Introduction to the Technical Expert Review (TER)

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- ❑ Overview of the ETF process
- ❑ Scope of the TER
- ❑ TER Formats
- ❑ TER for BTR1: Review Plans and formats
- ❑ Roles and expectations for the review process

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ETF process overview

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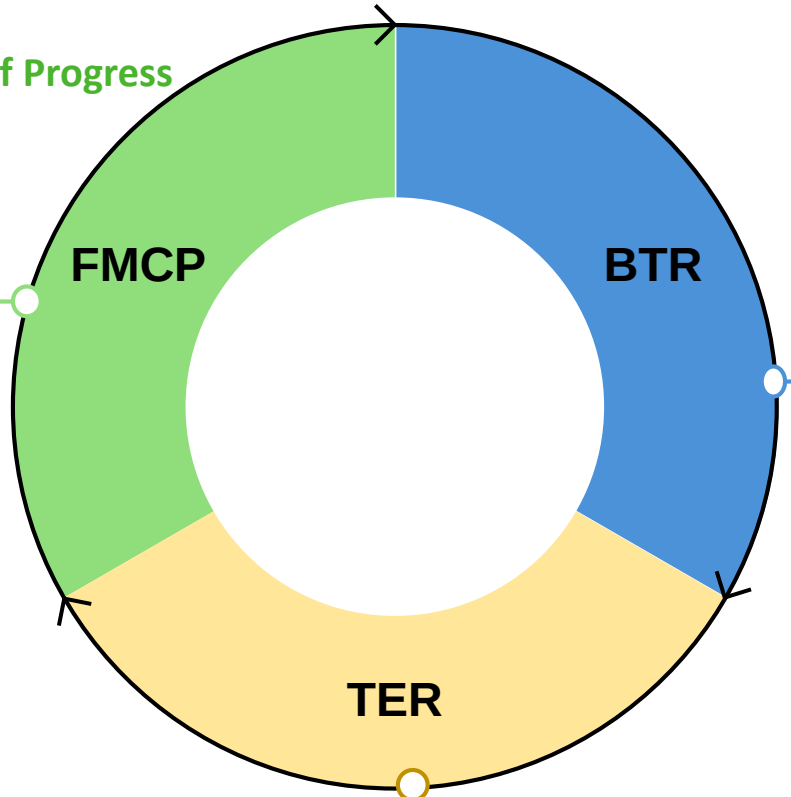
Facilitative Multilateral Consideration of Progress

- Online Q&A
- In session presentation and Q&A *(all shall)*



Biennial Transparency Report

- GHG inventory (all shall)
- Progress in NDCs (all shall)
- Support provided / mobilized (developed shall)
- Support needed / received (developing should)
- Adaptation (all should)
- Annex on REDD+ *(some)*

Technical Expert Review

- Consistency of information reported
- Consideration of progress with and achievement of NDC
- Support provided *(developed shall, and other Parties at their discretion)*
- Identification of improvements
- Identification of capacity building needs

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Guiding Principles for TER

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR TER

147.

- The TER shall pay particular **attention to the respective national capabilities and circumstances** of developing country Parties.

148.

- In accordance with Article 13, para 3, of the PA, the TER will be implemented in a **facilitative, non-intrusive, non-punitive manner, respectful of national sovereignty**, and will **avoid placing undue burden on Parties**.

Source: Decision 18/CMA.1 annex, paras. 147-148

Scope of the TER

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A TER consists of:

- Review of the consistency of the information submitted by the Party under Article 13, paragraphs 7 and 9, of the Paris Agreement with these MPGs, taking into account the flexibility accorded to those developing countries that need it in the light of their capacities
- Consideration of the Party's implementation and achievement of its NDC
- Consideration of the Party's support provided, as relevant
- Identification of areas of improvement for the Party related to implementation of the ETF
- For those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities, assistance in identifying capacity-building needs

TER teams shall not:

- Make political judgments
- Review the adequacy or appropriateness of a Party's NDC under Article 4 and of its associated description and indicators
- Review the adequacy of a Party's domestic action
- Review the adequacy of a Party's support provided
- For those developing country Parties that need flexibility in the light of their capacities, review the Party's determination to apply flexibility that has been provided for in the MPGs, including the self-determined estimated time frames for areas of improvement in relation to capacity constraints, or whether a developing country Party possesses the capacity to implement that specific provision without flexibility

