

# TER – COMMONALITIES AND DIFFERENCES TO ICA AND IAR

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## **Technical Expert Review**

Biennial Technical Report (BTR)

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Technical Expert Review (TER)

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# THE PARIS AGREEMENT (2015) CREATED ...

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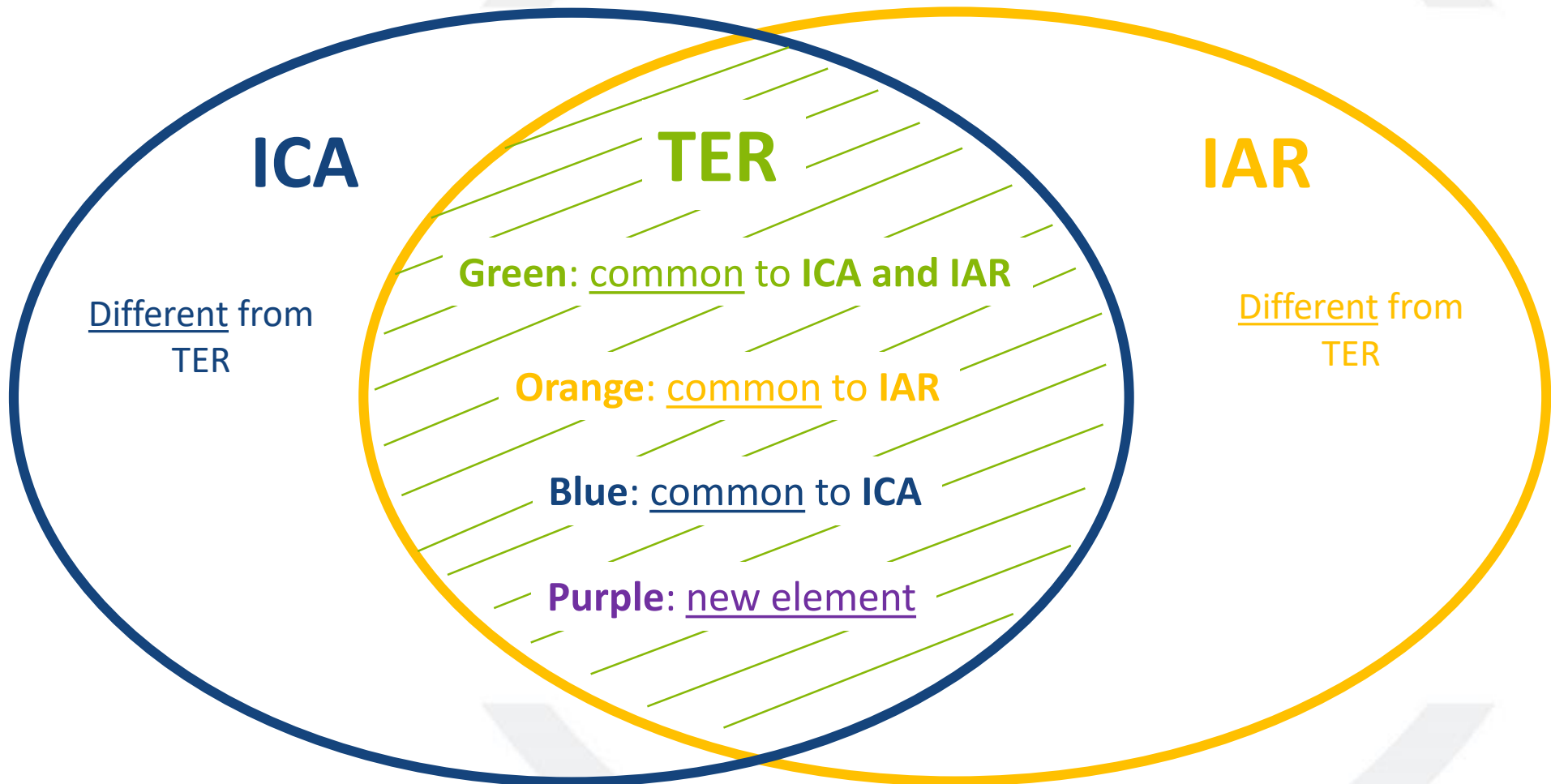
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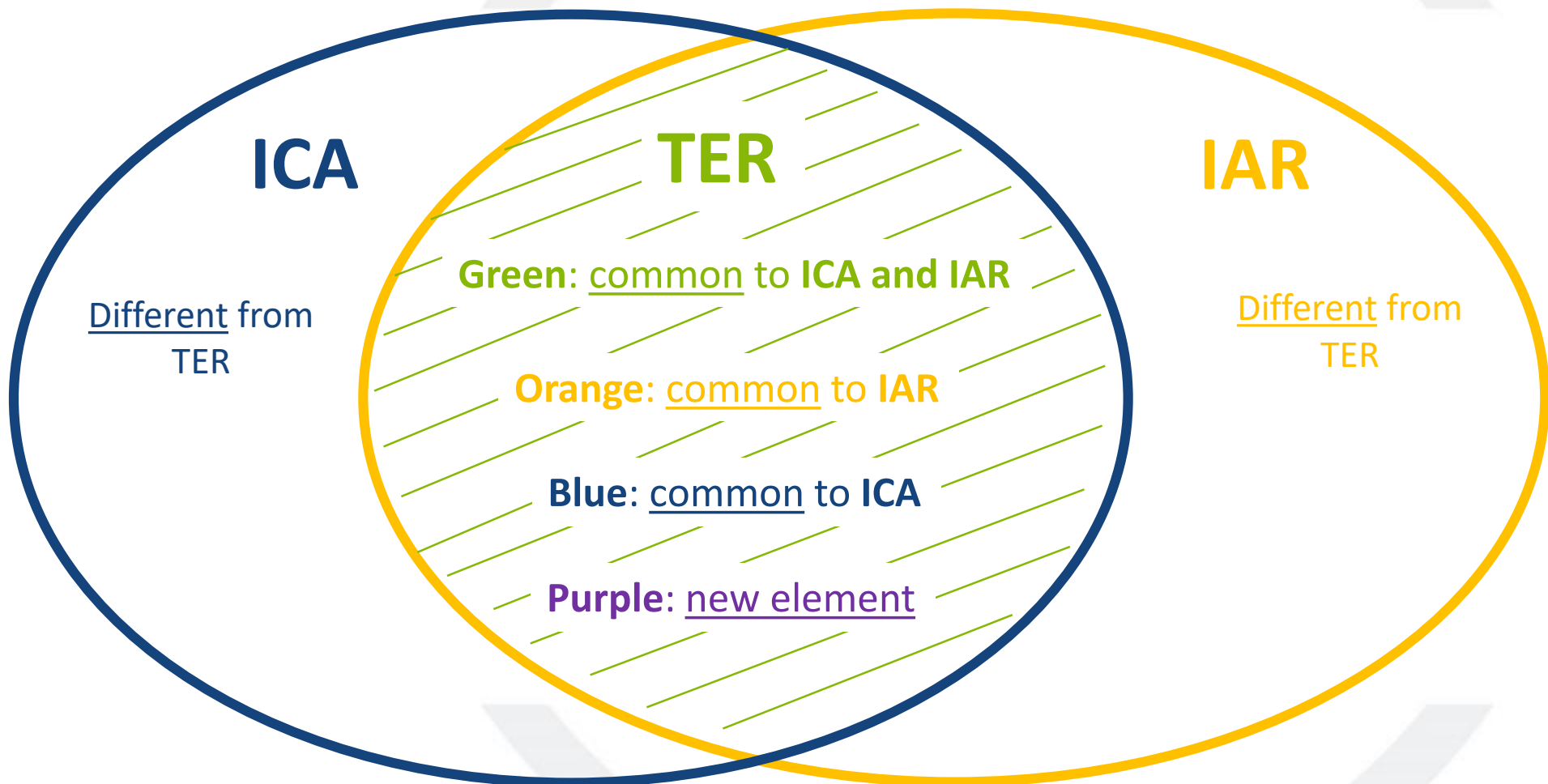
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**Spoiler Alert: TER is almost the same as ICA!**

