

MPGs for Verification

A Review Process Fit for Fulfilling the Objective and Ambition of the Paris Agreement

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BASIS FOR THIS PRESENTATION

This presentation is based on the draft paper ***A Review Process Fit for Fulfilling the Objective and Ambition of the Paris Agreement***

The paper, being prepared under the Project for Advancing Climate Transparency (PACT) aiming at advancing the design of the Paris rulebook, is authored by *Yamide Dagnet, Marcelo Rocha, Harro Van Asselt, Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Alice Bisiaux*

The paper is currently undergoing peer review.

Some of the questions for discussion go beyond the proposals made in the paper and are aimed to feed discussion at the APR.

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IMPORTANT FEATURES OF CURRENT REGIME

- Efforts to train the reviewers**
- Regionally balanced team of experts**
- Different modalities for the technical review**
- The facilitative and collaborative nature of the exercise.**

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AIM OF SUGGESTIONS INCLUDED IN THE PAPER

- Contribute to a *review process that***
- ***can sustain improvement over time of the quality and robustness of data, clarity of climate actions***
 - ***ensures environmental integrity,***
 - ***provides flexibility for those developing countries who need it in light of their capacities.***
 - ***can provide an essential input for the work of the global stocktake (Article 14) and the mechanism to facilitate implementation and promote compliance (Article 15)***

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VERIFICATION UNDER THE PA

Article 13 paragraphs 11 and 12 establish a verification process with two procedures:

- **Technical expert review**
- **Facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress**

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OVERALL OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Build mutual trust and confidence and to promote effective implementation (Article 13, paragraph 1); ▪ Provide clear understanding on climate change action, including clarity on progress towards achieving Parties' individually NDC (Article 13, paragraph 5); ▪ Provide clarity on support provided and received, to the extent possible, to provide a full overview of aggregate financial support provided (Article 13, paragraph 6) ▪ Inform the GST under Article 14 (Article 13, paragraphs 5 and 6).
Guiding Principles and nature of the review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be facilitative, non-intrusive, non-punitive manner, respectful of national sovereignty, and avoid placing undue burden on Parties (Article 13, paragraph 3); • Facilitate improved reporting and transparency overtime (Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 92 a); • Provide flexibility to those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities (Article 13, paragraph 2, and Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 92 b); • Promote transparency, accuracy, completeness, consistency and comparability (Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 92 c); • Avoid duplication as well as undue burden on Parties and the secretariat (Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 92 d); • Ensure that Parties maintain at least the frequency and quality of reporting in accordance with their respective obligations under the Convention (Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 92 e); • Ensure that double counting is avoided (Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 92 f); and • Ensure environmental integrity (Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 92 3).

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THE TECHNICAL EXPERT REVIEW

Scope

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Frequency / Timing

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THE TECHNICAL EXPERT REVIEW - SCOPE

In accordance with article 13 paragraph 11 of the Paris Agreement, only the information referred to in Article 13, paragraphs 7 and 9 is to be subject to mandatory technical review:

- A national inventory report (article 13, paragraph 7a).
- Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving its NDC under Article 4 (article 13, paragraph 7b).
- Information on financial, technology transfer and capacity-building support provided to developing country Parties under Articles 9, 10 and 11.

Contrary to current practice for both developed and developing countries, not all information reported is required to be subject to review.

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THE TECHNICAL EXPERT REVIEW - MODALITIES

Desk reviews

Centralized reviews

In-Country Reviews

Group Reviews

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THE TECHNICAL EXPERT REVIEW - MODALITIES

Proposal: choose the right modality for each report submitted taking into account the circumstances of the country and the quality of previous reviews, based on agreed criteria and recommendations by the TERT

Desk reviews: least resource intensive; be performed upon recommendation of TERT; select for consistently high quality information, non-mandatory information, countries with low emissions, after in-country review.

Centralized reviews: most efficient; default format.

