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in the Paris Agreement

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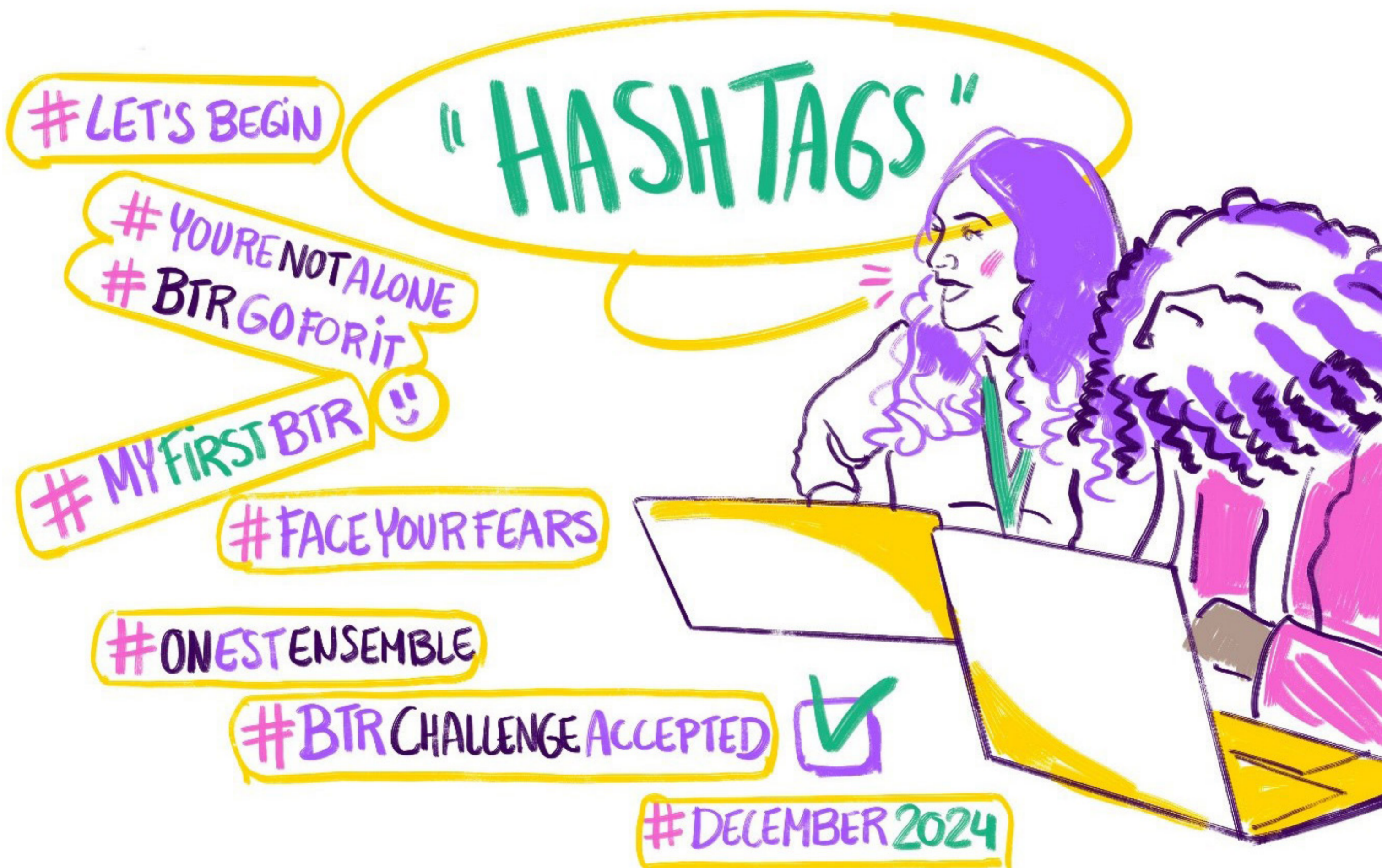
APRIL 29TH - MAY 3RD, 2024

GLOBAL BIENNIAL TRANSPARENCY REPORTS (BTR) DIALOGUE IN-PERSON WORKSHOP

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CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

2024 will be a key year for the Paris Agreement, as another piece of the system will enter into full force: the **Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF)**. The ETF is a central component to the design, credibility, and operation of the Paris Agreement. According to the modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs) of the ETF, Parties to the Paris Agreement shall submit their first Biennial Transparency Reports (BTR) by 31 December 2024. Many countries have already started preparing their first BTR, however they are facing a variety of challenges, potentially hindering a timely submission. Yet, a timely submission of BTRs is key for the successful and long-term implementation of the Paris Agreement. It is needed to set up the regular cycle of reporting and review which is essential for creating trust and accountability among Parties. The reports will additionally serve as a key input for the NDC Updating Cycle in 2025 as well as the second Global Stocktake that will take place in 2026-2028.

