



## Concept Note International BUR Champions Workshop

Berlin, Germany, 5-7 April 2017

Venue: Scandic Berlin Potsdamer Platz, Gabriele-Tergit-Promenade 19

### Background

The Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (formerly: International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV) considers itself as a knowledge broker between the international climate negotiations and national climate practitioners. The overall aim of the Partnership is to close the ambition gap by supporting practical exchange on transparency related activities in the field of climate change and climate action between developing and developed countries.

Biennial Update Reports (BURs) are considered as one of the central pieces of the global mitigation architecture of the pre-2020 phase. They improve transparency through tracking mitigation progress and thereby reinforce ambition at a global level. In addition, BURs and the required national MRV system are supposed to enhance transparency and increase ambition at national level by providing the information basis for planning and implementing mitigation action. They should be reported to the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) every two years. So far, 41 BURs have been submitted and 20 countries have undergone the International Consultation and Analysis (ICA). It is therefore a good moment to share and discuss lessons learned in the elaboration of the BUR and the ICA process.

### Objective

The interactive workshop will bring together advanced countries for an in-depth experience exchange among peers on challenges and lessons learned along the various steps and aspects in the BUR and the ICA process. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in focused in-depth discussions on specific challenges and to get to know a variety of approaches for overcoming the challenges. The workshop aims to be a forum for discussing these concrete solutions with practitioners from other countries with the view to determine and consolidate the replicability of such success factors for the next round(s) of BUR.

Specifically, the workshop will focus on challenges related to:

- Processes and institutional arrangements for the BUR elaboration and political approval (buy-in of stakeholders, managing networks of data sources, etc.)
- Data (access to data, data quality and data management, etc.)
- Reporting of measures (e.g. NAMAs)
- Finance models for BUR preparation (GEF funds, domestic funds, etc.)
- Sustainable reporting (institutional memory, improving the MRV system along the BUR preparation etc.)

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- How to prepare for the ICA and first lessons learned.

## Target Group

UNFCCC focal points and coordinators of the BUR process as well as technical staff involved in GHG inventory, BUR or National Communications.

## Format

The focus of the workshop is the experience exchange of the country representatives and peer learning. Additionally, there will be brief inputs by international experts and the opportunity to receive feedback. Also, input by the German department in charge for the biennial report (BR) of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment is planned.

### Demand-driven approach:

With the aim of tailoring the workshop's content better to the needs and the interest of the participants, they had the opportunity to indicate in a questionnaire prior to the workshop the specific needs they would like to work on and the good practices they would like to share.

## Acknowledgements

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## Agenda

Agenda - Day 1 Facilitator: Justin Goodwin, Aether		
08h30 - 09h00	<b>Registration of participants</b>	Speaker
09h00 - 09h45	<b>Opening of the workshop</b>  <b>Presentation of the agenda/organization of the workshop</b>  <b>Introduction of Participants</b>	Dr. Eva Kracht, Germany; Sandra Motshwanedi, South Africa;  Lisa Herrmann, GIZ Justin Goodwin, Aether
09h45 - 10h30	<b>Overview of BURs submitted: common features and key challenges</b> Q&A	Mr. Jigme, UNFCCC Secretariat; Rocio Lichte, GIZ
10h30 - 11h00	Group Picture - Coffee break	
11h00 - 12h30	<b>Overcoming challenges: Sharing experience from the BUR process</b>  Insights from China, Chile and South Africa  Group Discussions	Weijie Miao, China Jenny Mager, Chile Sandra Motshwanedi & Samuel Mabena, South Africa;
12h30 - 13h30	Lunch	
13h30 - 15h30	<b>Clinics / Peer counseling on how to overcome specific challenges*:</b> A) Stakeholder Buy-in (focus inventories) B) Access to data C) MRV of Support (tbc.) D) Improving QA/QC processes  * Countries will have the opportunity to get feedback and advice on specific challenges they are/have been encountering in the BUR preparation. The challenges and countries were identified through the questionnaire.	Justin Goodwin, Aether Oscar Zarzo, GIZ Damiano Borgogno, UNDP Harry Vreuls, RVO
15h30 - 16h00	Coffee break	
16h00 - 17h30	<b>World Café: Exchange with Annex-I countries on reporting</b>  - How did Annex-I countries start with setting up their MRV systems? - To what extent is the data used for domestic policy planning?	Martin Weiß, Germany Malin Kanth, Sweden Harry Vreuls, The Netherlands
18h30	Departure at the Scandic for city tour by bus & Welcome Dinner @ Rio Grande Restaurant - Kreuzberg	

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Agenda - Day 2 Facilitator: Justin Goodwin, Aether		
09h00 - 10h30	<b>ICA - Process:</b> Brief introduction on the ICA process and available guidance  Sharing first experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lebanon</li> <li>- Mexico</li> </ul> Discussion of challenges and lessons learned	Rocio Lichte, GIZ Yara Daou, Lebanon Dr. Juana Itzchel Nieto Ruiz, Mexico
10h30 - 11h00	Coffee Break	
11h00 - 12h30	<b>World Café: Exchanging good practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) How to improve buy-in of stakeholders for the BUR elaboration?</li> <li>B) Institutional memory: How to maintain the knowledge trained for the reporting requirements (domestic and international)?</li> <li>C) How to ensure financing for regular reporting?</li> <li>D) How to incorporate measures in the reports?</li> </ul>	Ana Danila, EU  Lisa Herrmann, GIZ  Damiano Borgogno, UNDP Justin Goodwin, Aether
12h30 - 13h30	Lunch break	
13h30 - 15h00	<b>Clinics / Peer counseling on how to overcome specific challenges*:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Institutionalization of the calculation of mitigation action impacts</li> <li>B) Institutional arrangements for data access</li> <li>C) Institutional arrangements</li> </ul> <p>* Countries will have the opportunity to get feedback and advice on specific challenges they are/have been encountering in the BUR preparation. The challenges and countries were identified through the questionnaire.</p>	Justin Goodwin, Aether Patricia Grobben, Belgium Malin Kanth, Sweden
15h00 - 15h30	Coffee Break	
15h30 - 17h00	<b>Discussion: What can we learn from the BUR experience for the further design of the enhanced transparency framework?</b>	
17h00 - 17h45	Wrap-up & Evaluation	
19h00	Dinner in the Scandic Hotel (for funded participants only)	
<b>Agenda - Day 3 (half day)</b> Trainings on data access for specific sectors GIZ Repräsentanz, Reichpietschufer 20, Berlin		
09h00 - 12h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) COLLECT EARTH TRAINING on LULUCF activity data assessment and reporting under UNFCCC</li> <li>B) Data access and emission inventory in the Transport sector</li> </ul> Please find attached a brief description of the trainings. For the Collect Earth Training, a special sign-up is needed.	Danilo Mollicone, FAO  “Advancing Transport Climate Strategies” (TraCS)(GIZ)
12h30 - 13h30	Lunch & Closure of Workshop	

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