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REPORTING AND REVIEW SYSTEM UNDER THE
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**Sharing practical experiences and lessons learned in reporting
and reviewing the national communications of Annex I Parties:
perspectives of Parties and reviewers**

Focus on adaptation

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The review process: reflections

- ▣ Presents an opportunity to work with an interdisciplinary team towards a common objective-
- ▣ Provides for good understanding for experts from Non-annex1 parties as to the efforts done by annex1 parties to address climate change concerns – not just theoretically but through mutual discussions with the experts who developed it and policy makers.
- ▣ The review process helps removing the psychological barrier felt by experts from developing countries towards peers from developed countries (seeing mostly as sources of technical knowledge/products) (Empowering)-

Creating the enabling environment for adaptation is key

- ▣ The review provided for understanding the Institutional aspects of adaptation - Institutional setup and regulatory framework to address V&A at domestic and international levels.
- ▣ Adaptation requires the presence of a broad range of institutions at different levels and scales – supported by policies and regulatory frameworks.
- ▣ The presence of systems that promote the coordination and integration between different sectors and institutions

Successful replicable experiences

- ▣ One of the innovative adaptation measure, by UK is an **adapting to climate change indicator** in the Local Government Performance Framework for England.
- ▣ It allows authorities and partners to measure progress in adapting to climate change over five levels. The levels range from getting started through to developing and maintaining an adaptation action plan. Many government departments have carried out initial assessments of the implications of climate change across policy agendas.