



# Hands-on Training on Tracking NDC Mitigation Commitments under the Paris Agreement

Filling Common Tabular Formats (CTFs) 3

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### CTF Table 3

**Appendix:** 

Description of a Party's NDC



Table 1:

Description of selected indicators



Table 2:

Definitions needed to understand the NDC



Table 3:

Methodologies and accounting approaches

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- MPGs: paragraphs 71-76
- Scope: comprehensive information related to methodologies and accounting approaches applied for the first and subsequent NDCs; methodologies used for cooperative approaches
- Table 3





## Table 3: Methodologies and accounting approaches

Methodologies and accounting approaches Metrics and IPCC guidelines Assumptions, key parameters, definitions, data sources, models Consistency (communicated and implemented NDC; accounting for NDC and GHG inventory) Changes (corrections, improvements, updates) Inclusion of all relevant categories, and exclusions Information associated with any cooperative approaches that involve use of ITMOs, if applicable





### Table 3: Methodologies and accounting approaches

#### **Article 4, para 13-14 Paris Agreement**

13. Parties shall account for their nationally determined contributions. In accounting for anthropogenic emissions and removals corresponding to their nationally determined contributions, Parties shall promote environmental integrity, transparency, accuracy, completeness, comparability and consistency, and ensure the avoidance of double counting, in accordance with guidance adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Agreement.

14. In the context of their nationally determined contributions, when recognizing and implementing mitigation actions with respect to anthropogenic emissions and removals, Parties should take into account, as appropriate, existing methods and guidance under the Convention, in the light of the provisions of paragraph 13 of this Article.

### Accounting approaches:

Not official definition, but useful to work with Table 3 of the CTF:

In the case of NDC and tracking mitigation

Accounting approaches:= how the variety of elements that can be used to estimate numerical values of GHG emissions and mitigation potentials are used, including methodologies (IPCC), metrics (GWP), baselines, definitions..





## Table 3: Methodologies and accounting approaches (1)

3. Structured summary: Methodologies and accounting approaches – consistency with Article 4, paragraphs 13 and 14, of the Paris Agreement and with decision 4/CMA.1

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Reporting requirement	Description or reference to the relevant section of the BTR				
For the first NDC under Article 4: <sup>a</sup>					
Accounting approach, including how it is consistent with Article 4, paragraphs 13–14, of the Paris Agreement (para. 71 of the MPGs)					
For the second and subsequent NDC under Article 4, and					
optionally for the first NDC under Article 4: <sup>b</sup>					
Information on the accounting approach used is consistent with paragraphs 13–17 and annex II of decision 4/CMA.1 (para. 72 of the MPGs)					

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Description or reference to the relevant section of the BTR

For the first NDC under Article 4:a

Accounting approach, including how it is consistent with Article 4, paragraphs 13–14, of the Paris Agreement (para. 71 of the MPGs)

For the second and subsequent NDC under Article 4, and optionally for the first NDC under Article 4:b

Information on the accounting approach used is





## Table 3: Methodologies and accounting approaches (2)

For each NDC under Article 4:b	3. Structured summary: Methodologies and a decision 4/CMA.1	ccounting approaches – consistency with Article 4,	
Accounting for anthropogenic emissions and removals in accordance with methodologies and common metrics assessed by the IPCC and adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement:		Description or reference to the relevant section of the BTR	
Each methodology and/or accounting approach used to assess the implementation and achievement of the target(s), as applicable (para. 74(a) of the MPGs)	decision 4/CMA.1 (para. 72 of the MPGs)  Explain how the accounting for anthropogenic emissions and removals is in accordance with methodologies and common metrics assessed by the IPCC and in accordance with decision 18/CMA.1 (para. 1(a) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)  Explain how consistency has been maintained between any GHG data and estimation methodologies used for accounting and the Party's GHG inventory, pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 7(a), of the Paris Agreement, if applicable (para. 2(b) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1) diversification plans:  Explain how overestimation or underestimation has been avoided for any projected emissions and removals used for accounting (para. 2(c) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)	decision 4/CMA.1 (para. 72 of the MPGs)  Explain how the accounting for anthropogenic emissions and removals is in accordance with methodologies and common metrics assessed by the IPCC and in accordance with	
Each methodology and/or accounting approach used for the construction of any baseline, to the extent possible (para. 74(b) of the MPGs)		Accounting for anthropogenic emissions and removals in accordance with methodologies and common metrics assessed by the IPCC and adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris  Agreement:	
If the methodology or accounting approach used for the indicator(s) in table 1 differ from those used to assess the implementation and achievement the target, describe each methodology or accounting approach used to generate the information generated for each indicator in table 4 (para. 74(c) of the MPGs)		Each methodology and/or accounting approach used to assess the implementation and achievement of the target(s), as applicable (para. 74(a) of the MPGs)  Each methodology and/or accounting approach used for the construction of any baseline, to the extent possible (para. 74(b) of the MPGs)  If the methodology or accounting approach used for the indicator(s) in table 1 differ from those used to assess the implementation and achievement the target, describe each methodology or accounting approach used to generate	
Any conditions and assumptions relevant to the achievement of the NDC under Article 4, as applicable and available (para. 75(i) of the MPGs)		the information generated for each indicator in the tables 4 and 5 (para. 74(c) of the MPGs)  Any conditions and assumptions relevant to the achievement of the NDC under Article 4, as applicable and available (para. 75(i) of the MPGs)	
Key parameters, assumptions, definitions, data sources and models used, as applicable and available (para. 75(a) of the MPGs)		Key parameters, assumptions, definitions, data sources and models used, as applicable and available (para. 75(a) of the MPGs)  IPCC Guidelines used, as applicable and available (para. 75(b) of the MPGs)  Report the metrics used, as applicable and available (para. 75(c) of the MPGs)	
IPCC Guidelines used, as applicable and available (para. 75(b) of the MPGs)		For Parties whose NDC cannot be accounted for using methodologies covered by IPCC guidelines, provide information on their own methodology used, including for NDCs, pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Paris Agreement, if applicable (para. 1(b) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)	
Report the metrics used, as applicable and available (para. 75(c) of the MPGs)		Provide information on methodologies used to track progress arising from the implementation of policies and measures, as appropriate (para. 1(d) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)  20	

