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# The Technical Expert Review (TER)

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# Agenda

- **Background of the Technical Expert Reviews**
- **Take-aways from the first Technical Expert Reviews**
- **Challenges and possible solutions**
- **Summary and conclusions**



# Background – Article 13 of the Paris Agreement

According to Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, the following information shall undergo a Technical Expert Review:

- **National Inventory Report;**
- **information on tracking progress;** and
- **information on support provided.**

The technical expert review consists of:

- **Consideration** the Party's **support provided**, as relevant, and its **implementation and achievement of its NDC.**
- Identification of **areas of improvement for the Party,**
- Review of the **consistency** of the information **with the MPGs.**



# Background – The MPGs

Paragraphs 146 to 188 of the MPGs specify the details of the Technical Expert Review:

- **Scope and information to be reviewed** (including assistance in identifying capacity-building needs);
- **review formats:** centralized, in-country, desk, and simplified;
- **procedures** (including timeline);
- **Roles** of the Party, TER team, and UNFCCC secretariat
- **TER report**

## **In addition: Decision 9/CMA.4**

A Party may, on a **voluntary** basis, request the secretariat to organize a review of the **information on climate change impacts and adaptation.**



# Relevant guiding principles for the TER

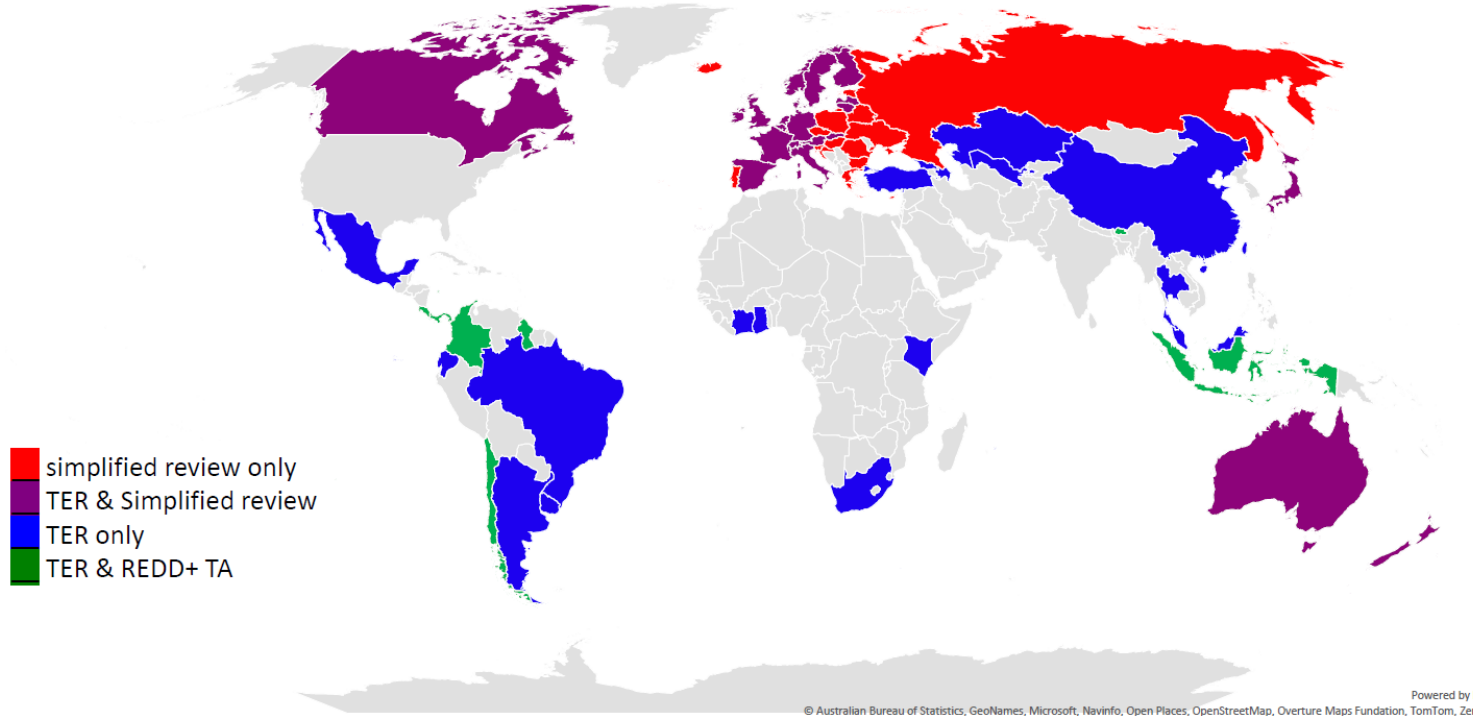
Selected guiding principles from paragraph 3 of the MPGs:

- Building on and enhancing the **transparency arrangements under the Convention;**
- facilitating **improved reporting and transparency over time;** and
- Promoting **transparency, accuracy, completeness, consistency and comparability.**



# Status of TERs

50 TER weeks and 41 simplified reviews completed between 2024-2025 biennium



Source:

Presentation by the UNFCCC Secretariat

<https://unfccc.int/documents/655643>



Annual report on TER

<https://unfccc.int/documents/652999>





# Personal take-aways from TER participation

- The TER points out information in the BTR which is unclear or difficult to understand. This helps improving the next BTR and making it accessible to a wider audience.
- The TER helps improving the consistency between the BTR and the CTF/CRT.
- Participating in a TER as a reviewer provides new perspectives and new insights.
- The TER is key in improving reporting over time.



# Challenges and possible solutions

- Providing replies to review questions is time-consuming.
  - Possible solution: During an in-country review meet with the reviewer directly to discuss and resolve open questions.
- The review discovers many small inconsistencies.
  - Suggested approach: The review should be seen as a way of improving consistency over time.
- Some review recommendations cannot be resolved due to a lack of data or resources.
  - Suggested approach: Include such issues in the improvement plan, even if they cannot be resolved in time for the next BTR.



# Summary and conclusions

- The technical expert review consists of:
  - Consideration the Party's **support provided**, as relevant, and its **implementation and achievement of its NDC**;
  - Identification of **areas of improvement and capacity building needs**;
  - Review of the **consistency** of the information **with the MPGs**.
- The TER may be challenging, and not all recommendations can be resolved in the short term, but:
- The TER is key in improving reporting in the BTR2 and in the long term.



# Experience with the Technical Expert Review: Guiding questions

- What was new or surprising to you during the review week?
- Please share one main challenge which you encountered during the preparation for the TER. How did you manage this challenge?
- Please share a challenge or highlight which you encountered during the review week.
- How would you describe your TER experience in one phrase?



# Exercise on the Technical Expert Review

You will receive three printouts:



An example of a  
short BTR chapter



An excerpt of  
a CTF table



A list of review  
questions

- At your table, discuss the review questions and draft answers to the questions, based on the information available.
- If time permits, draft your own review questions, based on the example chapter and CTF table



# Guidance mentioned in the morning



## NDC progress indicators

<https://transparency-partnership.net/publications-tools/ndc-progress-indicators-guidance-practitioners>



## Good Practice Study on GHG-Inventories for the Waste Sector

<https://transparency-partnership.net/publications-tools/updated-good-practice-study-ghg-inventories-waste-sector>