

The MRV Autumn School 2012

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Autumn School on 'MRV – today, tomorrow and the future' held from 15 to 23 October 2012, Hotel Müggelsee, Berlin

Organised by GIZ, financed by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU).

The Aim of the Event

What was the aim?

The aim of the MRV Autumn School was to empower participants to implement national processes for institutionalising MRV systems and act as multipliers in their countries.

Who took part?

24 practitioners and decision-makers from 23 membership countries to the Partnership

What happened?

The participants attended presentations and exercises and exchanged their experiences and best practices on MRV of emissions, actions and support.

What results were obtained?

Better understanding of MRV on emissions, actions and support with participants, strong bonds created between participants, many action points on MRV taken home by participants.

AND: Discussions during Autumn School referred to during negotiations on domestic MRV guidance for developing countries at COP!

Twenty three countries from the five continents:

- Africa
 - Ghana, Mali, South Africa, Tunisia
- America and the Caribbean
 - Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Panama, Dominican Republic
- Middle East/Asia
 - Lebanon, Israel, Indonesia, Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam
- Europe
 - Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, UK
- Oceania
 - Marshall Islands

Day 1 – 15 October 2012: MRV requirements and functions

Day 2 – 16 October 2012: MRV in national inventories

Day 3 – 17 October 2012: MRV in systems other than national inventories, e.g. CDM

