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# INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: REFLECTIONS ON THE CHALLENGES

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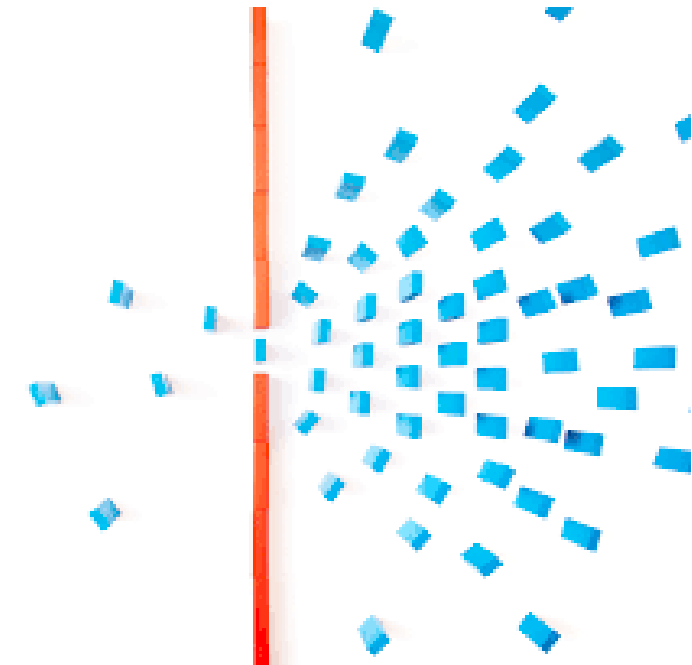
# The role of institutional arrangements in addressing ETF

UNFCCC reporting forms the basis for monitoring the progress of individual countries in reducing emissions and for assessing the collective effort of countries to mitigate climate change.

The institutional arrangements represent the foundation for sustainability and continuous improvement of the reporting.

**DATA IS THE MAIN BOTTLENECK**

**Institutional arrangements are the instruments  
to solve the issues**



# Institutional Arrangements

- Lack of high level support for engaging with the reporting commitments
- No official requirement to share data even within the responsible Ministry and between ministries
- Hard to make institutions to share their data to the coordinating institutions
- Dependence on National Statistical Bureau leaves out important data which can be available from other entities but is hard to access
- Lack of capacity and knowledge/skills in the institutions to produce the required reports
- Staff mobility



# Institutional Arrangements

- Institutional culture is a barrier to the ETF cooperation
- Permanence of institutional arrangements
- Sector ownership - where institutions are responsible for reporting for certain sectors but do not engage in transparency matters
- Often people do not have officially assigned task associated with reporting so they end up facing competing requirements
- Countries need to understand the flexibility which would allow countries to adapt to country specific circumstances



# Enhancing institutional arrangements

- There is not a “*one-size-fits-all*” solution: each country has different needs but **learning from others** can deliver several benefits
- Build your ETF system on the existing knowledge and technical capacity ensuring **sustainability** and define an improvement plan
- Formalize with new or modified laws or directives or agreement the data sharing and archiving
- Establish roles and responsibility amongst entities
- Building a committee to lead on the process with regular meeting



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