

INTRODUCTION TO BIENNIAL UPDATE REPORTS (BURs)

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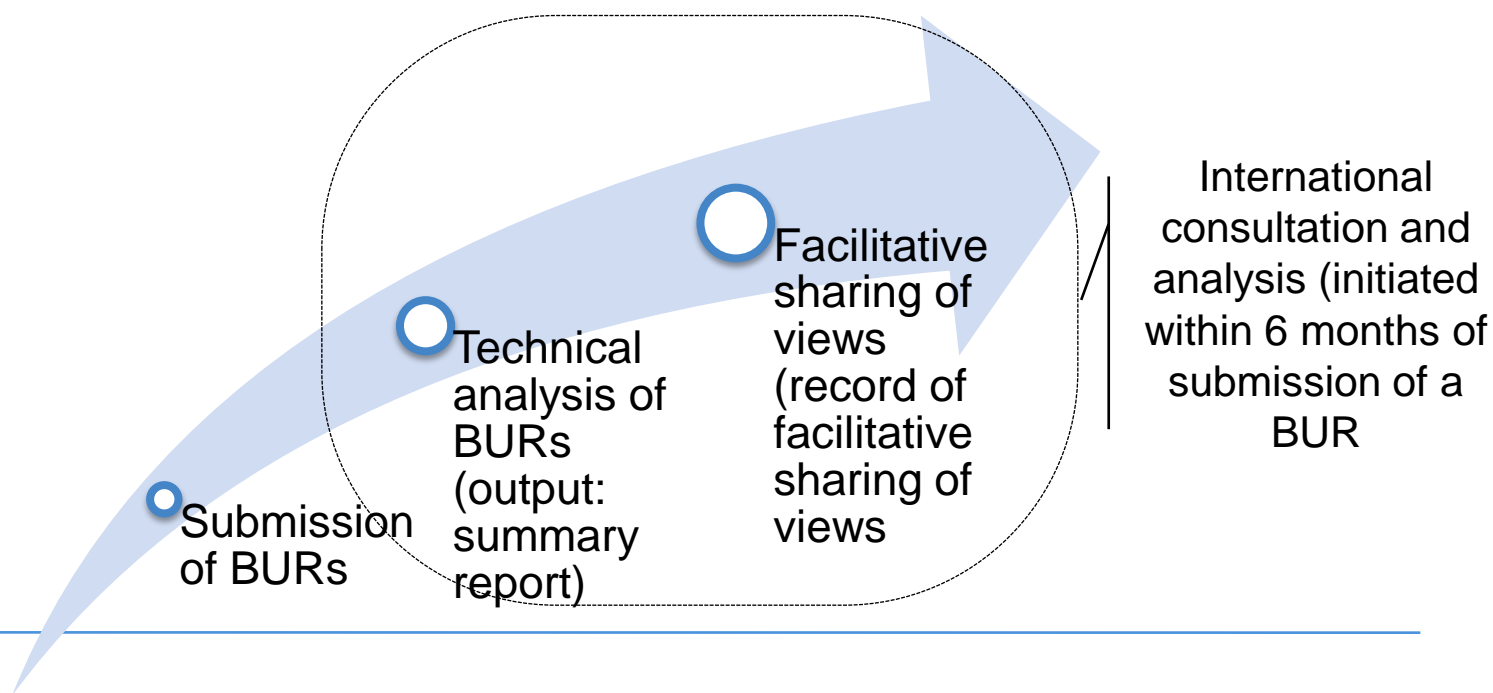
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Genesis of BURs from non-Annex I Parties

- Effort to enhance reporting in national communications, including inventories, from non-Annex I Parties on mitigation actions and their effects, needs and support received (1/CP.16, paragraph 60)
- To serve as an input to the process (international consultation and analysis) that aims to increase transparency of mitigation actions and their effects (1/CP.16, paragraph 63)



Mandate for the preparation and submission of BURs

1/CP.16, paragraph 60 (c):

- Developing countries, consistent with their capabilities and the level of support provided for reporting, should also submit biennial update reports containing updates of national GHG inventories, including a NIR and information on mitigation actions, needs and support received.

2/CP.17:

- Adopted the guidelines for preparation of BURs from NAI Parties
- Set the timeframe for the submissions of BURs - first BURs by December 2014 (flexibility for LDCs and SIDS)
- Frequency of submission of BURs: every two years (either as a summary of parts of their national communication in the year when national communication is submitted or as a stand-alone update report; flexibility for LDCs and SIDS).