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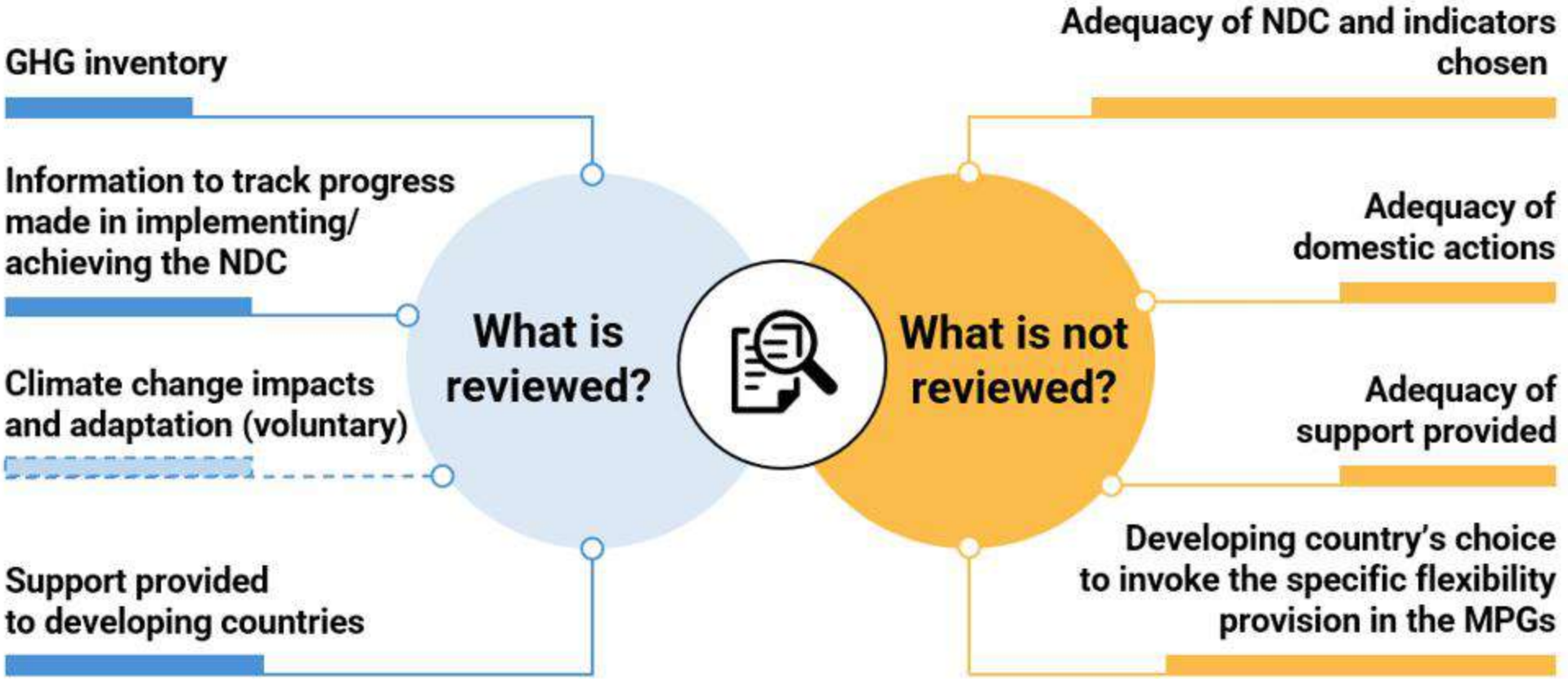

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Flexibility provisions related to the format and timeline of the TER

Area of flexibility (the MPGs)	Flexibility provisions for those developing country Parties that need flexibility in the light of their capacities
Review process	
Format of review (para. 159)	May undergo a centralized review in lieu of an in-country review (but are encouraged to undergo an in-country review)
Timing of review process (paras. 162(c) and 162(f))	Provide responses to preliminary questions within three weeks of the date the questions were received, compared with the two weeks applicable to other Parties
	Take three months to respond to draft report, compared with the one month applicable to other Parties
Communication of draft areas of improvement (para. 162(d))	TER team will identify any capacity-building needs in consultation with the Party by the end of the review week

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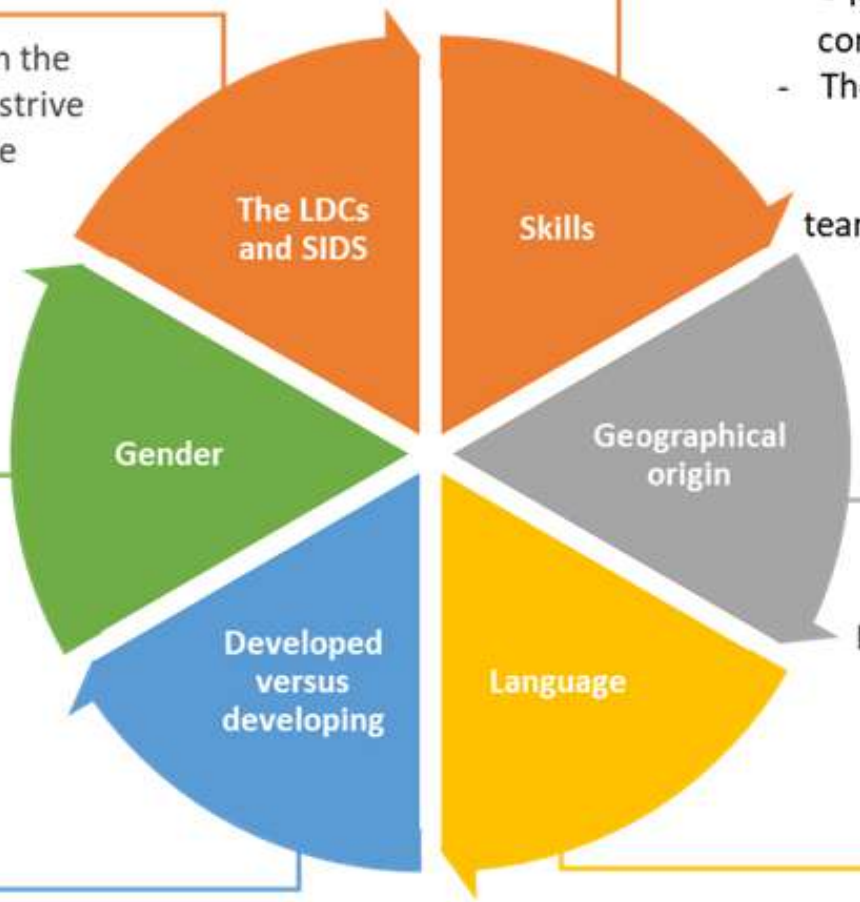
Criteria for composing a TER team



For centralized reviews of BTRs from the LDCs and SIDS, the secretariat shall strive to include technical experts from the LDCs and SIDS..

- Technical experts shall have recognized competence in the areas to be reviewed.
- The collective skills and competencies of the TER teams correspond to the information to be reviewed, and the teams include experts for each significant GHG inventory sector, mitigation and support, cooperative approaches and ITMOs under Article 6 of the Paris agreement, and LULUCF, as relevant.

The secretariat shall aim to ensure gender balance, to the extent possible, when selecting the TER team.

The secretariat shall aim to ensure geographical balance, to the extent possible, when selecting the TER team

The secretariat shall aim to achieve balance between experts from developed and developing countries when selecting the TER team

At least one team member should be fluent in a language of the Party under review, to the extent possible.

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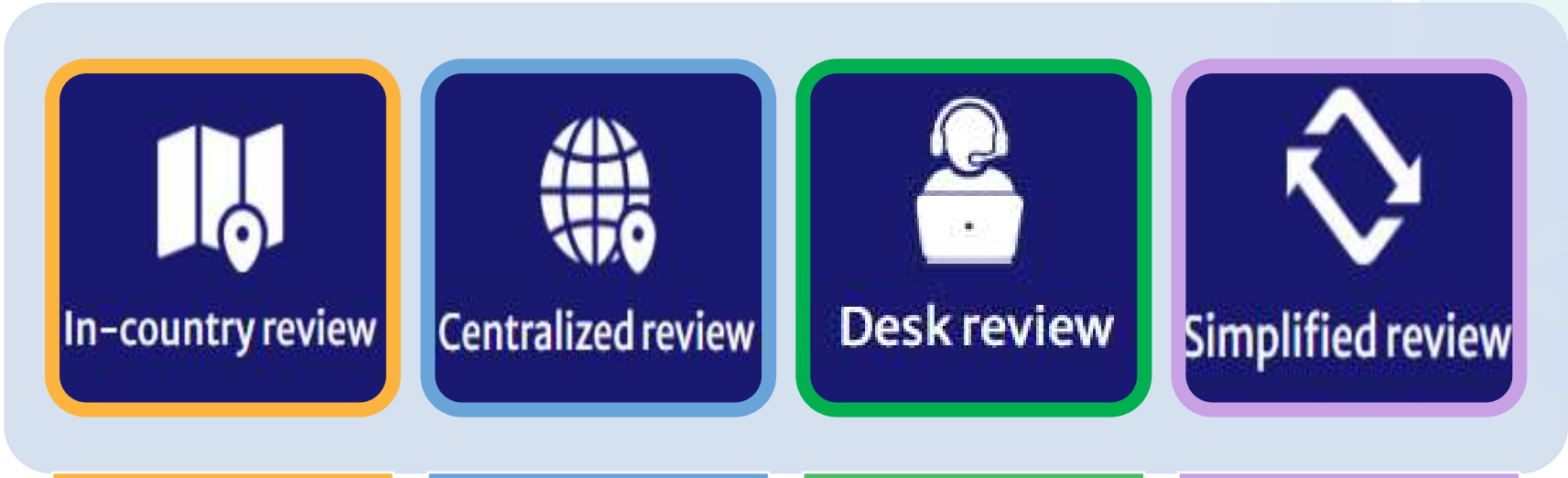
TER formats



A TER team carries out the review within the Party's country, with visits planned and conducted in coordination with and with the Party's consent.

A TER team conducts the review from one central location and can review BTRs from multiple Parties.

Members of a TER team conduct the review remotely from their respective countries.

The secretariat conducts an initial assessment of the GHG inventory's completeness and consistency with the MPGs.

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TER formats applicability

In-Country Review

- The first BTR
- At least two BTRs in a 10-year period, one of which contains information on the Party's achievement of its NDC
- If recommended in the TER of the Party's previous BTR
- Upon request by the Party under TER

Centralized Review

- Applies to BTRs not undergoing in-country or desk reviews.
- Developing countries with limited capacity can choose a centralized review, though in-country reviews are encouraged.
- LDCs and SIDS can join a group centralized review, with one TER team reviewing multiple BTRs.

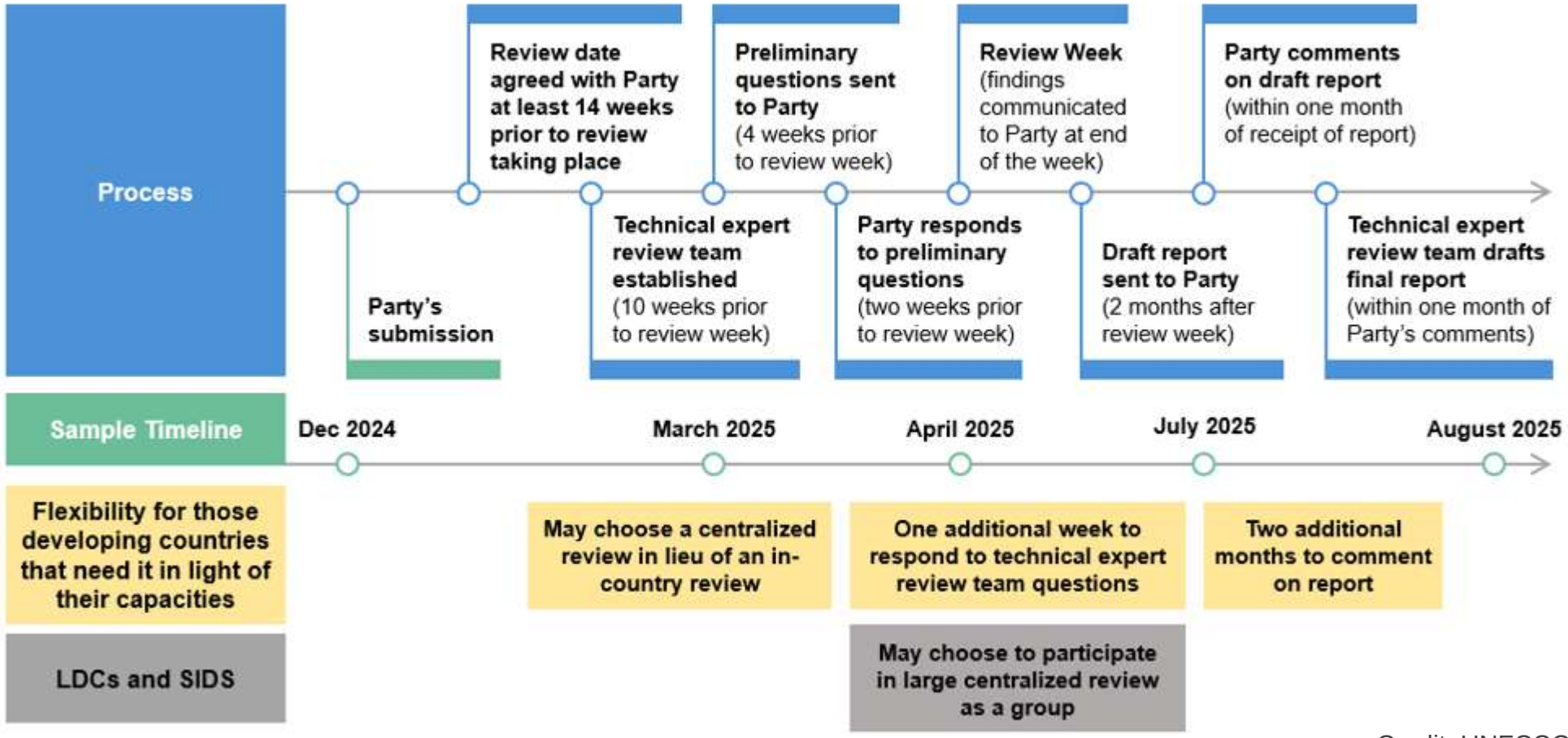
Desk Review

- Should not be conducted: (1) more than once every five years;
- (2) for the first BTR submitted following a Party's communication or update of its NDC; or
- (3) for a BTR that contains information on the Party's achievement of its NDC under Article 4.

Simplified Review

- An NIR submitted in a year in which a BTR is not due.
- The findings of this simplified review will inform the TER of the Party's next NIR submitted as part of the BTR.

Procedures and timelines for in-country, centralized and desk reviews



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TER format for BTR1

In-country review (ICR)

TERT visits a host country to conduct a review of the Party's submission, **interacts** with Party's experts in person and **observes** institutional arrangements firsthand.

Centralized review (CR)

TERT **convenes in one location** and reviews the BTRs **of multiple Parties' submissions**, interacts with Party's experts **remotely**. For BTR1, **developing country Parties** that need it in the light of their capacities have the **flexibility** to choose to undergo a CR.