# ... WRT : PURPOSE - OBJECTIVES

ICA

TER

IAR

Build confidence

Review consistency of reported information with reporting guidelines

Transparent consideration of progress (GHG mitigation) and support provided

Identification of areas of improvement related to ETF

For DC\* Parties that need it:  
Identification of Capacity Building Needs

Promote comparability of efforts (in relation to QEWERT\*\*)

\* Developing Country

\*\* Quantified economy-wide emission reduction target



# ... WRT : GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**ICA**

**TER**

Facilitative

**IAR**

Non-intrusive

Non-punitive

Non-confrontational

Respectful of national sovereignty

Open

Respective of national capabilities and circumstances of developing country Parties

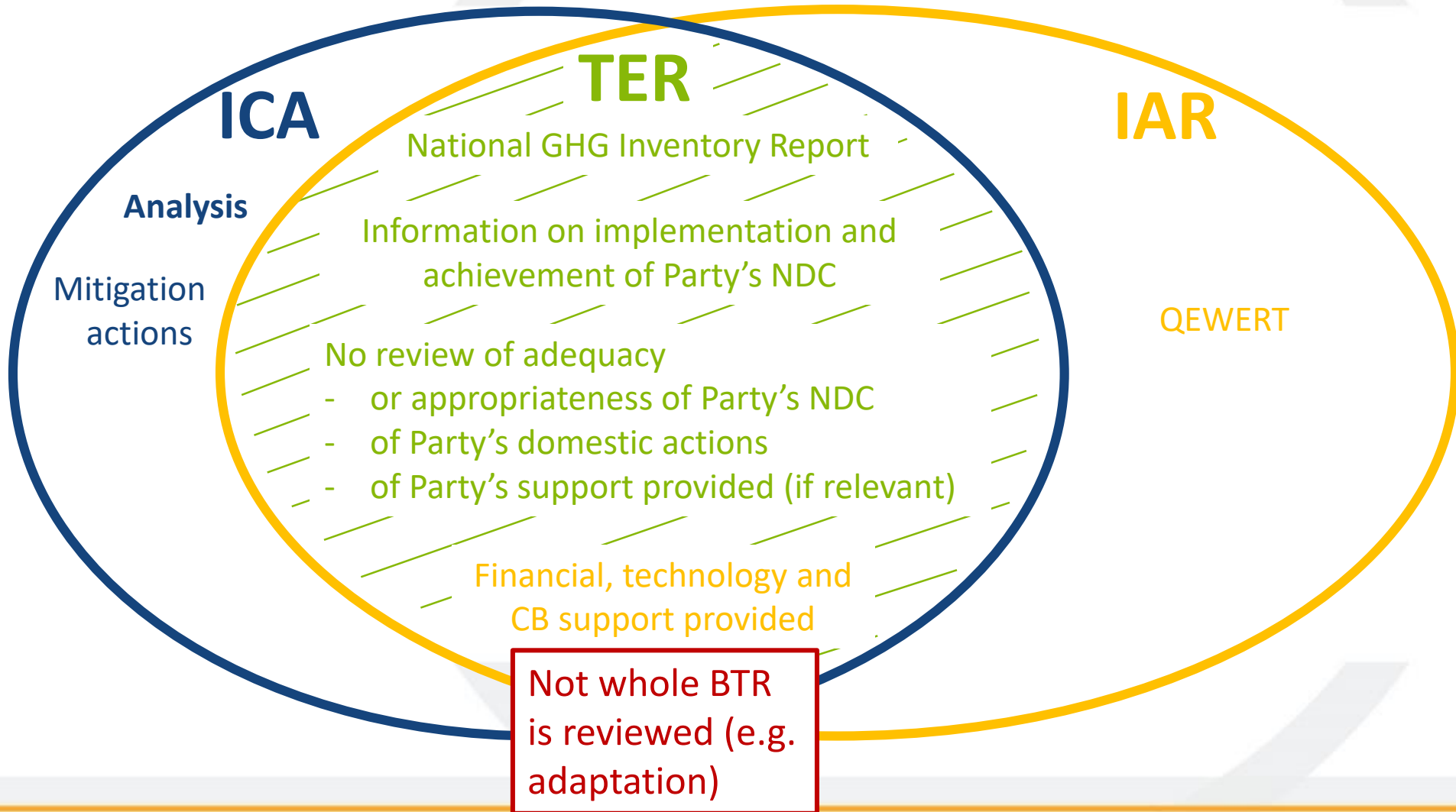
Transparent

Avoid undue burden on Parties

No-political judgements

# ... WRT : INFORMATION TO BE REVIEWED

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# ... WRT : FORMAT

ICA

TER

IAR

In-country review (except for Parties that need flexibility):

- first BTR,
- at least 2 BTR in 10-year period,
- BTR with info on NDC achievement
- If recommended by previous TERT\*
- Upon request of the Party

Centralized review

Desk review

Simplified review of NIR

LDCs and SIDs: may choose to participate in same centralized review as a group

Possibly in conjunction with annual GHG inventory and national communication review process

\* Technical Expert Review Team

# ... WRT : REVIEW TEAMS

**ICA**

**TER**

**IAR**

At least one member of CGE° and up to 1/3 of TTE°°

Majority of members from nAI Parties

- Experts
  - from RoE – recognised competence
  - Successfully completed training
- Balance developed and developing countries
- Geographical and gender balance (tep\*)
- At least one member fluent in language of Party (tep)
- Lead reviewers: 1 from DC, 1 from DdC\*\* -
- Experts participate in personal capacity
- Bound to confidentiality

° Consultative Group of Experts

°° Team of Technical Experts

\* To the extent possible

\*\* DC: Developing Country, DdC: Developed Country

# ... WRT : OUTPUT OF REVIEW WEEK

ICA

TER

IAR

At the end of the review week, draft areas for improvement, constituting

- Recommendations (“shall” provisions)
- Encouragements (“non-shall” provisions)
- For DC Parties that need it, any CB-needs identified in consultation with the Party concerned