OBJECTIVE

Against this background, the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA) will host a Global Dialogue on BTR preparation. The aim of this event is to provide developed and developing country Parties **with a space to discuss the progress in developing their first BTR and exchange on common technical challenges**. It will serve to **create momentum** and support Parties in the last mile of their BTR preparation.

OUTCOME

The proposed outcome of the dialogue is for participating countries to have defined priority actions on how to overcome challenges for a timely BTR submission. Additionally, the Dialogue will deliver a summary of lessons learned for a general technical public.

TARGET GROUP

BTR coordinators from around 35 developed and developing countries.

FORMAT

The exchange combines inputs by experts and interactive elements during **4 working days**, within a **safe and confidential space**. The working language of the Dialogue will be **English**.

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GENDER & DIVERSITY

The organising team is committed with various actions to ensure gender balance, gender equality, diversity, and inclusion. We commit to integrate measures of diversity and gender into all phases, inspired by a gender-responsive event management approach, to ensure that our event provides a safe and empowering space for all participants.

CONFIRMED COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES



1. Argentina



2. Azerbaijan



3. Belgium



4. Belize



5. Brazil



6. Burkina Faso



7. Colombia



8. Costa Rica



9. European Union



10. Georgia



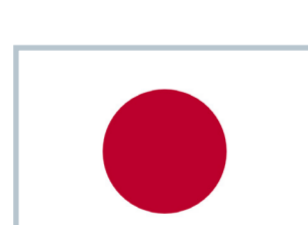
11. Germany



12. Ghana



13. India



14. Japan



15. Kazakhstan



16. Kenya



17. Lebanon



18. Malawi



19. Mexico



20. Moldova



21. Mozambique



22. Namibia



23. The Netherlands



24. Nigeria



25. North Macedonia



26. Paraguay



27. Republic of Korea



28. South Africa



29. Thailand



30. Togo



31. Tunisia



32. Türkiye



33. United Arab Emirates



34. United States

INTRODUCING THE PEOPLE PROVIDING INPUTS

EMILIE BEAUCHAMP INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (IISD)



Emilie is the lead on monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) with IISD's Resilience program for the past two years. She works closely with the NAP Global Network and other IISD on designing and implementing MEL systems for climate change adaptation. She is also the co-chair of the Methodological Advisory Group of the Race to Resilience where she is working to enhance approaches and methods for assessing and tracking resilience. Previously, she has been working on Evaluation at IIED. She has a PhD in Natural Resources and Conservation.

LENA DOVIDAT THE GREENWERK.



Lena is advisor for climate finance at the greenwerk. with a focus on climate finance tracking and transparency. For the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT), she has developed a guide and tools that support developing countries in improving transparency on their climate finance needs and existing flows. She is also supporting the German government in evaluating their climate finance and contributed to developing a Green Finance Taxonomy in Bhutan. Lena holds a postgraduate degree in climate studies.

CYNTHIA ELLIOTT WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE (WRI)



Cynthia is a Senior Climate Policy Associate for the Global Climate Program at the World Resources Institute. She co-manages WRI's research and capacity building efforts to advance national long-term climate change planning to accelerate near-term climate action and enhance accountability and transparency. Previously, Cynthia conducted research on international climate governance arrangements for non-state and subnational actors and reporting and tracking progress under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. She did her postgraduate in Global Environmental Policy.

RICARDO FERNANDEZ EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY



Ricardo has over two decades of experience at the European Environment Agency, compiling and reviewing a variety of GHG inventories and MRV and transparency activities of the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement over the years. He participates in international climate negotiations and furthers the field of climate action through various publications. His technical background is in Business Economics and Applied Statistics.