A **Party** shall undergo an **in-country review** for BTR1 *MPGs para. 158(a)*

LDCs and SIDS may choose to participate in the same **CR as a group** *MPGs para. 157*

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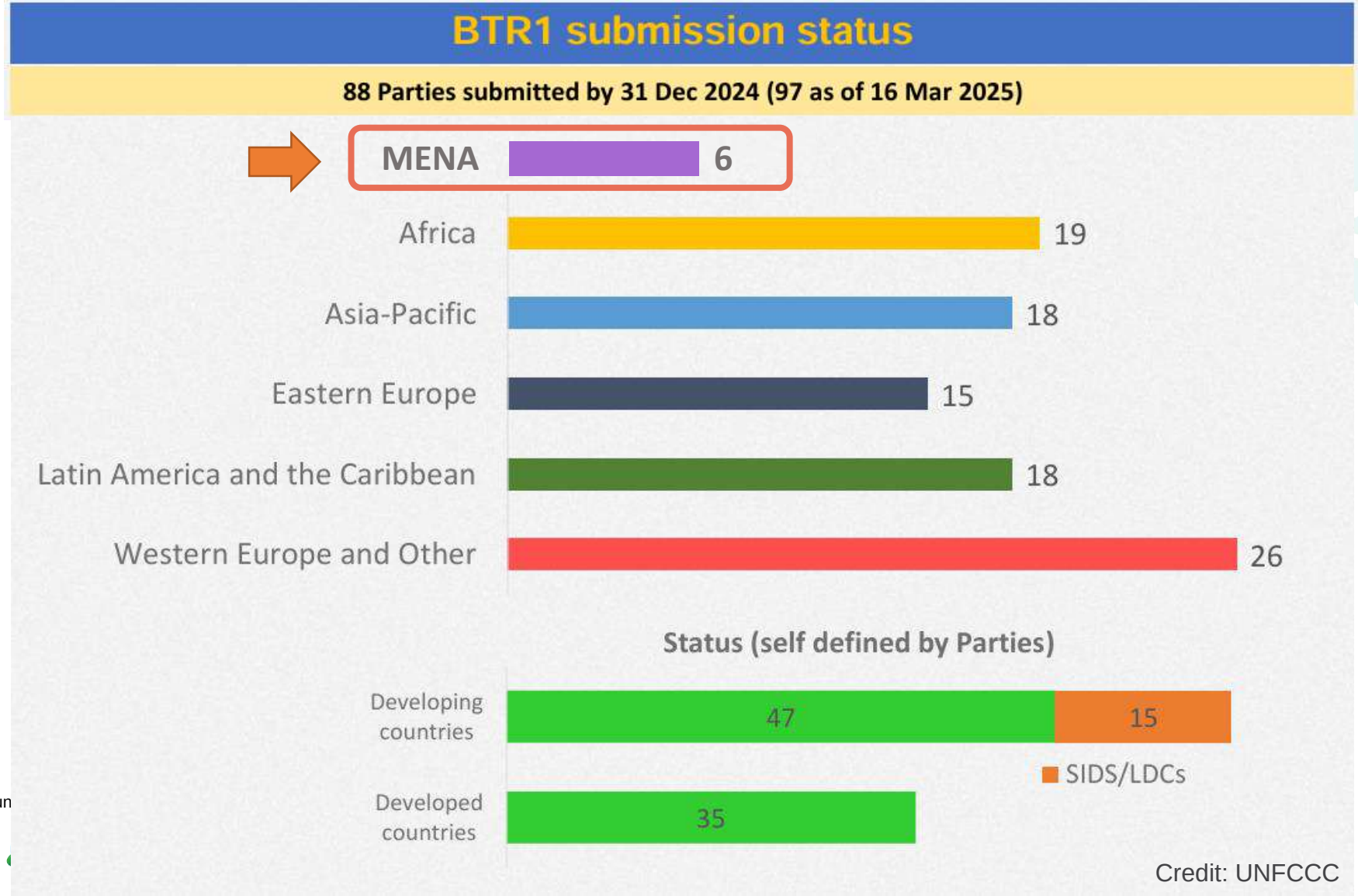
TER Planning for 2025



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Scheduling TERs

Principles for organising reviews

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- First submitted, first reviewed basis for 50-60 TERs
- BTR submission surge 30-31 December 2024 (43 BTRs)- warranted additional principles

2025 Plan for TER of BTR1

As of 16 March 2025:
5 developing country Parties → Centralized Review Format

50-60 Parties scheduled/planned for review in 2025

Principles for scheduling reviews:

- First submitted, first reviewed;
- Centralized reviews which may change the order of Parties going through reviews;
- BTRs with REDD+ annex.

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Preparing for review

Resubmission vs Additional information

Resubmission

- BTR/CTF/CRTs may be resubmitted by **8 weeks before the review week**
- Submissions later than 8 weeks before will be treated as **additional information provided during the review**.

Response to TERT questions

- Party should provide requested information **within 2 to 3 weeks** (if flexibility is applied).
- TERT may make a request to the Party by the end of the review week (Friday).

The secretariat shall compose a TERT by 10 weeks before the review week *MPGs para. 162(b)*

TERT may request additional information **before/during review week** *MPGs para. 162(c)*

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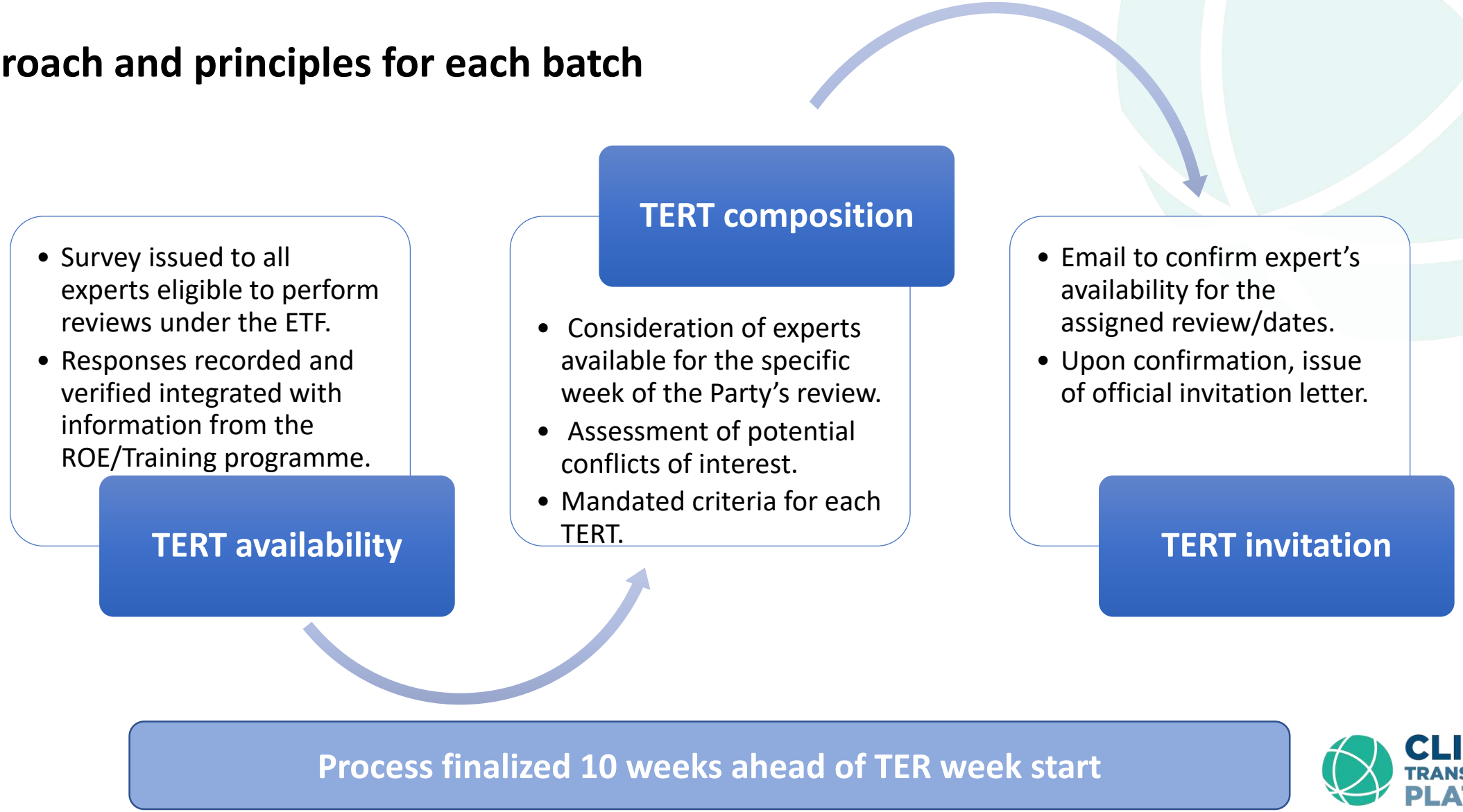
TERT composition process

Approach and principles for each batch



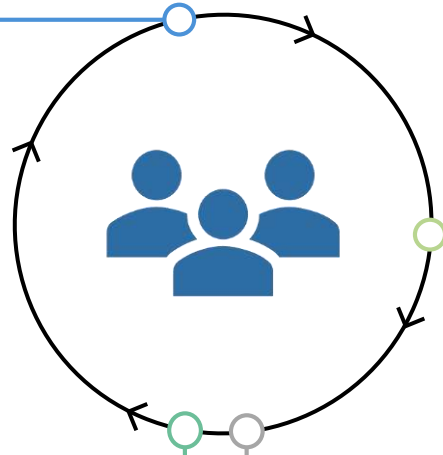
Roles and expectations for the review process

Party

- Cooperate in the BTR review process.
- Respond to questions of TER team and provide clarifying information.

