



International Partnership
on Mitigation and MRV

Annual Partnership Retreat

‘From MRV to an enhanced transparency framework in the context of NDC implementation’

Cape Town/ Hout Bay, South Africa, 31 August to 7 September 2016

In 2010 the International Partnership in Mitigation and MRV was founded with the aim of increasing ambition in greenhouse gas mitigation and transparency. Since then the Partnership has evolved along with the international discussion and now addresses a **broader spectrum of topics including adaptation**.

Accordingly, this year’s Annual Partnership Retreat (APR) will focus on **the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) in the context of implementing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)** following the Paris Agreement and reflecting on all three areas of climate policy – **mitigation, adaptation and support**.

The agenda has been developed so as to highlight the links between the negotiations within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and national implementation and vice-versa, and thus engages both negotiators and domestic practitioners in the discussion.

Objectives

The 2016 APR will:

- provide state-of-the art analysis on the latest developments in the UNFCCC negotiations and an understanding of the implications of the Paris Agreement for national policy implementation;
- provide a space for an open exchange of positions and experiences regarding national implementation;
- facilitate sharing and disseminating of good practices on NDC implementation and transparency and, consequently, advance the implementation and foster increased ambition of mitigation actions;
- inform UNFCCC negotiations through lessons learned.



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Overview of the agenda

Reflection on the Paris Agreement and NDCs: Where do we stand on NDCs, ambition and transparency			Free day	Field trip	Implementing the ETF: Sharing experiences, developing guidelines and procedures		Wrap up
Wednesday, 31 Aug Paris Agreement; Status quo NDCs	Thursday, 1 Sept Financing NDC implementation; Transparency of NDCs	Friday, 2 Sept Accounting; Global stocktake	Saturday, 3 Sept	Sunday, 4 Sept	Monday, 5 Sept Enhanced Transparency Framework; Flexibility	Tuesday 6 Sept Capacity building for transparency	Wednesday, 7 Sept Key messages from the APR; Stimuli for the Partnership

Agenda

Part 1: Reflection on the Paris Agreement (PA): Where do we stand on NDCs, ambition and transparency?

Wednesday, 31 August 2016		
9:00 15'	Welcome	Judy Beaumont, South Africa
9:15 30'	Introduction to the Annual Partnership Retreat and its objectives, introduction to the International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV	Alexander Fisher, Germany and Brian Mantlana, South Africa
9:45 15'	Introduction of trainers, experts, support team and logistics	Hanna Reuter, GIZ
10:00 60'	Group exercise/ game: Introduction of participants including their expectations and special interests	Kgaugelo Chiloane (facilitator)



Wednesday, 31 August 2016		
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30 15'	Input: Re-cap and main take-aways from last year's Retreat	Gonçalo Cavalheiro (facilitator)
11:45 45'	Input: Status of international negotiations related to NDCs and the enhanced transparency framework (30 min) Q&A/discussion	Katia Simeonova, UNFCCC Secretariat
12:30	Lunch	
13:30 15'	Energizer	
13:45 40'	Key note speech: INDCs submitted with a view on the global goal	Malte Mainshausen, University of Melbourne
14:25 20'	Comments	Monica Echevoyen, México Michael Ochieng' Okumu, Kenya
14:45 30'	Q&A / Discussion	Facilitation: Gonçalo Cavalheiro
15:15	Coffee break	
15:45 60'	Key note speech: Putting the Paris Agreement into practice (focus on NDCs and transparency) – What does this mean for national implementation? (30 min) Facilitated discussion	Harald Winkler, Energy Research Centre
16:30 45'	Country inputs: Status of NDC (re-) submission and operationalising of the (I)NDC (2 examples a 10 min) Facilitated discussion: What are major barriers for operationalising (I)NDCs?	Nguyen Khac Hieu, Viet Nam Adelard Mutombo, DR Congo Facilitation: Steffen Menzel, GIZ
17:30	Wrap-up of the day	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Kgaugelo Chiloane
19:00	Welcome dinner	



Thursday, 1 September 2016		
9:00 15'	Start of the day: Summary of previous day and preview of the day's programme	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Kgaugelo Chiloane
9:15 60'	Key note speech: Financing NDC implementation (20 min) Country presentation: Challenges and solutions for mobilising the private sector (10 min) Facilitated discussion (30 min)	Richard Sherman, SSN Antwi-Boasiako Amoah, Ghana
10:15 90' (incl. break)	Group work on approaches for shifting investments towards financing a low carbon and climate resilient future	Facilitation: Richard Sherman + Gonçalo Cavalheiro
Coffee break (groups decide when to break)		
11:45 '30	Report back from group work	
12:15	Lunch	
13:30 15'	Energizer	
13:30 30'	Input: Transparency of (I)NDCs (20 min) Q&A (10 min)	Rebecca Carman, UNDP
14:00 60'	Group work on assessing and addressing transparency in (I)NDCs	Participants Facilitation: Rebecca Carman, Allison Towle and Kgaugelo Chiloane
15:00	Report back from group work	Participants
15:30	Group photo and coffee break	
16:00 30'	Input: Status of developing further guidance on features of the NDC (15 min) Q&A	Katia Simeonova, UNFCCC Secretariat