# ... WRT : TIMELINE

RW -14 weeks      RW -10 weeks      RW -4 weeks      RW -2 (-1) weeks

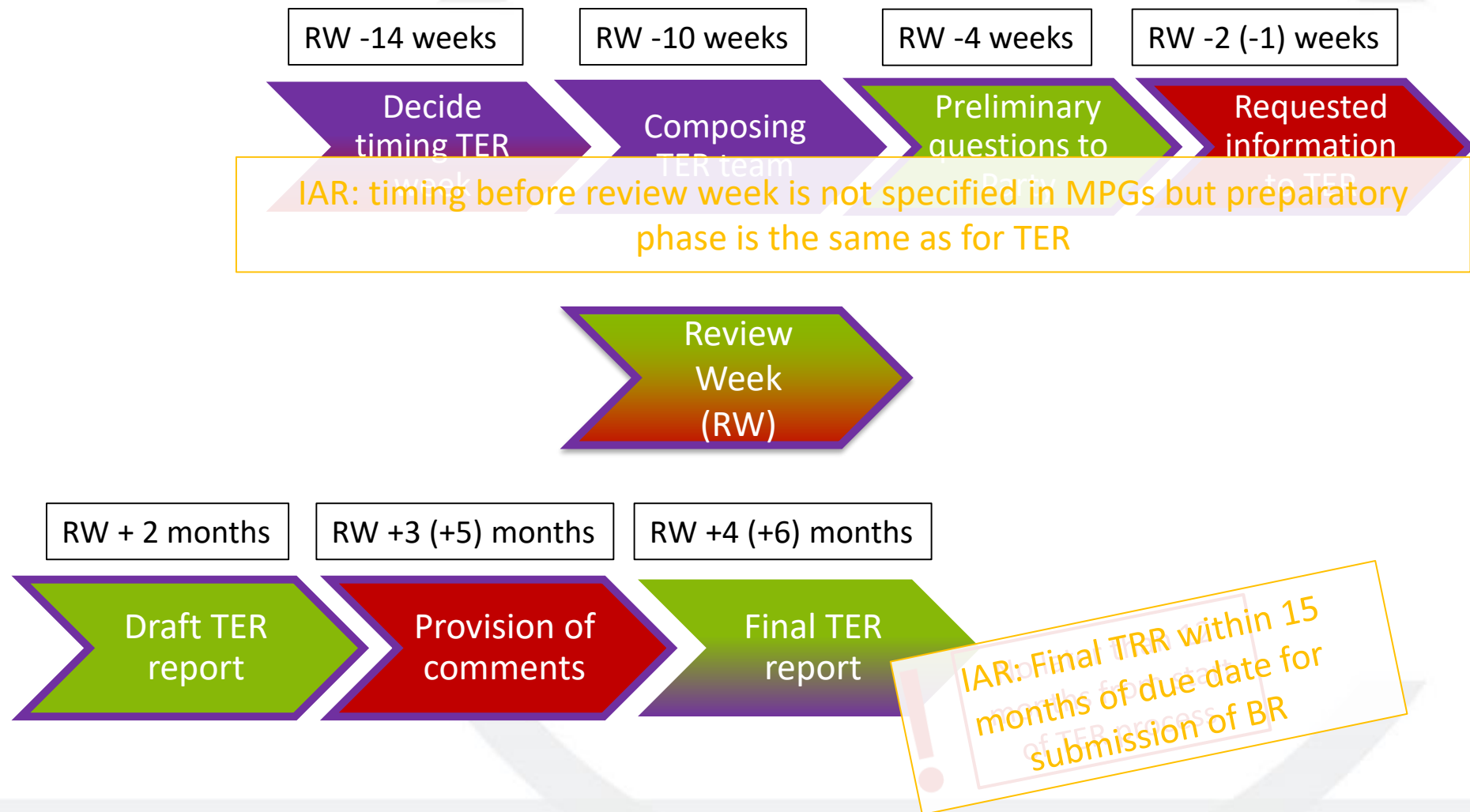


RW + 2 months      RW +3 (+5) months      RW +4 (+6) months



No later than 12 months from start of TER process

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Submission  
BTR

RW -14 weeks

RW -10 weeks

RW -4 weeks

RW -2 (-1) weeks

Decide  
timing TER

Composing

Preliminary  
questions to

Requested  
information

ICA: timing before analysis week is not specified in MPGs but preparatory phase is the same as for TER

Analysis  
Week  
(AW)

AW + 3 months

AW + 6 months

AW + 9 months

RW + 2 months

RW + 3 (+5) months

RW + 4 (+6) months

Draft  
Summary  
Report

Provision of  
comments

Final  
Summary  
Report

No maximum timing  
after submission of BUR  
specified of BR 15

Party

TER team

UNFCCC secretariat



# ... WRT : CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

**FSV**

**FMCP**

**MA**

Input/preparation:

- BTR (excl. on CC impacts and adaptation),
- TER report
- any additional information provided by the Party for the purpose of FMCP
- Written Q&A ahead of session

Any other  
review reports  
of GHGI and NC

# ... WRT : CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS (2)

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**FSV**

**FMCP**

**MA**

Individually  
or in a group  
of up to 5  
Parties

SBI-Session:

- Presentation by the Party
- Oral Q&A
- LDCs & SIDS may participate as a group
- On-line platform
- Option for webinar ahead or after the session

Outcome:

- Record published on UNFCCC website

# CONCLUSIONS

- TER, ICA and IAR have a lot in common
- Biggest differences between TER and ICA wrt
  - Format of the technical expert review week
  - Output of the review
  - Timeline of the process
  - The facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress
- **BUT:**
  - The process is mindful of national circumstances and respectful of national sovereignty
  - This is a learning process!

**THANK YOU  
QUESTIONS?**