Lead reviewers

- **Oversee the work of the TER team.**
- **Ensure that the TER are conducted in accordance with the MPGs**.
- **Ensure the quality and objectivity** of the TER and provide for the continuity, consistency across Parties and timeliness of the TER.
- Communicate, monitor, coordinate review and preparation of TER report.
- **Give priority to issues raised in previous TER reports**.
- **Provide technical advice** to the members of the TER team.



Experts

- Review the reported information in accordance with the MPGs.
- Identify Areas of Improvement and Capacity-Building Needs.
- Develop the Technical Expert Review Report.
- Participate in the review week and engage with experts.

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- Organize TER team.
- Facilitate communication.
- Compile and edit TER report.
- Facilitate annual Lead Reviewers meetings.

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Expectations from Parties in TER (Part1/3)

TER phases (pre-review week)	In-country	Centralized
Pre- Agree with the secretariat on the date of the review at least 14 weeks prior to that date	X	X
Pre- Agree on format, as applicable. If in-country, coordinate with the secretariat to identify city/venue, and review admin/logistics and agenda	X	-
Pre- Participate in the preparatory call with the secretariat	X	X
Pre- Coordinate internally to respond to any questions from TERT, from 4 weeks prior to the review week, to answer all questions within 2 weeks or for developing countries that need flexibility in light their capacities within 3 weeks, of the request	X	X

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Expectations from Parties in TER (Part2/3)

TER phases (during-review week)	In-country	Centralized
During- Present to TERT on thematic areas included in the BTR on day 1 of the review week	X	-
During- Participate in meetings with TERT	In-person	Remote
During- Continue to respond to questions from TERT	X	X
During- Consider recommendations or encouragements received and/or work with TERT to identify capacity-building needs	X	X

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Expectations from Parties in TER (Part3/3)

TER phase (post-review week)	In-country	Centralized
Post- Answer any remaining questions from the review week within 2 weeks of receipt or 3 weeks for developing countries	X	X
Post- Provide comments within 1 month or for developing countries that need flexibility in light their capacities, within 3 months, from the receipt of the draft report	X	X
Post- Coordinate with the technical expert review team and/or the secretariat to finalize the report, as needed	X	X
Post- Incorporate the findings from the technical expert review report into a plan to be addressed in a future BTR	X	X
Post- Participate in facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress	X	X

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2025 Plan for TER of BTR1

Year Batch	Parties reviewed	BTR cycle	BTR language	Review format	Review location	Review week dates
2025 Batch 1	Sweden	1	English	In-country	Stockholm	24–28 March 2025
	Slovakia	1	English	In-country	Bratislava	17–21 March 2025
	Türkiye	1	English	In-country	Ankara	3–7 March 2025
	Spain	1	Spanish	In-country	Madrid	24–28 Febraury 2025
	European Union	1	English	In-country	Brussels	17–21 February 2025
2024 Batch 1	Panama, incl. REDD+ TA	1	Spanish	In-country	Panama City	2–6 December 2024
	Guyana, incl. REDD+ TA	1	English	In-country	Georgetown	30 September–4 October 2024
	Andorra	1	Spanish	In-country	Andorra la Vella	13–17 May 2024

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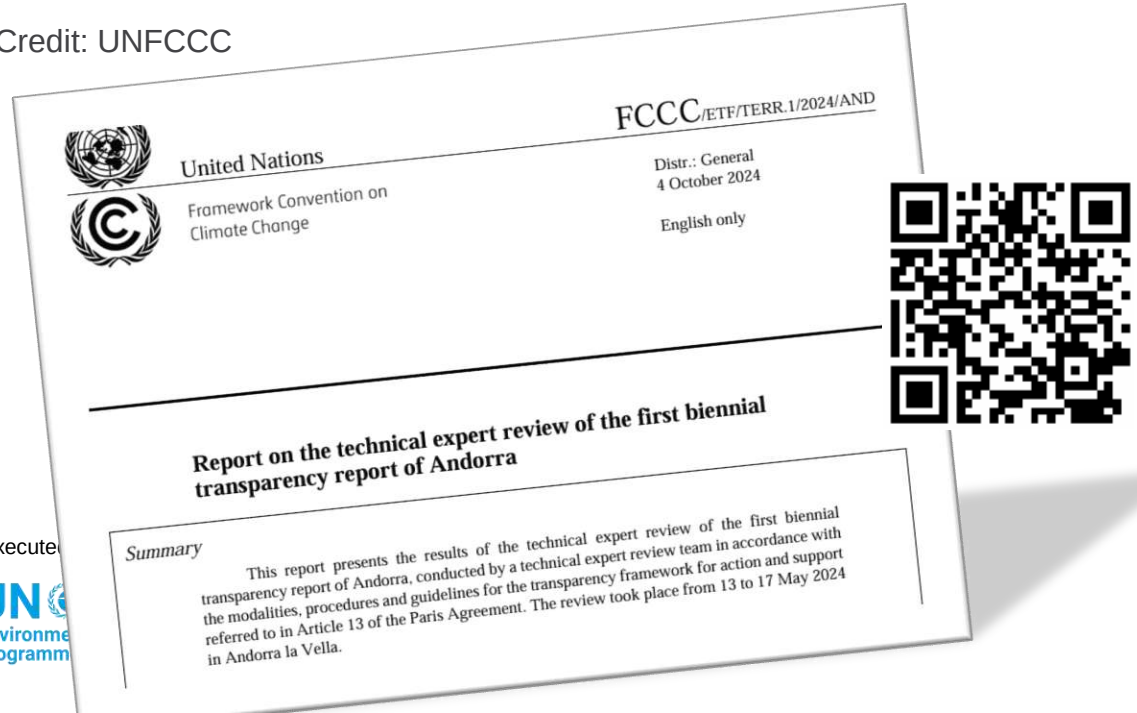
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Summary

