

# Frequent and Flexible Reporting: Options for Reporting Guidelines for Biennial Reports

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# Presentation Outline

- Context
- Concept of reporting levels
- Content of biennial reports
- Key questions

# Context: Reporting and verification under the UNFCCC

Red text = Decided at COP 16 in Cancún

	Reporting	Verification
<b>Developed countries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual GHG inventories, national inventory reports and related information</li> <li>• National communications (enhanced)</li> <li>• Biennial reports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of GHG inventories</li> <li>• Review of national communications and biennial reports (enhanced)</li> <li>• International assessment and review (IAR) of emissions/removals</li> </ul>
<b>Developing countries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National communications, including GHG inventories and national inventory reports (enhanced)</li> <li>• Biennial reports, including GHG inventories and national inventory reports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International consultations and analysis (ICA) of biennial reports</li> </ul>

# The concept of reporting levels



## Examples

Inventory:  
Gas coverage

Inventory:  
Time period

### Level 3

All gases

Complete time series

### Level 2

Six gases

Multiple years

### Level 1

Key categories

One year

# The concept of reporting levels



## Examples

Progress:  
Indicator used

Support:  
Support received

### Level 3

Output  
(tCO<sub>2</sub>-eq)

Level 2 + FDI  
(if available)

### Level 2

Intermediate  
(MWh)

Level 1 + other flows  
(e.g. CDM, REDD+)

### Level 1

Input (light bulbs  
distributed)

Total public support

# How much detail is needed in biennial reports?

- Topics to be covered include most of those in national communications ... as well as national inventory reports ...
- ... so reports could be very lengthy
- Scope and detail of report impact:
  - ◆ Transparency, comprehensiveness, user-friendliness
  - ◆ Resources needed to prepare them
  - ◆ Resources needed for ICA/review
- If ICA based on BRs only, they will be long...



# How do biennial reports relate to national communications?

**Executive summary**

**National circumstances**

**GHG inventory information**

**Emissions projections (optional for developing)**

**Progress on mitigation**

**Climate change impacts and vulnerability**

**Adaptation actions**

**Support**

**Research and systematic observation**

 = NCs only

 = NCs and biennial reports

# Proposals



- Include four main sections: inventory; “progress” + mitigation actions; support; projections (for some countries)
- Focus on key information; more detail in NCs or other reporting/recording mechanisms
- Reporting levels could help to structure reporting ... and maintain flexibility
- Paper proposes
  - ◆ detailed structure for update reports
  - ◆ minimum reporting requirements
  - ◆ reporting tables



# Key Questions



- How to ensure flexibility in reporting and comparability of reports?
- What level of detail is needed in biennial reports?
- How can reports be structured to facilitate review/ICA and to feed into the 2013-15 review?
- What should be the minimum reporting standards in each section, and how can improvements over time be encouraged?
- What is the link between biennial reports and other reporting/recording mechanisms?
- What can be done by Durban?

# Thank you!

For further information:

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