



GHG Inventories - Insights from negotiations on Enhanced Transparency Framework

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A brief overview

Guiding Principles

Structure/Design of MPGs

Facilitating improved reporting

Flexibility

Constraints and capacity needs

**APA
Item 5
tool**

National GHG Inventory

NDC

Adaptation

Support – provided & mobilized

Support – needed and received

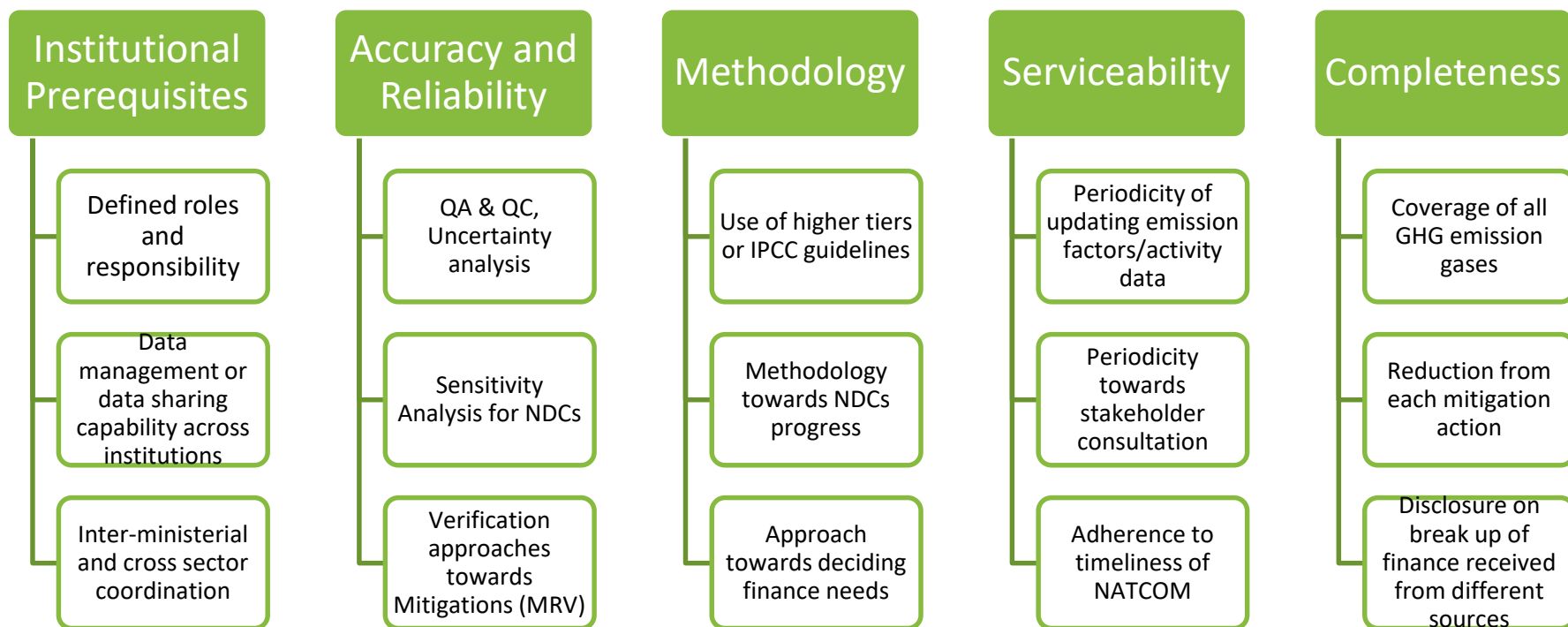
Technical Expert review

Facilitative, multilateral
consideration of progress

Perceived concerns:

- Intrusive
- Burdensome/duplicity
- Imbalance between action and support
- Against Nationally determined nature?
- Flexibility - blanket cover vs selective
- MPGs – common or differentiated

GHG Inventories – At a glance



APA item 5 - Unpacking the options (1/3)

Fulfilling Article 13 obligations

- Continuing with the MRV requirements
- MRV as a starting point, moving to elaborated MPGs later on (when?)
- Common modalities for issues applicable to each party; else, separate placement of provisions for developing and developed country Parties

Handling **Conditionalities**? What are the challenges?