In-Country Reviews: most resource intensive and also most beneficial to Party from CB perspective; once every three cycles; additional in-country can be recommended by TERT in special circumstances

Group / regional reviews: hybrid between centralized and in-country, takes place for several countries in a location in their geographic region.

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THE TECHNICAL EXPERT REVIEW - COMPOSITION OF TEAM

Very similar to current modalities

Coordination by UNFCCC secretariat

Geographical balance

- Experts in regional review, should primarily come from the region, provided not being nationals of the countries under TER

Gender balance

2 Co-lead reviewers from a developed and a developing country

Training

- Online training + in person training ahead of first TER
- Refresher training after 2 cycles without participating in TER

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THE TECHNICAL EXPERT REVIEW - OUTPUTS

Making the review report more useful to the Party under review and to the international community:

- Do not repeat what is in the report by the party
- Commend Parties for efforts
- Contributions to the Improvement Plan
- Include references and considerations related to:
 - Support provided and the implementation and achievement of the Party's NDC (article 13, paragraph 12), including tracking progress towards achieving the Party' NDC under Article 4, and its adaptation actions under Article 7, including good practices, priorities, needs and gaps, to inform the GST under article 14 (article 13, paragraph 5).
 - The consistency of the information with the MPGs, taking into account the flexibility accorded to the Party (article 13, paragraph 12).
 - The identification of areas of improvement for the Party (article 13, paragraph 12) and of capacity building needs (article 13, paragraph 11).

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THE TECHNICAL EXPERT REVIEW - TIMING AND FREQUENCY

Creating clear rules that allow, under specific circumstances, for the review of whole or parts of the report to be less frequent than biennial (or annual for developed countries GHG inventories)

- When quality is consistently high
- After an in-country review
- For countries with low emissions levels

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THE MFC OF PROGRESS - SCOPE

Article 13, paragraph 11 limits the scope of the MFCP to:

- information related to finance (Article 9 of the PA) and
- information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving its NDC under Article 4 (i.e. the mitigation component of the NDC)

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THE MFC OF PROGRESS - MODALITIES

Establish a process which is transparent, open to participation, effective, manageable that and does not pose a great burden on Parties, in particular Parties with smaller delegations:

- Continue with the in-session workshops (voluntary or limited to specific circumstances) but also establish an on-line platform for the presentations and Q&A
 - Allow for use of innovative communication tools, such as videos, webinars...
- Allow non-Party stakeholders to ask questions (ensure process remains manageable, by limiting and/or grouping questions)
- Untie start of MFCP from completion of TER

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THE MFC OF PROGRESS - MODALITIES

BTR, support documentation and a presentation (in a video format, if decided by the Party) are published on the on-line platform;
Interested Parties [and admitted observers] will have a specific time period to post questions related to the information presented on finance (Article 9 of the PA) and on the information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving the NDC under Article 4;
The Party will have a specific time period to post answers to the questions raised. Depending on their capacities, developing countries may be given additional time to respond to questions. The Party may choose among different electronic means of communication to respond to the questions raised

After the TER

TER report is published on the on-line platform

The Party may choose to post additional information to the dedicated area of the on-line platform to follow-up on any issue raised during the TER

At SBI session

The Party may choose to participate in an in-session SBI workshop to present updates and/or follow up on of specific topics raised during the TER;

According to the topics addressed in the TER, the in-session SBI workshops could be organized by topics, with presentations by interested Parties

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THE MFC OF PROGRESS - OUTPUTS

An enhanced database on BTR and information related, at minimum, to climate change finance and mitigation component of the NDCs;

Summary reports (by Party and/or by cycle)

- Main topics raised during the Q&A;
- Main topics related to the TER that were relevant during the FMCP;
- Main topics presented during the in-session SBI workshop; and
- Statistics of use and access of the on-line FMCP platform
- Identification of challenges related to implementation

Opportunities for collaboration among Parties.

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LINK TO THE ARTICLE 15 MECHANISM

Article 15 is completely silent on the what and how.

Generic references to:

- Expert based
- Facilitative
- Transparent
- Non-adversarial
- Non-punitive

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