MATEJ GASPERIC GREENHOUSE GAS MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (GHGMI)



Matej is the Mitigation Program Director at GHGMI. In his role, he leads strategic planning and program management efforts and technical support aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and provides technical support the Caribbean Cooperative Measurement, Reporting and Verification Hub (MRV Hub). Prior to joining GHGMI, Matej was head of department and advisor to the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and an independent consultant. Among others, he was responsible for the establishment of a national MRV system for greenhouse gases/air pollutants and the preparation and implementation of emission trading in Slovenia and revision of the carbon taxation scheme. As UNFCCC reviewer for greenhouse gas inventories of Annex I countries and lead reviewer for national communications and biennial update reports, Matej is actively involved in the annual UNFCCC inventory review process. His technical background is in mechanical engineering with a focus on energy and processes.

JIGME UNFCCC SECRETARIAT



Jigme leads a professional team in the UNFCCC secretariat that supports Parties to the UNFCCC to prepare, submit and implement their nationally appropriate mitigation actions, Nationally Determined Contributions, and long-term low GHG emissions development strategies, and that provides technical assistance on the existing MRV arrangements. He also leads the support to the intergovernmental negotiations on issues relating to provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for MRV, and development of modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework under the Paris Agreement. Prior to joining the secretariat, Jigme was working for the Royal Government of Bhutan as a technical focal point for climate change and air quality. By profession, he is a meteorologist.

LORENZ MOOSMANN ÖKO-INSITUT E.V.



Lorenz is an expert for greenhouse gas inventories and projections. He has participated in the UNFCCC negotiations in the area of transparency since 2017. Lorenz is working as a senior researcher at Öko-Institut since 2018. He is an environmental scientist by training.

VLAD TRUSCA UNFCCC SECRETARIAT



Vlad is the manager of information hub, data and tools in the Transparency Division of the UNFCCC secretariat. The Transparency Division supports intergovernmental processes related to MRV and the ETF, including by providing technical assistance to developing country Parties, training to experts engaged in reporting and review processes and also an information hub, reports and tools. Prior to joining the secretariat, Vlad was senior advisor and director at the climate change department of the Ministry of Environment of Romania. His technical training is in environmental economics and management.

CRISTINA URRUTIA ÖKO-INSTITUT E.V.



Cristina Urrutia has been at Öko-Institut since 2019. Before that she worked for the Ministry of Environment of Peru and for the Ministry of Environment - of Germany, actively participating in the UNFCCC process until 2018. She is a biologist by training.

JOANA VIEIRA DA SILVA



Joana is a climate change expert with a strong background in international affairs, gender equality and citizen's engagement. Joana was Portugal's Head of Delegation to the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement for several years. Skilled in communication, negotiation, and public speaking, Joana is used to working in multicultural environments.

JULIEN VINCENT CITEPA



Master of Air pollution management, Julien Vincent joined Citepa in 2002 after working in an analytical chemistry laboratory at CSULA, California (1999/2000). Due to the study of activities related to solvent emissions, non-road mobile machinery (NRMM) emissions and the costs of abatement techniques, Julien Vincent became Deputy Inventory Manager in 2008 and then, head of the team in charge of energy balance, the manufacturing industry and the realization of carbon footprint (Bilan Carbone®), at the beginning of 2009. Since 2011, he is the head of the Energy and Industry Department.



APRIL 29TH, 2024 • 09³⁰ TO 17³⁰

MONDAY

MORNING • STARTS AT 09³⁰

WELCOME BY OSCAR ZARZO, PATPA SECRETARIAT

Opening remarks by:

• **Founding members of PATPA:**

- Ms. Sandra Motshwanedi, South Africa
- Mr. Donghyuk Shin, Republic of Korea
- Mr. Dirk Günther, Germany
- Ms. Vicky Pollard, European Commission
- Mr. Peter Wittoeck, Belgium

LATE MORNING

**THE BIENNIAL TRANSPARENCY REPORT -
A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE:**

HOW DO WE DEAL WITH IT AND WHAT IS
EXPECTED FROM US?

