Enhanced transparency framework – an overview

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The ETF in the Paris Agreement – general framework defined in Article 13

**Reporting**

- **All Parties (shall)**
  - National greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory report [Article 13.7(a)]
  - Progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contribution (NDC) [Article 13.7(b)]

- **All Parties (should, as appropriate)**
  - Climate change impacts and adaptation [Article 13.8]

- **Developed country Parties (shall) and other Parties that provided support (should)**
  - Financial, technology transfer and capacity-building support provided to developing country Parties under Article 9, 10 and 11 [Article 13.9]

**Technical expert review**

- **All Parties (shall)**
  - Undergo technical expert review of information submitted under Article 13.7 [Article 13.11]

- **Developed country Parties (shall) and other Parties that provided support (may)**
  - Undergo technical expert review of information submitted under Article 13.9 [Article 13.11]

**Facilitative multilateral consideration**

- **All Parties (shall)**
  - Facilitative multilateral consideration of progress with respect to efforts under Article 9, and its respective implementation and achievement of its NDCs [Article 13.11]

**Note:**
1. The transparency framework shall provide flexibility in the implementation of the provisions of this Article to those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities [Article 13.2];
2. The transparency framework shall recognize the special circumstances of the least developed countries and small island developing States [Article 13.3].
Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines (MPGs) for ETF – Purpose and Guiding Principles

PURPOSE

• To provide clear understanding of climate action including clarity and tracking progress towards achieving Parties’ individual NDCs under Article 4, and adaptation actions under Article 7 to inform Global Stocktake (GST)
• To provide clarity on support provided and received by individual Parties and to provide a full overview of aggregate financial support provided to inform GST

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

• Build on and enhance transparency arrangements under Convention
• Facilitative, non-intrusive, non-punitive, respecting national sovereignty, avoid placing undue burden on Parties
• Facilitating improvement over time
• Promoting transparency, accuracy, completeness, consistency and comparability (TACCC)
• Avoiding duplication of work
• Maintain the quality and frequency of reporting under Convention
• Avoiding double counting
• Ensuring environmental integrity
ETF vis-à-vis existing MRV arrangements: key areas of enhancement

• One set of modalities, procedures and guidelines applicable to all Parties with flexibility to those developing countries that need it in the light of their capacities

• Need to (extent possible) identify, regularly update, and report on areas of improvement > continuous improvement

• Provisions/requirements - mostly mandatory (“shall”)

• Reporting (13.7 and 13.9), TER and FMCP, and their relationship to the Article 15 Committee (mechanism to facilitate implementation of and promote compliance)
Enhanced transparency framework vis-à-vis existing MRV arrangements: reporting themes

**Biennial transparency reports**
- National greenhouse gas inventory
- Progress made in implementing and achieving national determined contributions under Article 4
- Climate change impacts and adaptation under Article 7 (as appropriate)
- Financial, technology transfer and capacity-building support needed and received under Articles 9, 10, 11

**National communications**
- National greenhouse gas inventory
- Programmes containing measures to facilitate adaptation to climate change
- Programmes containing measures to mitigate climate change
- Transfer of technology
- Research and systematic observation
- Education, training and public awareness
- Capacity-building
- Information and networking
- Constraints and gaps, and related financial, technical and capacity-building needs

**Biennial update reports**
- National greenhouse gas inventory
- Mitigation actions and their effects
- Finance, technology and capacity-building needs

**Article 13 of the Paris Agreement**

**Communication of information under Articles 4.1 and 12.1**

**Durban Outcomes (1/CP.16) and Cancun Agreements (2/CP.17)**
Moving towards enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement

**Existing MRV arrangements**

- **Developed country Parties**
  - Final biennial reports (BRs) by no later than 31 December 2022
  - ETF replaces BRs and IAR

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  - Final biennial updates by no later than 31 December 2024
  - ETF replaces BURs and ICA

- **Ongoing work under SBSTA to develop, CRTs, CTFs, and outlines of BTR, NIR and TER report (to be completed by Nov 2020)**

**Enhanced transparency framework**

- **All Parties**
  - First biennial transparency reports (BTRs) by, at the latest, 31 December 2024 (SIDS and LDCs have discretion)
  - TER (to be initiated immediately following the submission)
  - FMCP (ASAP following the publication of the TER report)

- **Technical analysis of REDD-plus activities for a result-based incentives**

- **Developed country Parties**
  - Annual GHG inventories
  - National communications

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  - National communications

- **Flexibility to those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities**
- **Facilitating improved reporting and transparency over time**
Resources

- Consultative Group of Experts – www.unfccc.int/CGE

**Gender and Climate Change Guidelines & Tools**

Parties requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper on guidelines or other tools for integrating gender considerations into climate change related activities under the Convention (decision 18/CP.20). The technical paper provides an overview of existing methodologies and tools that are available to assist Parties and others to incorporate gender considerations when formulating and implementing strategies for mitigating and adapting to climate change.

The resources identified during the desk review for the technical paper are listed below. Resources marked with an asterisk (*) are the documents referred to in the technical paper as the "selected tools and guidelines".
In closing …..

- True to the Paris spirit, the enhanced transparency framework builds and enhances the existing MRV arrangements.

- The existing MRV arrangements provide perfect opportunity for Parties to do a “dry run” of the enhanced transparency framework – encourage Parties to continue preparing BURs and participating in the ICA process.

- Focus on enhancing the institutional arrangements; in doing so, the requirements stemming from the ETF need to kept fully in sight – there are number of success stories to draw inspiration from.

- Ownership, domestic political buy-in, access to support, etc., will continue to be essential ingredients for a successful implementation of the ETF.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION