

UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION AND ANALYSIS (ICA)

**Experiences and lessons learned – Namibia’s Perspective – Reagan
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Presentation outline

- ❖ National context;
- ❖ Preparing for the technical analysis and recalling the experience;
- ❖ National impact of the technical analysis;
- ❖ Suggestions for enhancing the technical analysis/encouraging submissions from Parties;
- ❖ Preparing for the first FSV workshop; experience and lessons learned;

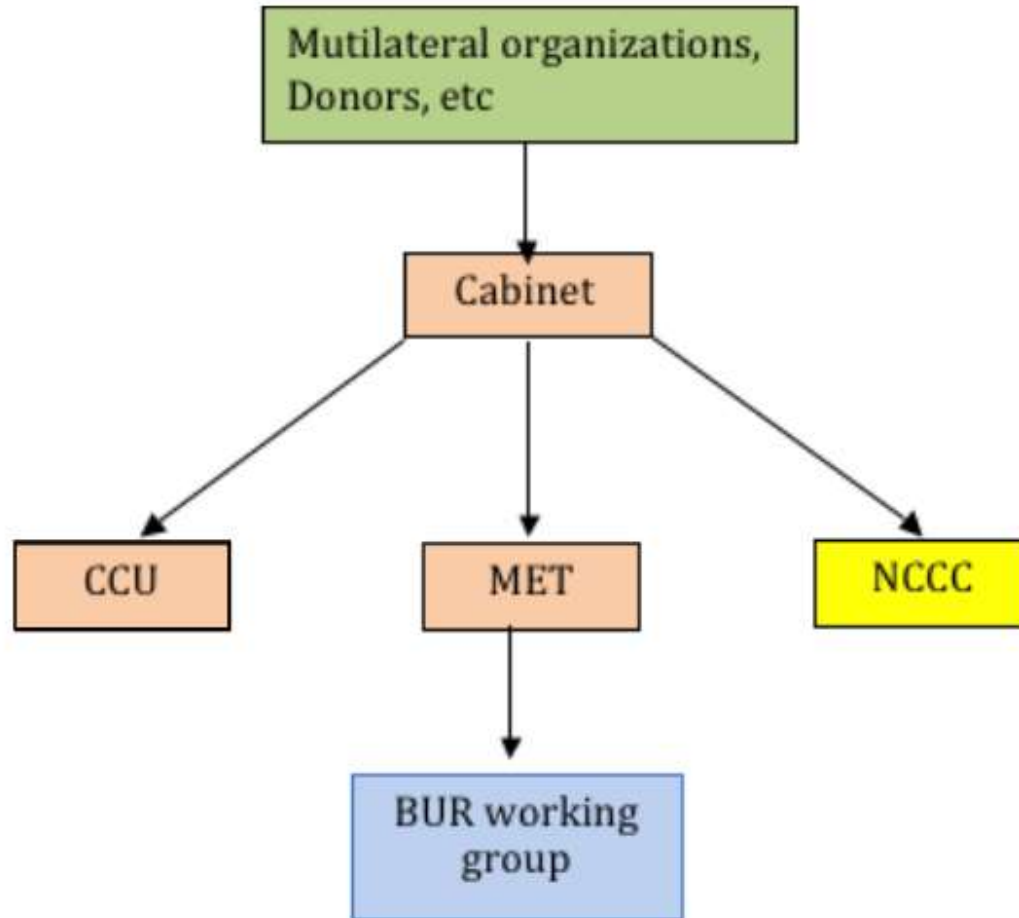


National context

- Namibia has so far submitted 3 NCs, namely:
 - a) The Initial National Communication in 2001
 - b) The Second National Communication in 2011
 - c) The Third National Communication in 2015
- Two BURs:
 - a) First Biennial Update Report in 2014
 - b) Second Biennial Update Report in 2016
- **Fourth National Communication currently underway**
- The first two NCs were done solely by outsourcing, a shift has been made to have them produced in-house
- Working groups were established under BUR1 & NC3 to carry out various activities under NCs & BURs, with a an external technical expert providing guidance, training and capacity building
- With the multi-sectoral NCCC providing the overall oversight on the WGs



Institutional Arrangement



Preparing for the technical analysis

- Like most developing countries, Namibia faces many challenges in preparing NCs and BURs
 - Setting up a sustainable Institutional Arrangements system is one of the major challenges the country is facing, constraints being:
 - a) Staff turn-over
 - b) NCs and BURs process seen as MET (Focal Point) responsibility
 - c) Lack of technical capacity within WG members
 - d) General lack of technical and financial resources
 - Preparation for the ICA was not optimal as it is a new exercise
 - Proper documentation is of prime importance
 - WG need to be prepared to support the ICA process
 - Timing also a major constraint, ICA being a heavy process
 - ICA helped to improve the quality of the reports, by identifying some of the gaps and arrears for improvement
 - ICA contributed to identification of capacity building
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Recalling the experience of the technical analysis

- 1 May 2015 – First interaction to introduce the TTE process, the TTE team & introduction of the support staff from the secretariat
 - 15 May 2015 First set of preliminary questions
 - 23 May – Feedback provided by Namibia
 - 19 May – Capacity building needs report & second set of questions
 - 21 May – Feedback given on second set of questions & Capacity building needs report
 - More time was required to get more detailed feedback more especially on the first round of questions from collaborators
 - 07 June – Final feedback was provided
 - 28 July – Draft summary report was circulated to the party for comments
 - September 2016 – Feedback provided on the summary report
 - February 2016 – Publication of summary report
 - Technical questions instead of questions on transparency
 - TTE need to thoroughly go through the BURs
 - ICA members not conversant enough with GHG software and other reporting issues
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National impact of the technical analysis

- The TTE review helped the country to further improve preparation of future NCs & BURs
- The comments from the TTE were incorporated in the project document preparation of NC4 and BUR2
- The capacity building report raised some of capacity building needs not included in the capacity building section of BUR1
- Some of the comments raised during the TTE were taken into consideration during the TNC and BUR1 formulation e.g. the F gases
- Overall, the TTE met the expectations and helped in improving the BURs
- The TTE will support the development of the MRV system



Suggestion for enhancing the technical analysis

- It is suggested that the TTE members should thoroughly familiarize themselves with reporting requirements, GHG inventory software, and the latest IPCC Guidelines
- TTE members should exhaustively read the BUR report, and where necessary the detailed documents like the NIR which provides more information on the inventory
- This would avoid unnecessary queries and shorten the process
- It is proposed that the analysis reviews only shortcomings and features not attended to during a previous exercise
- There need to be more sensitization of Parties including clearly benefits to be reaped from the ICA process



FSV Workshop

- Questions were received prior to the May 2016 FSV Workshop(EU, Japan & UK)
- Feedback was provided on the 16th of May 2016
- A presentation on the BUR was made during the FSV
- FSV report published on the UNFCCC website
- Questions were more of clarity in nature than technical