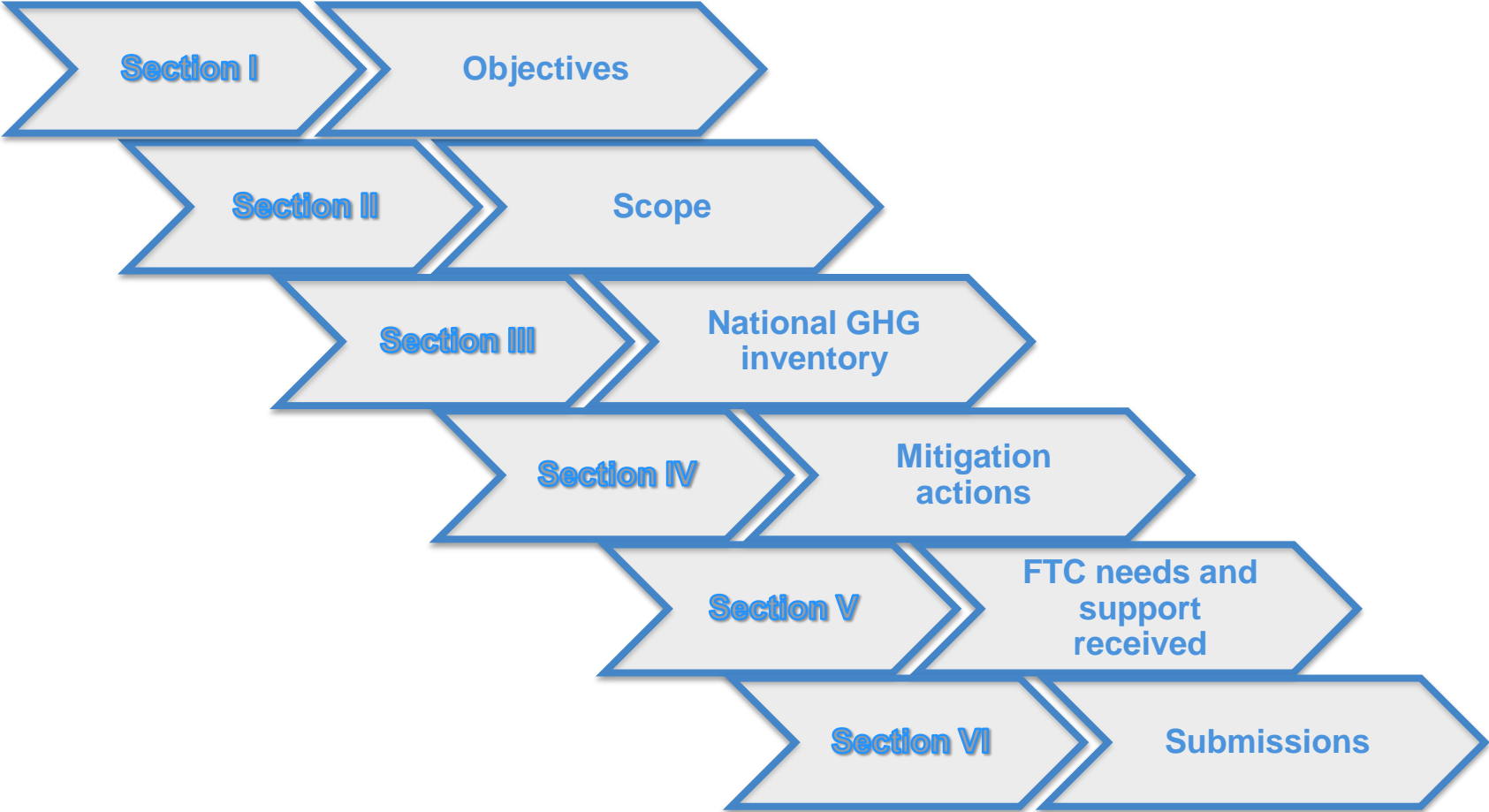


Decision 2/CP.17 – further

- Recognized the important role of the CGE in facilitating technical advice and support for the preparation and submission of the first BUR
- Urged NAI Parties to submit their request to the GEF for support
- Urged and requested the GEF to make support available to NAI Parties for preparation of BURs, as early as possible in 2012 and on the basis of agreed full cost



Overview of the biennial update reporting guidelines (Decision 2/CP.17, Annex III)





Objective 1 • To assist NAI Parties in meeting their reporting requirements

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Objective 2

• To encourage the presentation of information in a consistent, transparent, complete, accurate and timely manner

Objective 3

• To enable enhanced reporting by non-Annex I Parties on mitigation actions and their effects, needs and support received

Objective 4

• To provide policy guidance to an operating entity of the financial mechanism for the timely provision of financial support

Objective 5

• To facilitate the presentation of information on finance, technology and capacity-building support needed and received, including for the preparation of biennial update reports

Objective 6

• To facilitate reporting, to the extent possible, on any economic and social consequences of response measures





Scope of the biennial update reports is defined in Section II, paragraph 2 of the BUR guidelines:

To provide an update to the most recently submitted national communication on:

- National circumstances and institutional arrangements
- National GHG inventory
- Mitigation actions and their effects - methodologies and assumptions
- Constraints and gaps, and related financial, technical and capacity needs - support needed and received
- Level of support received for the preparation and submission of BUR
- Domestic MRV
- Any other relevant information



Decision	<u>National Communications</u> (<u>decision 17/CP. 8, annex</u>)	<u>Biennial Update Reports</u> (<u>decision 2/CP.17, annex III</u>)
Methodology	Revised 1996 IPCC guidelines (“ should ”) IPCC Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty management (“ encouraged ”)	Methodologies established by the latest UNFCCC guidelines for the preparation of national communications (para. 4, annex) Revised 1996 IPCC guidelines, IPCC GPG-2000 and IPCC GPG-2003 (para. 5, annex) (“ should ”)
Years	INC: 1994, or alternatively 1990 (“ shall ”) SNC: 2000 (“ shall ”) LDCs (“ at their discretion ”)	The first BUR shall cover, at a minimum, the inventory for the calendar year no more than 4 years prior to the date of the submission, or more recent if available, and subsequent BURs (para. 41 g, decision)
Reporting	Chapter of national communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tables 1 and 2 (“encouraged”) - Sectoral tables and worksheets (“encouraged”) - Information on methodologies (“encouraged”) 	National inventory report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tables 1 and 2 (“should”) - Annex 3A.2 of IPCC GPG-2003 and the sectoral tables annexed to the Revised 1996 IPCC guidelines (para. 6, annex) (“encouraged”) - Summary information tables of inventories for previous submission years (e.g. for 1994 and 2000) (para. 8, annex) (“encouraged”) - Additional or supporting information may be submitted in a technical annex (para. 10, annex) (“encouraged”) - Time series - provide a consistent time series back to the years reported in the previous national communications (para. 7, annex) (“encouraged”)





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General description of steps....to implement the Convention

Programmes and measures to Mitigate

- **General requirements**
- **Methods and assessment /analysis (results)**

BUR

- Methodologies and assumptions
- Objectives of the action and steps taken or envisaged to achieve that action
- Progress of implementation of the mitigation actions and the underlying steps taken or envisaged, and the results achieved, such as estimated outcomes (metrics depending on type of action) and estimated emission reductions, to the extent possible
- International market mechanisms
- Description of domestic MRV arrangements

In tabular format



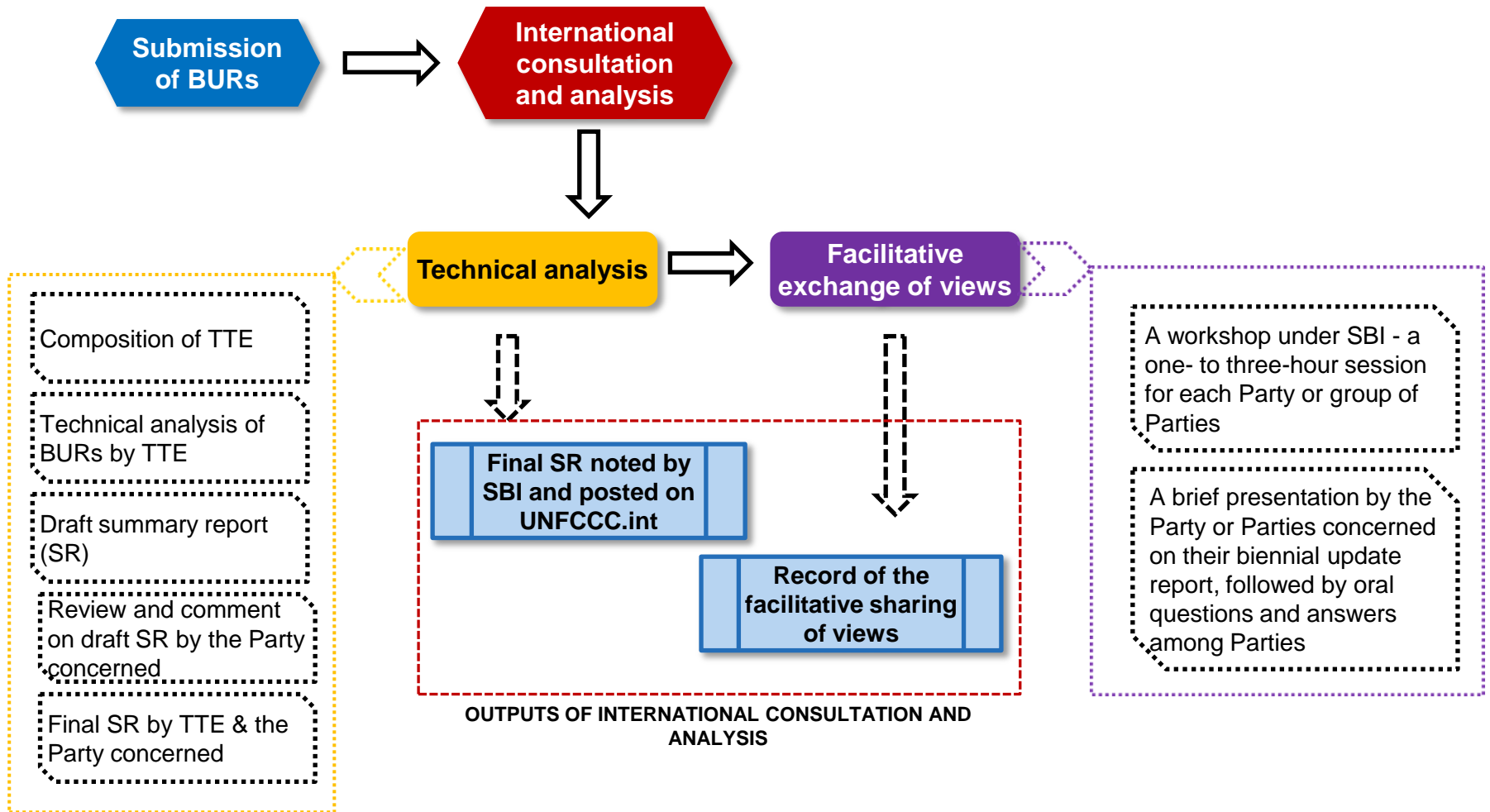


- Constraints and gaps, and related financial, technical and capacity-building needs
- Financial resources, technology transfer, capacity-building and technical support received from the GEF, Annex II Parties and other developed country Parties, the GCF and multilateral institutions for activities relating to climate change, including for the preparation of the current biennial update report
- Technology needs, which must be nationally determined, and on technology support received



- A single document, in electronic format
- Language: English or any one of the official United Nations languages
- Additional or supporting information may be supplied through other documents, such as a technical annex

WHAT HAPPENS TO SUBMITTED BURs?



Technical assistance for the preparation and the submission of BURs

- Training materials on the preparation of BURs
- An expert workshop to seek additional input on the training materials from national experts from both Annex I and non-Annex I Parties (May 2013) and a global training workshop on the preparation of BURs (September 2013)
- Regional training workshops for non-Annex I Parties on the preparation of BURs

Financial support for the preparation and submission of BURs

- GEF Policy Guidelines for the financing of biennial update reports for Parties not included in Annex I to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (October 2013)
- Countries can access up to US\$352,000 through a GEF Agency or via direct access. If a country requires more than US\$352,000, then the resources will be deducted from the countries STAR Allocation
- As at June 2014, project proposal to access funds for the preparation of BURs from 36 non-Annex I Parties have been approved.



Tools available to facilitate reporting from non-Annex I Parties

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Provision of technical advice and support

Technical advice and support available to non-Annex I Parties to meet their reporting requirements under the Convention



Consultative Group of Experts (CGE)

- Provides advice and support as per its revised terms of reference (19/CP.19):
 - Development of training materials;
 - Hands-on training workshops;
 - Provision of technical advice and support to Parties, upon request.
 - <http://unfccc.int/2608.php>



Secretariat

- **National Communication Support Unit:**
 - Supports the work of the CGE;
 - Supports non-Annex I Parties in preparing and submitting their national communications and BURs, including their national GHG inventories;
 - Provides other technical assistance as necessary.
 - **Email: nai_nc@unfccc.int**



Training materials, software, methods and tools



Updated CGE training materials for national communications
(English, French and Spanish)
<<http://unfccc.int/349.php>>



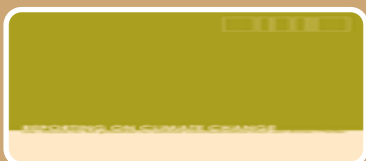
Supplementary CGE training materials – Biennial Update Reports
(Arabic, English, French and Spanish)
<<http://unfccc.int/7915.php>>



Non-Annex I Greenhouse Gas Inventory Software (NAIS) Web Application
(Will be available in other UN languages by the end of 2014)
<<http://unfccc.int/7627.php>>



Toolkit on INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT for non-Annex I Parties
(English)
<<http://unfccc.int/2607.php>>



User manual for the NC guidelines
(English, French and Spanish)
<<http://unfccc.int/2607.php>>



Training materials, software, methods and tools (cont.)



Overview of MRV for developing country Parties



E-learning course



ICA - team of technical experts (TTE) training materials/training programme

WILL BECOME AVAILABLE LATER THIS YEAR OR EARLY NEXT YEAR



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