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The most significant Institutional/coordination challenges encountered in preparing the BTR

- ❖ Climate Change Secretariat (CCS) of Sri Lanka functions as the operational Focal Point to the UNFCCC.
- ❖ CCS faced the challenges related to ;
 - data sharing/legal arrangement
 - time delays in gathering and accessing data and information
 - Insufficient Institutional Arrangements
 - the in-country/government trained or skilled staff for BTR1
 - insufficient arrangements for data monitoring
 - Insufficient training on BTR

How were they addressed?

- Make aware the importance for fulfilling national requirements to the UNFCCC and team work
- Signing the data sharing Agreement for data collection, management and coordination with the CCS
- Trainings with the supports of the CBIT-GSP
- Awareness sessions to familiarize with MPGs and it related CRTs and CTF
- AD, estimates and EFs were periodically verified and discrepancies were resolved through consultations with the key stakeholders of sector experts
- An independent review panel to technically review the BTR1

Specific chapters or reporting areas and posed the greatest technical difficulties

1. National Inventory Report of Greenhouse Gases
2. Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs
3. Information needed to Climate change impacts and adaptation
4. Financial, Technology development and transfer and capacity building support received

What data collection, management systems, or tools proved most effective or challenging

- Nationally available activity data aligned with the IPCC-2006 worksheets, UNFCCC guidelines and MPGs of PA.
- Insufficient data related to waste sector and land use change data
- The Structured summary of tracking progress made in implementing and achieving the NDCs
- Insufficient knowledge on IPCC software version within the stakeholders
- ETF tool for data and information sharing

How did your country approach the integration of new reporting requirements under the ETF compared to previous reporting (e.g., BURs/NCs)?

- A systematic review process including consultation with relevant government agencies, stakeholders, and technical experts was conducted to gather data and information, verification and validate the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the BTR1.
- Continues training and awareness session of ETF reporting requirement including webinars were organized with the expert team.
- Guidance and advice of the senior officers of Ministry of Environment for the COP decisions and MPGs.
- Training on ETF requirement with the support of international consultants.

How did you prepare for the submission process itself (e.g., familiarization with and use of the BTR reporting tools)?

- ▶ It was an opportunity to training on BTR Reporting requirement including ETF tool which was organized by the UNFCCC and PATPA.
- ▶ It is needed more training to familiarize BTR reporting tool for relevant officials.

What strategies were used to ensure the quality and consistency of the reported information?

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- Separate workshop for data verification and gap filling
- MRV system has been established sector-wise, But it is required to operationalize these MRV framework with clear guidelines and protocols.
- Strengthening institutional and technical capacities
- Improving data availability
- Enhancing quality assurance and quality control system

What is one key piece of advice you would give to countries currently preparing their first BTR?

1. Proper planning for preparation of the BTR1.
2. Awareness and education on BTR preparation at all levels in the country
3. Need of a Systematic data collection, management and archiving process.

Thank You