

Biennial transparency report under the enhanced transparency framework – an overview

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Transparency arrangements under the Convention and the Paris Agreement

Enhanced transparency framework

Paris Agreement Article 13; decision 18/CMA.1



(all Parties)

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)*
- Developing country Parties (should)**
 - Financial, technology transfer and capacity-building support needed and received under Articles 9, 10 and 11 *(Article 13.10)*

Technical expert review

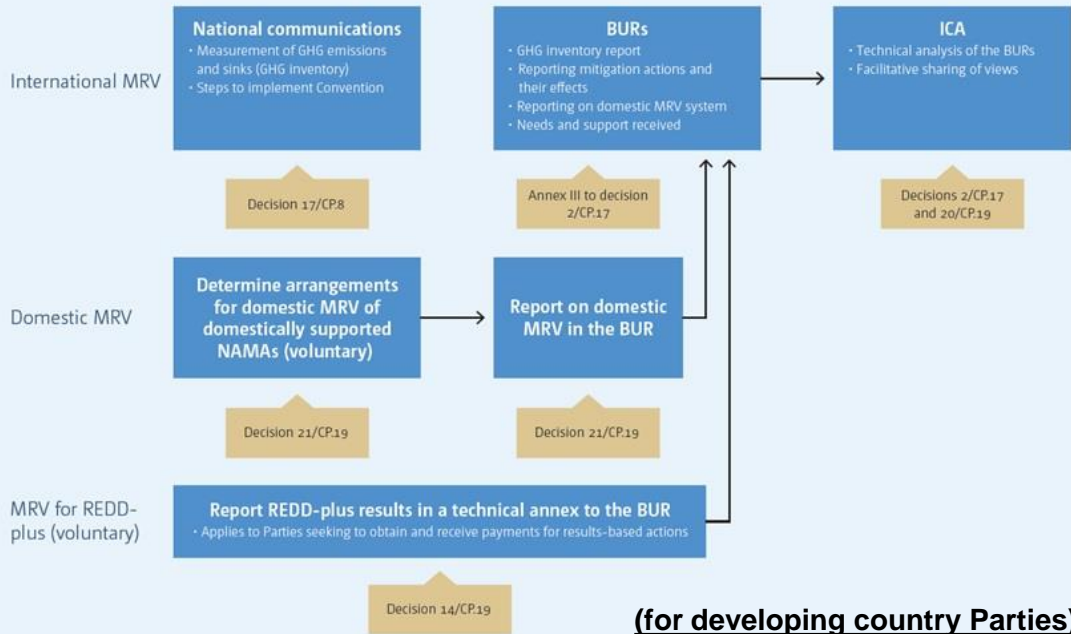
- All Parties (shall)**
 - Undergo technical expert review of information submitted under Article 13.7 *(Article 13.11)*



- 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)*



flexibility in the implementation of the provisions of this Article to those developing country Parties that need it in the special circumstances of the least developed countries and small island developing States *(Article 13.3)*.

Existing MRV arrangements

Convention

- Article 4.1 and 12.1 of the Convention; decision 17/CP.8
- Cancun Agreements (1/CP.16) and Durban Outcomes (2/CP.17)