16:30 10'	Comment	Alexander Fisher, Germany
16:30 45'	Exercise: Recommendations from APR on further guidance on features of the NDC (via Writeshop ¹)	Participants Facilitation: Gonçalo Cavalheiro
17:15	Wrap up of day	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Kgaugelo Chiloane
18:00	Departure for dinner reception with German Embassy	

Friday, 2 September 2016		
9:00	Start of the day: Summary of previous day and preview of the day's programme	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Kgaugelo Chiloane
9:15 30'	Report back from NDC recommendation writeshop	Participants
9:45 45'	Input: Effectively undertaking the global stocktake	Brian Mantlana, South Africa; Yamide Dagnet, WRI
10:30 20'	Comments (10 min each)	Santhosh Manivannan, Singapore Andrew Rakestraw, USA
10:50 25'	Q & A / discussions	Facilitation: Kgaugelo Chiloane
11:15	Coffee break	
11:45 60'	Facilitated group work: What should the global stock take process and its outcomes look like?	
12:45	Lunch	
13:45	Energizer	

¹ <http://www.kstoolkit.org/Writeshops>



Friday, 2 September 2016		
14:00	Report back from group work	
14:30 45'	Input: Analysing (l)NDCs – what options for accounting arise? What challenges exists? (30 min) Q&A (15 min)	Anke Herold, Öko-Institute via Skype
15:15 10'	Comment	Peer Stiansen, Norway
15:25 20'	Discussion	Facilitation: Gonçalo Cavalheiro
15:45	Coffee break	
16:15 60'	Group work: Addressing key accounting issues	Gonçalo Cavalheiro
17:15	Report back from group work	Participants
17:45	Wrap up of day	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Kgaugelo Chiloane

Saturday, 3 September 2016		
Free time		
Sunday, 4 September 2016		
Field trip		



Part 2: Implementing the ETF: Sharing experiences, developing guidelines and procedures

Monday, 5 September 2016		
9:00	Start of the day: Summary of previous day and preview of the day's programme	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Kgaugelo Chiloane
09:15 30'	Input: The enhanced transparency framework: an analysis of the Paris Agreement (20 min) Q&A (10min)	Ana Danila, EU
09:45 60'	Coffee table discussion on the enhanced transparency framework	Facilitation: Gonçalo Cavalheiro Larissa Vilarroel, Brazil;Thapelo Letete, South Africa; Dina Spoerri, Switzerland
10:45	Coffee break	
11:15 60'	Work in small groups: What does "over time" mean? Facilitated discussion on the previous session	Participants Facilitation: Gonçalo Cavalheiro
12:15	Lunch	
13:30 15'	Energizer	
13:30 45'	Input: Provisions on flexibility for transparency in the Paris Agreement (15 min) Comments / country perspective on flexibility (10 min each) Discussion (20 min)	Gonçalo Cavalheiro Edwin Saliba, Lebanon Kathryn Sangster, Australia
14:15 120'	Group work: Working out the details – modalities, procedures and guidelines for the enhanced transparency framework	Facilitation: Gonçalo Cavalheiro
	Coffee break (groups decide when to break)	
16:15 45'	Report back from group work	Participants



Monday, 5 September 2016		
17:00	Wrap up of day	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Kgaugelo Chiloane

Tuesday, 6 September 2016		
9:00	Start of the day: Summary of previous day and preview of the day's programme	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Kgaugelo Chiloane
09:15 '45	Country inputs: Building capacity for transparency – status, challenges, and needs (2 examples a 10 min) Q&A and discussion	Anwar Hossain Howlader, Bangladesh Ekaterine Mikadze, Georgia
10:00 60'	Individual exercise: Analysis of the existing national systems related to the requirements of the ETF. What is my country's greatest capacity need in relation to transparency? How to address it?	Participants
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30 45'	Summary and discussion of main findings and reflection in the group	Gonçalo Cavalheiro and participants
12:15	Lunch	
13:30 15'	Energizer	
13:30 45'	Input: Information on the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) (30 min) Q&A	Dustin Schinn, GEF
14:15 30'	Input: Information on the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) (20 min) Q&A	Karen Holm Olsen, UNEP DTU
14:45	Coffee break	
15:15 45'	Market place: Support tools for NDC implementation and transparency	Hanna Reuter, Karen Holm Olsen, Yamide Dagnet, Allison Towle



Tuesday, 6 September 2016		
16:00 45'	Facilitated discussion: On identified needs and support options – does the support meet the demand? What is working well, what needs to be different?	Facilitation: Kgaugelo Chiloane
16:45 45'	Country inputs: Building capacity for transparency – planning and coordination (2 examples a 10 min) Q&A	Tuangporn Prasertsin, Thailand
17:30	Wrap-up of the day	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Kgaugelo Chiloane
18:30	Departure for farewell dinner	

Wednesday, 7 September 2016		
9:00	Start of the day: Summary of previous day and preview of the day's programme	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Kgaugelo Chiloane
9:15 30'	Short review of the topics and the outcomes of the APR	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Kgaugelo Chiloane
9:45 60'	World café: defining a joint message from the APR	Participants
10:45	Coffee break	
11:15 15'	Stimuli for the International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV	Brian Mantlana
11:30 30'	Feedback and evaluation session	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Kgaugelo Chiloane
12:00	Closing and farewell	Hanna Reuter, GIZ
12:15	Lunch (optional)	
	Departure	