## Table 3: Methodologies and accounting approaches (3)



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For Parties whose NDC cannot be accounted for using methodologies covered by IPCC guidelines, provide information on their own methodology used, including for NDCs, pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Paris Agreement, if applicable (para. 1(b) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)	24	Where applicable to its NDC, any sector-, category or activity-specific assumptions, methodologies and approaches consistent with IPCC guidance, taking into account any relevant decision under the Convention, as applicable (para. 75(d) of the MPGs)	
Provide information on methodologies used to track progress arising from the implementation of policies and measures, as appropriate (para. 1(d) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)	21	For Parties that address emissions and subsequent removals from natural disturbances on managed lands, provide detailed information on the approach used and how it is consistent with relevant IPCC guidance, as appropriate, or indicate the relevant section of the national GHG inventory report containing that information (para. 1(e) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1, para. 75(d)(i) of the MPGs)	
Where applicable to its NDC, any sector-, category- or activity-specific assumptions, methodologies and	23	For Parties that account for emissions and removals from harvested wood products, provide detailed information on which IPCC approach has been used to estimate emissions and removals (para. 1(f) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1, para. 75(d)(ii) of the MPGs)	
approaches consistent with IPCC guidance, taking into account any relevant decision under the Convention, as applicable (para. 75(d) of the MPGs)	24	For Parties that address the effects of age-class structure in forests, provide detailed information on the approach used and how this is consistent with relevant IPCC guidance, as appropriate (para. 1(g) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1, para. 75(d)(iii) of the MPGs)	
	25	How the Party has drawn on existing methods and guidance established under the Convention and its related legal instruments, as appropriate, if applicable (para. 1(c) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)	
		Any methodologies used to account for mitigation cobenefits of adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans (para. 75(e) of the MPGs  Describe how double counting of net GHG emission reductions has been	
frican	27	avoided, including in accordance with guidance developed related to Article 6 if relevant (para. 76(d) of the MPGs)  Any other methodologies related to the NDC under Article 4 (para. 75(h) of the	

## Table 3: Methodologies and accounting approaches (4)



Any methodologies used to account for mitigation cobenefits of adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans (para. 75(e) of the MPGs)

Describe how double counting of net GHG emission reductions has been avoided, including in accordance with guidance developed related to Article 6 if relevant (para. 76(d) of the MPGs)

Any other methodologies related to the NDC under Article 4 (para. 75(h) of the MPGs)

Ensuring methodological consistency, including on baselines, between the communication and implementation of NDCs (para. 12(b) of the decision 4/CMA.1):

Explain how consistency has been maintained in scope and coverage, definitions, data sources, metrics, assumptions and methodological approaches including on baselines, between the communication

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29 4/CMA.1):

Explain how consistency has been maintained in scope and coverage, definitions, data sources, metrics, assumptions and methodological approaches including on baselines, between the communication and implementation of NDCs (para. 2(a) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)

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Explain how consistency has been maintained between any GHG data and estimation methodologies used for accounting and the Party's GHG inventory, pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 7(a), of the Paris Agreement, if applicable (para. 2(b) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1) and explain methodological inconsistencies with the Party's most recent national inventory report, if applicable (para. 76(c) of the MPGs)



## Table 3: Methodologies and accounting approaches (5)

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	For Parties that apply technical changes to update reference points, reference levels			
	or projections, the changes should reflect either of the following (para. 2(d) of annex			
	II to decision 4/CMA.1):			
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	Technical changes related to technical corrections to the Party's inventory			
	(para. 2(d)(i) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)			
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	Technical changes related to improvements in			
	accuracy that maintain methodological consistency (para. 2(d)(ii) of annex II to			
34	decision 4/CMA.1)			
	Explain how any methodological changes and			
	technical updates made during the implementation of their NDC were			
	transparently reported (para. 2(e) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)			
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and implementation of NDCs (para. 2(a) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)