- Objective of MPGs – assisting parties in ensuring and improving the **quality, coverage, and transparency** over time – **contingent on availability of support for the developing countries**
- Choice of flexibility – **To be always supported by barriers and gap analysis** in addition to the **national improvement plan**
 - Example: For inventories – Info on planning, preparation, management, compilation, reporting measures, and what would be needed for TACCC

Lack of support related assurance – failed progress

Lack of gap analysis – slow pace of progress

APA item 5 - Unpacking the options (2/3)

Flexibilities with application of IPCC guidelines

Includes: Definitions; Methodology, parameters and data; Uncertainty analysis; assessment of completeness, etc.

Challenge: Encouraged vis-à-vis mandated flexibility (& condition of improvement plan)

Other flexibilities

- **Use of notation keys** – Here, flexibility on defining insignificant categories is based on certain % of overall emissions
- **Reporting time-series:** Flexibility to be limited to X-4 years only
- **Submission process, frequency, and reporting formats and tables**
 - **Form of NIR submission** – flexibility on CTF/CRF using inventory IPCC tables; and, choice of electronic reporting system versus conventional submission
 - **Frequency** – Annual/Biennial/at discretion of LDC and SIDS
 - **Vehicle/format**
 - as per Kyoto protocol formats;
 - Standalone report or as part of BTR – flexibility sought for initial reporting

APA item 5 - Unpacking the options (3/3)

Some **Open questions?**

- **Objective** - Facilitate the identification and prioritization of domestic mitigation measures. **Could be seen as intrusive! How to handle that?**
- **Choice of GWP/GTP values** are debatable. Not linked to capacity/flexibility, but purely on choice of a country. **Why difference of opinion?**

How Flexibilities can/should be operationalised? (1/2)

Perspective of Parties in their latest submissions (not exhaustive)

Suggestions 1: Mixed approach (common + differentiated)

- [For common MPGs](#) – Flexibility linked to improvement plans and gap analysis
- [Distinguished MPGs](#) – Parties to decide flexibility as per capacity and improvement plans
- [Prioritisation](#) into short term and long-term actions through technical reviews
- [Promote compliance](#) – under article 15 if recurrent recommendations not implemented



Suggestions 2: Not every MPG requirement need same capacity (Rationale approach)

- [GHG reporting](#) – No flexibility needed for reporting requirements
- [Methodologies](#) – Already embedded in form of older IPCC guidelines. Information on barriers and constraints in using new guidelines must be reported with a timeline
- [Metrics, sectors and gases](#) – Flexibility related to availability of data
- [Key category analysis](#) – Flexibility to use lower threshold – those using latest IPCC
- [Time series consistency and recalculations](#) – Already embedded in IPCC in form of choice of year. Further provided as reporting period (x-2/x-4)
- [QA/QC](#): Not needed

More rationale Required

How Flexibilities can/should be operationalised? (2/2)

Reflections from the APA item 5.0 tool (latest revision)

Application

- **At discretion** of a Party
- Already built into IPCC guidelines – say, in the form of tiers

Regulation

- **Facilitate** improved reporting over time (**Relaxed**)
- Establish a **transition period** with ‘no backsliding’ (**Controlled**)

Approach

- **Layered approach – Menu of option** (methodology, reporting, approach) to choose (**opt-in/opt-out**)
- **3 step analysis:**
 - Does it depend on technical or institutional capacity? [Y/N]
 - Do parties have sufficient discretion with fulfilling provision? [Y/N]
 - What specific flexibility needed? [**identify/opt**]

Expectations from Katowice

- **Understanding rationale behind each perspective** and hence minimizing options in the text in a facilitative manner
 - *Deadlock based on conflicting arguments should settle with simpler entry points*
- **Operationalising para 98 (Decision 1/CP.21)**
 - *Considering that parties are at various starting point. A few have submitted I/II BURs, majority of them don't even have an MRV to supersede*
 - *MPGs shall be revised based on experience with initial operational features*
- **Strengthening Capacity-building mechanism**
 - 15 priority areas (CB framework) lacks depth in view of enhanced transparency
 - More granular framework + preliminary assessment of capacity
 - Revamping CB portal as a mandate given to the PCCB. Brings comparability from both ends (quantitative or qualitative)
 - CB portal as a registry for capacity needs of developing countries – identification of priority areas (pragmatically) and committing support

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