

NATIONAL REPORTING FOR Non Annex I PARTIES UNDER THE UNFCCC

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NATIONAL REPORTING AND UNFCCC

OBJECTIVE:

- The UNFCCC Objective: to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere to prevent dangerous human interference with the climate system
- Parties submit national reports on implementation of the Convention outlining:
 - Information on emissions and removals of greenhouse gases (GHGs)
 - Details of the activities a Party has undertaken to implement the Convention and
 - *national circumstances, constraints and gaps, other cross-cutting issues - transfer of technology, and education, training and public awareness*

NATIONAL REPORTING AND UNFCCC

OBJECTIVE:

- **The COP**
 - uses information to assess the overall aggregated effects of the implementation of the Convention
- **Parties**
 - exchange information on how each they are implementing the Convention (through policies/measures) and highlight the issues, problems, gaps and constraints faced
- **The GEF**
 - Guided to provide financial resources towards meeting the implementation costs of the Convention

EFFORTS TO IMPROVE NCs REPORTING

- Decisions 10/**CP.2** in Geneva, guidelines for the national communications for developing countries adopted.
- Decisions 8/**CP.5** in Bonn initiated a process of reviewing and improving guidelines for NC reporting and establishing the Consultative Group of Experts;
- Decision 17/**CP.8** Parties adopted revised guidelines from the CGE
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EFFORTS TO IMPROVE NCs REPORTING:

Genesis of Biennial Update Reports (BURs)

- Decision 1/CP 16 enhanced reporting requirement from non-Annex I Parties through preparation of Biennial Update Reports
 - to provide updates on national GHG inventories , including NIR and information on mitigation actions, needs and support received
 - To serve as an input to the international consultation and analysis, for increased transparency of mitigation actions
- Decisions 2/CP.17 Adopted guidelines for preparation of BURs from NAI Parties
- Set the timeframe for BUR submission – 1st BURs by December,2014 with some flexibility for LDCs and SIDS

BUR OBJECTIVES

- Assist Parties meet their reporting requirement under the Convention and relevant COP decisions
- Encourage presentation of information in a consistent, transparent, complete, accurate and timely manner
- Enable enhanced reporting on mitigation actions and their effects, needs and support received
- Facilitate the presentation of information on finance, technology and capacity-building support needed and received, including for the preparation of BURs;
- Facilitate reporting on any economic and social consequences of response measures
- Guide the operating entity of the financial mechanism on timely provision of the agreed full costs for BUR preparing

BUR SCOPE

Provides an update to the most recently submitted national communication in the following areas:

- National circumstances and institutional arrangements
- Inventory of national greenhouse gases (GHGs)
- Mitigation actions and their effects, with a description of methodologies and assumptions;
- Constraints and gaps, and related financial, technical and capacity needs, and support needed and received;
- Level of support received for preparation and submission of BURs;
- Domestic measurement reporting and verification;
- Any other information

BUR: NATIONAL GHG INVENTORY

- Methodology: Making reference to the latest UNFCCC guidelines for preparation of NCs - Revised 1996 IPCC guidelines, IPCC GPG-2000 and IPCC GPG-2003
- Years: The 1st BUR shall cover, at the minimum, inventory for the calendar year no more than 4 years prior to the date of the submission, or more recent inventories if available
- Provides guidance on GHG reporting, data presentation

BUR: MITIGATION ACTIONS

- Methodologies and assumptions;
- Objectives of the action and step taken or envisaged to achieve that action
- Progress of implementation of the mitigation actions and the underlying steps taken or planned, and results achieved such as estimated outcomes (metrics depending on type of action) and estimated emission reductions to the extent possible
- International market mechanisms.
- Description of MRV arrangements

BUR: CONSTRAINTS AND GAPS

- Constraints and gaps, and related financial, technical and capacity-building needs
- Financial resources, technology transfer, capacity-building and technical support received for activities relating to climate change, including for the preparation of the current biennial update report.
- Technology needs, which must be nationally determined, and on technology support received

BUR SUBMISSIONS

- Frequency of submissions: NC submission - every four years, BUR Submission - every two
- As summary of parts of their NCs, in the year the NC is being submitted, or as a stand alone
- In English or any one of the official United Nations language
- Additional information may be supplied through other documents, such as a technical annex.



What happens to submitted BURs?

THANK YOU

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