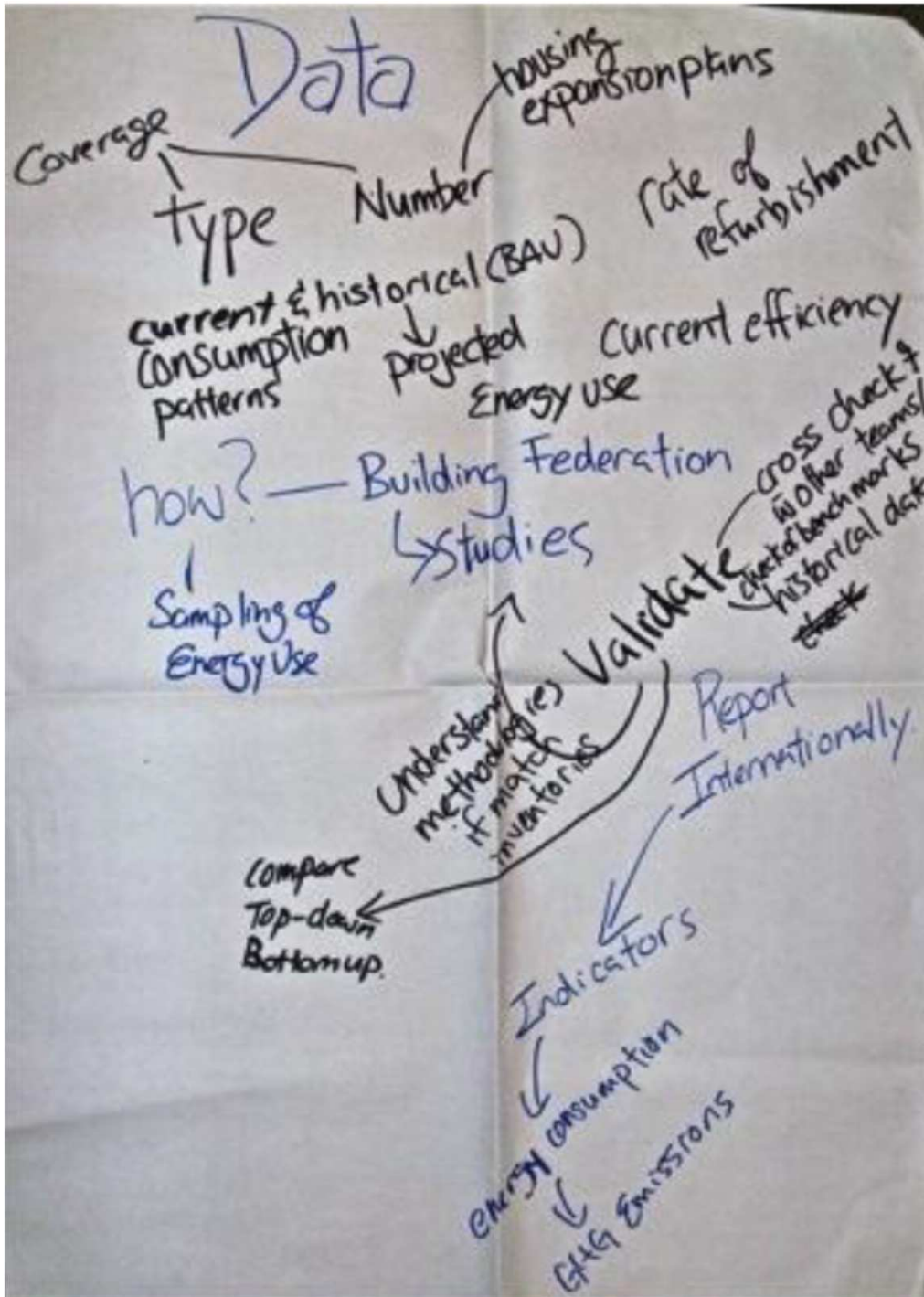
Day 4 – 18 October 2012: MRV for NAMAs

Day 5 – 19 October 2012: Excursion to Federal Environment Agency and energy
autonomous village Feldheim

