical advances (e.g. supplementary methodologies; updated default values; clarification or elaboration of 2006 IPCC Guidelines)
- This could **facilitate the implementation of the Paris Agreement**, including by:
  - **Building mutual trust and confidence** and promoting the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement consistent with the aim of the Transparency Framework (Art. 13.1)
  - **Promoting environmental integrity and TACCC**, and ensuring the avoidance of double counting in accounting for Parties' anthropogenic emissions and removals corresponding to their NDCs (Article 4.13)
  - **Providing the best available scientific information** for the global stocktake to assess the collective progress towards achieving the purpose of Paris Agreement and its long-term goals (Art. 14.1)



## The 2019 IPCC Refinement: Possible further steps

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- **Parties could agree on using a refinement of the IPCC guidelines once agreed upon by the CMA**, in relation to the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support to be agreed in Katowice
- Although there is no such current mandate, once **the 2019 Refinement is adopted by the IPCC, a Party or a group of Parties, could possibly make a request to the CMA for the consideration for its adoption for reporting under the Paris Agreement** (possibly in the second half of 2019)



## Conclusions

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- **IPCC guidelines have served as the basis for the reporting of national GHG inventories** under the Convention and the KP and will underpin the reporting of the GHG inventory-related information under the Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement
- The **2019 Refinement could greatly facilitate the implementation of the Paris Agreement by enhancing the TACCC** of the GHG inventory-related information reported under the Paris Agreement
- In relation to the MPGs for the Transparency Framework, **Parties could agree on using a refinement of the IPCC guidelines once agreed upon by the CMA**





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**Thank you**

