

# Flexibility in the enhanced transparency framework

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1.

Provisions on the  
modalities, procedures  
and guidelines under the  
transparency framework



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# Provisions on the modalities, procedures and guidelines under the transparency framework

In developing the recommendations for the modalities, procedures and guidelines, the following should be taken into consideration, inter alia (*Decision 1/CP. 21 – para. 93*):

- The need to provide **flexibility** to those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities
- The importance of facilitating **improved reporting** and transparency over time
- The need to promote transparency, **accuracy, completeness, consistency** and **comparability**
- The **consistency between the methodology** communicated in INDC and the methodology for reporting on progress made towards achieving NDC's

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2.

To what can  
flexibility be  
granted?



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# To what can flexibility be granted?

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- Types of NDC's (e.g. qualitative or quantitative targets)
- Scope of reporting (e.g. sectors and gases)
- Frequency of reporting (e.g. biennial...)
- Year of first reporting (e.g. 2020)
- Level of detail (e.g. Updated 1996 IPCC guidelines, 2006 IPCC guidelines - Tier 1, 2, 3)
- Scope of review (e.g. technical review and multilateral assessment)

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3.

How can  
flexibility be  
operationalized?



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# How can flexibility be operationalized?

- Can flexibility be granted to every kind of NDC? In that case, should there be a minimum amount of information for all types of NDC's?
- The use of a bottom-up approach would allow “self-determination”, while a top-down approach would allow for improvement over time
- Language (e.g. “shall”, “should”, “should strive for a certain level by 2030) could be used as a tool for flexibility

# 4.

**What are the  
risks associated  
with flexibility?**



# What are the risks associated with flexibility?

## Too little...

Developing country Parties might not be able to report despite the support provided by developed country Parties

## Too much...

Might be counter-productive and will not inform the global stock-take on the objectives of the Agreement

In other words, how do we ensure that the flexibility component comforts Parties, but at the same time does not go against other items under para. 93 of decision 1/CP.21?

# Thanks!

**Any questions?**