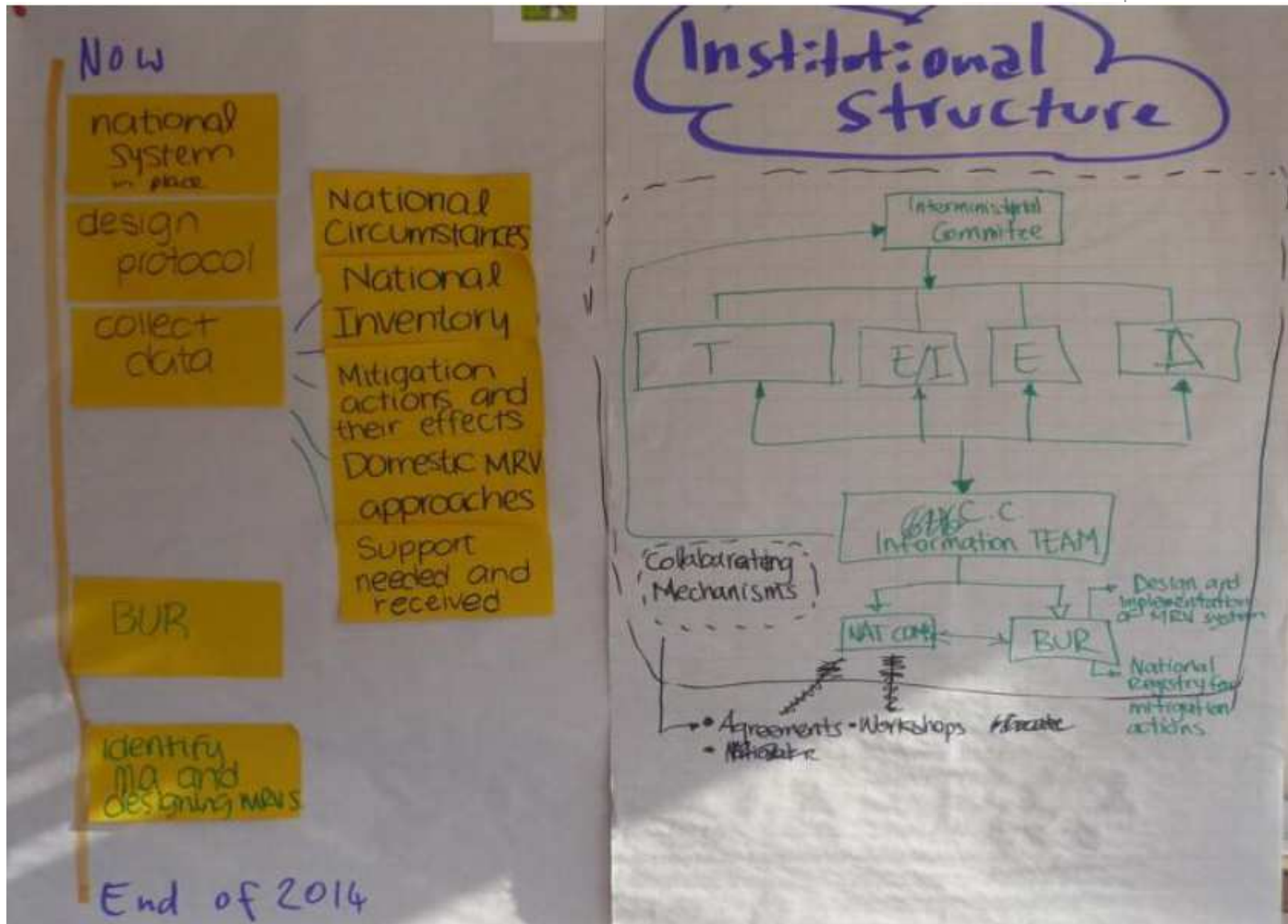
Day 6 – 21 October 2012: Exercises summarising the training contents of the previous
days on biennial update reports (BURs)