Explain how consistency has been maintained between any GHG data and estimation methodologies used for accounting and the Party's GHG inventory, pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 7(a), of the Paris Agreement, if applicable (para. 2(b) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1) and explain methodological inconsistencies with the Party's most recent national inventory report, if applicable (para 76(c) of the MPGs)

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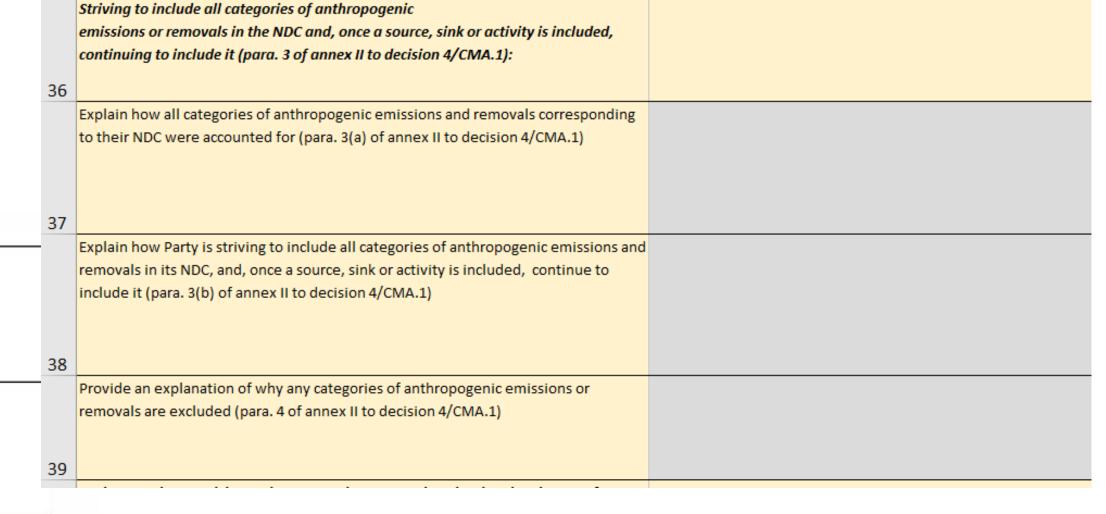
## Table 3: Methodologies and accounting approaches (6)

Striving to include all categories of anthropogenic emissions or removals in the NDC and, once a source, sink or activity is included, continuing to include it (para. 3 of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1):

Explain how all categories of anthropogenic emissions and removals corresponding to their NDC were accounted for (para. 3(a) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)

Explain how Party is striving to include all categories of anthropogenic emissions and removals in its NDC, and, once a source, sink or activity is included, continue to include it (para. 3(b) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)

Provide an explanation of why any categories of anthropogenic emissions or removals are excluded (para. 4 of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)









## Table 3: Methodologies and accounting approaches (7)

Striving to include all categories of anthropogenic emissions or removals in the NDC and, once a source, sink or activity is included, continuing to include it (para. 3 of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1):

Explain how all categories of anthropogenic emissions and removals corresponding to their NDC were accounted for (para. 3(a) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)

Explain how Party is striving to include all categories of anthropogenic emissions and removals in its NDC, and, once a source, sink or activity is included, continue to include it (para. 3(b) of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)

Provide an explanation of why any categories of anthropogenic emissions or removals are excluded (para. 4 of annex II to decision 4/CMA.1)

Each Party that participates in cooperative approaches that involve the use of ITMOs towards an NDC under Article 4, or authorizes the use of mitigation outcomes for international mitigation purposes other than achievement of its NDC

	Each Party that participates in cooperative approaches that involve the use of ITMOs towards an NDC under Article 4, or authorizes the use of mitigation outcomes for			
	international mitigation purposes other than achievement of its NDC			
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41	Provide information on any methodologies associated with any cooperative approaches that involve the use of ITMOs towards an NDC under Article 4 (para. 75(f) of the MPGs)			
42	Provide information on how each cooperative approach promotes sustainable development, consistent with decisions adopted by the CMA on Article 6 (para. 77(d)(iv) of the MPGs)			
	Provide information on how each cooperative approach ensures environmental integrity consistent with decisions adopted by the CMA on Article 6 (para. 77(d)(iv) of the MPGs)			
43	Provide information on how each cooperative approach ensures transparency,			
	including in governance, consistent with decisions adopted by the CMA on Article 6 (para. 77(d)(iv) of the MPGs)			
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45	Provide information on how each cooperative approach applies robust accounting to ensure, inter alia, the avoidance of double counting, consistent with decisions adopted by the CMA on Article 6 (para. 77(d)(iv) of the MPGs)			
45	Any other information consistent with decisions adopted by the CMA on			
46	reporting under Article 6 (para. 77(d)(iii) of the MPGs)			
	Notes: (1) Pursuant to para. 79 of the MPGs, each Party shall report the information re	ferred to in paras. 65–78 of the MPGs in a narrative and common table		
	remove specific rows in this table if the information to be provided in those rows is not applicable to the Party's NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement			







# Thank you for your attention!

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