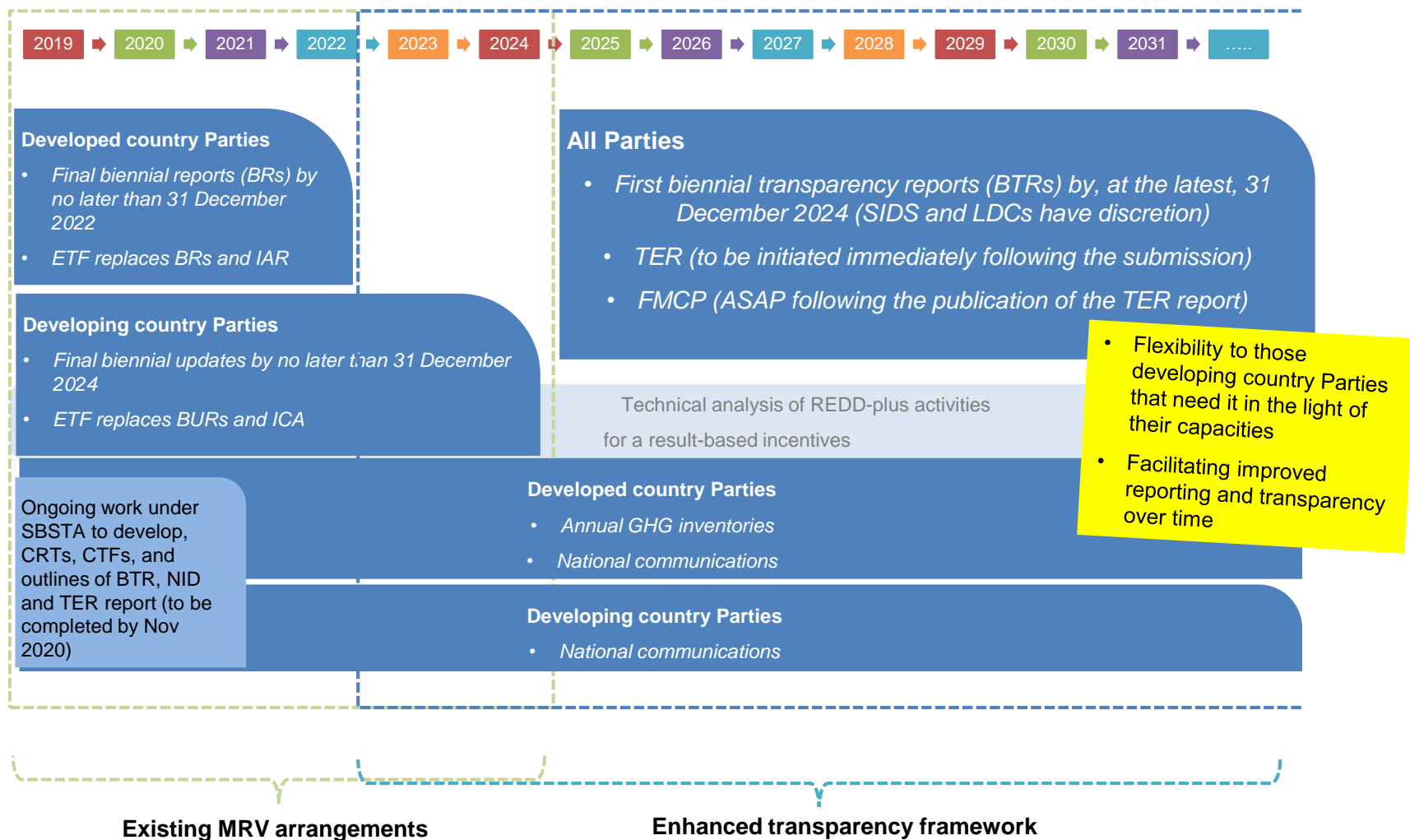
(for developing country Parties)

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)



Moving towards enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement



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

Article 13 of the Paris Agreement; decision 18/CMA.1

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

Article 4.1 and 12.1 of the Convention; decision 17/CP.8

Biennial update reports

National greenhouse gas inventory

Mitigation actions and their effects

Finance, technology and capacity-building needs

Cancun Agreements (1/CP.16) and Durban Outcomes (2/CP.17)



National communications under the Convention and biennial transparency reports under the ETF



With respect to reporting and review of national communications under the Convention every four years, starting from the date first report under the Paris Agreement is due:



Parties may submit their national communication and BTR as a single report, in accordance with the ETF MPGs for information also covered by the national communication reporting guidelines.

In addition, Parties shall include in the report:



- a) Supplemental chapters on research and systematic observation and on education, training and public awareness, in accordance with NC guidelines;
- b) For those Parties that have not reported “adaptation” in BTRs, an additional chapter on adaptation, in accordance with the NC relevant 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 be 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



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