**Scene-setting remarks and facilitation by Mr. Oscar Zarzo,
PATPA secretariat followed by a panel discussion with the following
country representatives and the audience:**

Panellists:

- Ms. Sandra Motshwanedi, South Africa
- Ms. Toby Hedger, United States
- Mr. Daniel Tutu Benefoh, Ghana
- Mr. Donghyuk Shin, Republic of Korea
- Ms. Macarena Moreira Muzio, Argentina
- Mr. Jigme, UNFCCC secretariat

LUNCH BREAK • 13⁰⁰



EARLY AFTERNOON

JOURNEY TO BTR DELIVERY FROM REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Each group will exchange on the BTR preparation, addressing challenges they experience. Key messages will be collected for the summary session at the end of the day. Please note: The groups are meeting in parallel. The country allocation is a suggestion and can be adapted on site.

BREAKOUT-GROUP 1: **ENGLISH-SPEAKING**

Germany, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Moldova, Georgia, Türkiye, United States, Azerbaijan, European Commission

MODERATOR: **MR. LORENZ MOOSMANN**



BREAKOUT-GROUP 2: **ENGLISH-SPEAKING**

Viet Nam, China, Thailand, India, Kazakhstan, Japan, Republic of Korea, United Arab Emirates

MODERATOR: **MS. SHUBHANGI TARA, INDIA**



BREAKOUT-GROUP 3: **ENGLISH-SPEAKING**

South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria, Namibia, Malawi, Kenya

MODERATOR: **MR. REAGAN CHUNGA, NAMIBIA**



BREAKOUT-GROUP 4: **SPANISH-SPEAKING**

Argentina, Belize, Costa Rica, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay

MODERATOR: **MS. CRISTINA URRUTIA**



BREAKOUT-GROUP 5: **PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING**

Brazil, Mozambique

MODERATOR: **MS. JOANA VIEIRA DA SILVA**



BREAKOUT-GROUP 6: **FRENCH-SPEAKING**

Tunisia, Belgium, Lebanon, Togo, Burkina Faso

MODERATOR: **MR. BERNARDO MARTINS, CITEPA**





COFFEE BREAK

LATE AFTERNOON

**PLENARY DISCUSSION ON RESULTS FROM THE
BREAKOUT-SESSIONS:**

- Key messages from regional perspectives and open questions
- Review of the allocation of country representatives to specific break-out groups during Day 2 and Day 3

RECAP OF THE DAY WITH KEY-TAKE AWAYS (PLENARY)

ENDS AT 17³⁰

MONDAY APRIL 29TH



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TUESDAY

MORNING • STARTS AT 09⁰⁰

WELCOME



FACILITATED DISCUSSION ON KEY CHALLENGES BY BTR CHAPTERS (ROUND 1):

NATIONAL GHG INVENTORY

Initial inputs by:

- Mr. Ricardo Fernandez
- Mr. Matej Gasperic

Followed by discussion at tables, Q&A

Moderator: Ms. Cristina Urrutia

COFFEE BREAK

LATER MORNING



FACILITATED DISCUSSION ON KEY CHALLENGES BY BTR CHAPTERS (ROUND 2):

INFORMATION NECESSARY TO TRACK PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING AND ACHIEVING ITS NDC

Initial input by:

- Mr. Lorenz Moosmann

Followed by discussion at tables, Q&A

Moderator: Ms. Joana Vieira da Silva

LUNCH BREAK • 13⁰⁰



EARLY AFTERNOON THE SOLUTION ARENA

The solution arena matches the technical challenges raised in the survey with resource people and peer-to-peer advice in small groups. There will be two rounds of breakout-groups. Participants can attend one breakout-group per round.

ROUND 1



SOLUTION ARENA 1:
Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) of GHG inventories

MODERATOR
MR. RICARDO FERNANDEZ

Initial input by: Mr. Julien Vincent,
citepa

SOLUTION ARENA 2:
Tracking progress, and in particular, response measures, & Information in relation to Party's participation in cooperative approaches

MODERATOR
MS. CYNTHIA ELLIOTT

Initial input by: Mr. Lotfi Msadki,
Tunisia; Mr. Lorenz Moosmann

ROUND 2



SOLUTION ARENA 3:
Indicator definitions

Initial input by: Ms. Cristina Urrutia

SOLUTION ARENA 4:
National circumstances and institutional arrangements

MODERATOR
MR. DIRK GÜNTHER

Initial input by: Ms. Lilia Taranu,
Moldova; Mr. Lotfi Msadki, Tunisia

RECAP OF THE DAY WITH KEY-TAKE AWAYS (PLENARY)

ENDS AT 17⁰⁰



MAY 1ST, 2024

WEDNESDAY

NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN BELGIUM
FREE TIME



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AFTERNOON

Networking activity organized by the Secretariat of the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA) in Brussels.



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THURSDAY

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WELCOME BACK

SOLUTION ARENA (CONTINUED FROM DAY 2)

ROUND 1



SOLUTION ARENA 5:
Methodologies and accounting approaches (Table 3 of Annex II to decision 5/CMA.3)

MODERATOR
MS. TOBY HEDGER

Initial input by: Mr. Lorenz Moosmann

SOLUTION ARENA 6:
Description of a Party's NDC

MODERATOR
MS. JOANA VIEIRA DA SILVA

Initial input by: Ms. Cristina Urrutia

ROUND 2



SOLUTION ARENA 7:
Reporting on mitigation policies and measures

MODERATOR
MR. DIRK GÜNTHER

Initial input by: Mr. Matej Gasperic

SOLUTION ARENA 8:
Reporting on projections

MODERATOR
MS. TEJAL KANITKAR

Initial input by: Mr. Lorenz Moosmann

COFFEE BREAK



LATE MORNING



FACILITATED DISCUSSION ON KEY CHALLENGES BY BTR CHAPTERS (ROUND 3):

INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND CAPACITY-BUILDING SUPPORT

Initial input by:

- Ms. Lena Dovidat

Moderator: Mr. Oscar Zarzo Fuertes

DEEP DIVE INTO...

SUPPORT PROVIDED AND MOBILISED

Moderator: Ms. Joana Vieira da Silva

DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTIES SUPPORT NEEDED AND RECEIVED

Moderator: Mr. Reagan Chunga, Namibia

Initial input by: Mr. Lotfi Msadki, Tunisia; Ms. Lena Dovidat

LUNCH BREAK • 13⁰⁰

AFTERNOON



FACILITATED DISCUSSION ON KEY CHALLENGES BY BTR CHAPTERS (ROUND 4):

INFORMATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND ADAPTATION

Initial input by:

- Ms. Emilie Beauchamp

Moderator: Ms. Mijako Nierenkoether

COFFEE BREAK



DEEP DIVE INTO...

ADAPTATION REPORTING:

Moderator: Ms. Emilie Beauchamp

Initial input by: Lilia Taranu, Moldova; Rolando Fernández, Costa Rica

TECHNICAL ANNEX FOR REDD+:

Moderator: Ms. Cristina Urrutia

Initial input by: Joaquim Armando Macuacua, Mozambique; Luiza Valladares de Gouvea, Brazil

RECAP OF THE DAY WITH KEY-TAKE AWAYS (PLENARY)

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19⁰⁰ RECEPTION BY BELGIUM



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FRIDAY

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WELCOME

DISCUSSION: RELEVANCE OF THE BTR IN THE NDC UPDATE PROCESS IN 2025

Moderation: Ms. Rebecca Ackermann



FACILITATED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE USER EXPERIENCES WITH THE UNFCCC ELECTRONIC REPORTING TOOLS (CRT AND CTF)

Initial input by:

- Mr. Vlad Trusca

COFFEE BREAK

OPEN SPACE



This is a time slot for any emerging topics or “left-over” discussion from previous days. Participants are also invited to make their individual appointments with experts.

LUNCH BREAK • 12³⁰



EARLY AFTERNOON

INDIVIDUAL WORK ON COUNTRIES' JOURNAL TO BTR DELIVERY:

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES DEFINE PRIORITY ACTIONS ON HOW TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES FOR A TIMELY BTR SUBMISSION.



FACILITATED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE KEY MESSAGES FROM THE GLOBAL BTR AIMING TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF LESSONS LEARNED FOR A GENERAL TECHNICAL PUBLIC.

CLOSING CEREMONY

• Founding members of PATPA:

- Mr. Donghyuk Shin, Republic of Korea
- Mr. Tobias Vosen, Germany
- Ms. Sandra Motshwanedi, South Africa

ENDS AT 15³⁰



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