Day 7 – 22 October 2012: Expectations of climate financing donors and MRV of support

Day 8 – 23 October 2012: Exercises/discussions summarising the training contents of the
previous days, main findings and evaluation



MRV looks complicated – but only in the beginning!



Why MRV?

- MRV is in the interest of each country, as it allows tracking the success of domestic policies and the efficiency of implementation
- MRV helps to show the continuity of a country's actions, which is relevant for donors of climate finance.

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Is this still running?

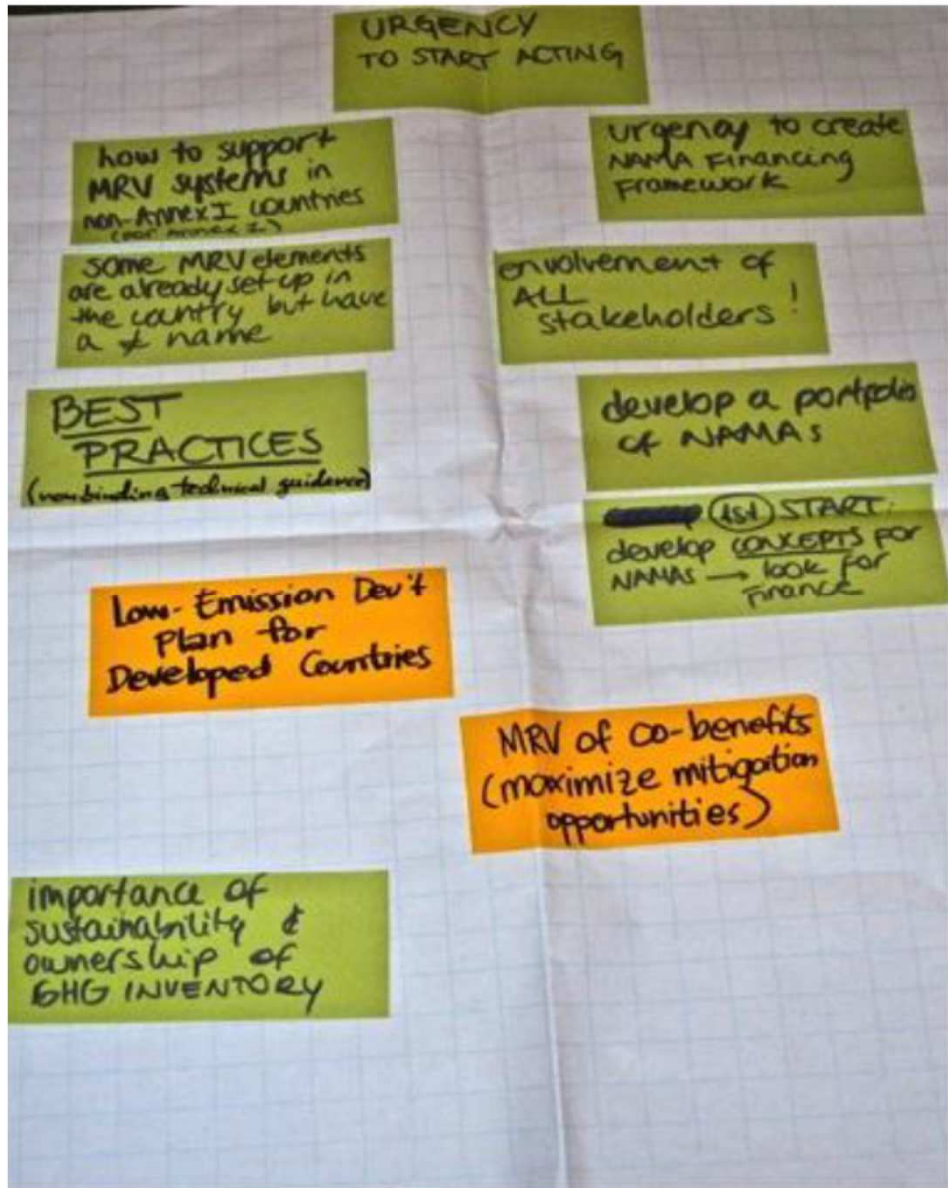
James Harries; 30.07.2013

What happened: Findings from the Autumn School II

Good practice for MRV systems

- Clear long-term objective and vision
- Commitment and leadership
- Clear responsibilities
- Robust methodologies
- SMART indicators
- Consideration of national and sectoral circumstances
- Standards for data/ reliable information
- Simplicity
- Participatory processes
- Harnessing existing methodologies and institutions
- Enforcement framework
- Step-by-step development over time

The Results: What Participants took home



- Urgency to start action – setting up MRV systems takes time
- Some MRV elements are already in place – but under a different name
- Start now with what you have
- Ensure sustainability and ownership of GHG inventory
- Set up a network with other practitioners for mutual support
- Ensure better exchange between negotiations and practitioners
- Ensure ownership and leadership in setting up MRV systems
- Provide more technical capacity building

The Results: Flashlights from Participants

- *“That workshop gave us fantastic examples from different countries on lessons that we can learn from various stages of implementation.”*
Gil Proaktor, Israel
- *"Hearing examples from different countries in terms of what are the existing mechanisms in place in order to do MRV, NAMA and tracking climate finance was really helpful, because you see a more holistic picture of what is happening around the globe, what are the existing efforts and what can be transferred in terms of your own national systems."*
Rachael Seso, Philippines
- *“It fast forwarded months of reading in just a week.”*
Lea Kai, Lebanon
- *"The added value is having together all kinds of opinions and perspectives, from different types of countries, circumstances, organisations and having the best standards for doing something and the problems that all of us are facing and also the ways that all of us are trying to resolve it."*
Fatima Lopez, Mexico

The MRV Autumn School 2012 addressed the WHY and WHAT related to MRV by

- Identifying good reasons for MRV
- introducing relevant elements, structures and activities of MRV related to emissions, actions and support
- supporting understanding of which relevant elements, structures and activities already might be in place

The MRV Summer School 2013 addresses the HOW related to MRV:

How to track emissions, actions and their impacts as well as support received?

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