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Update on the TER Teams engaged

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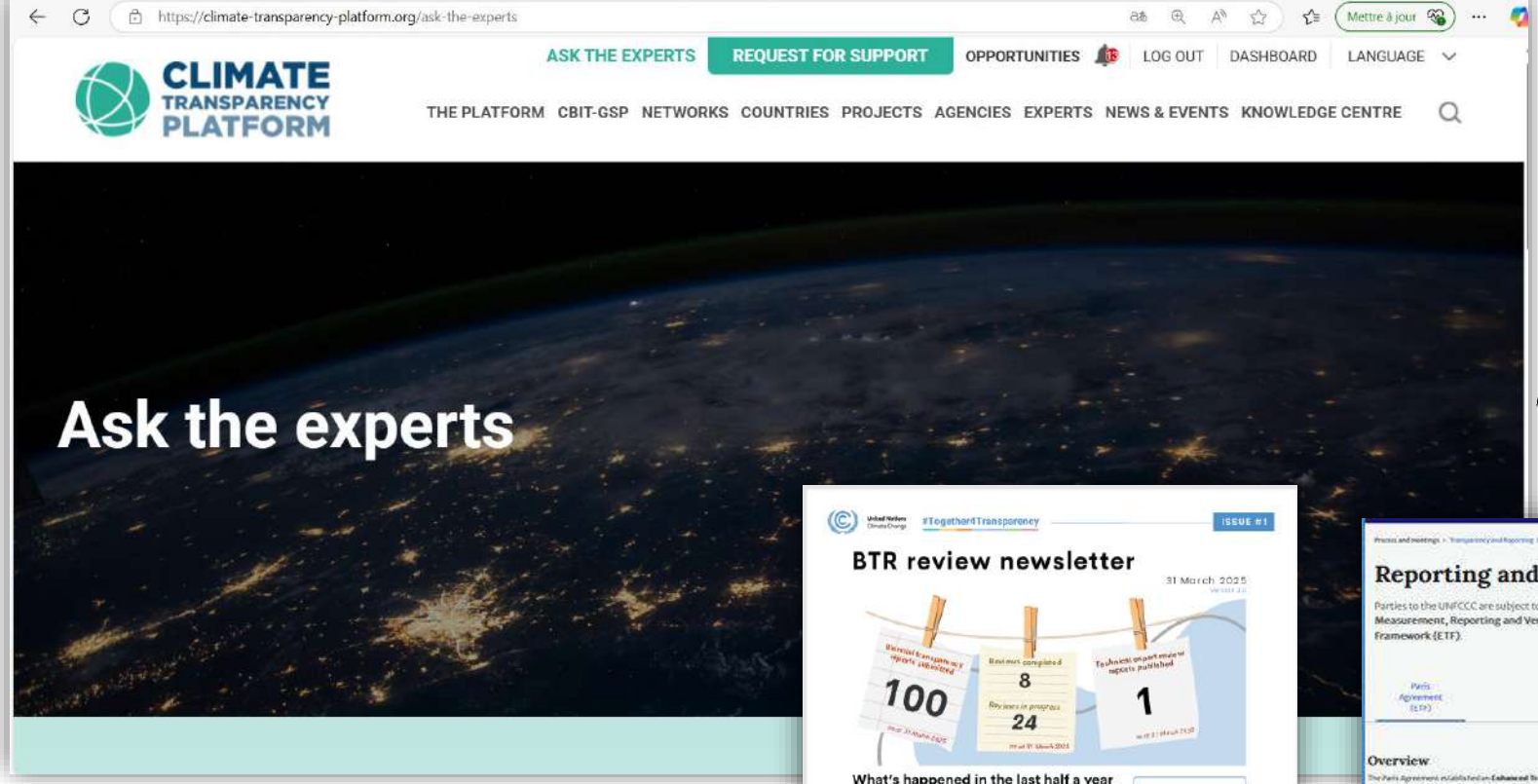

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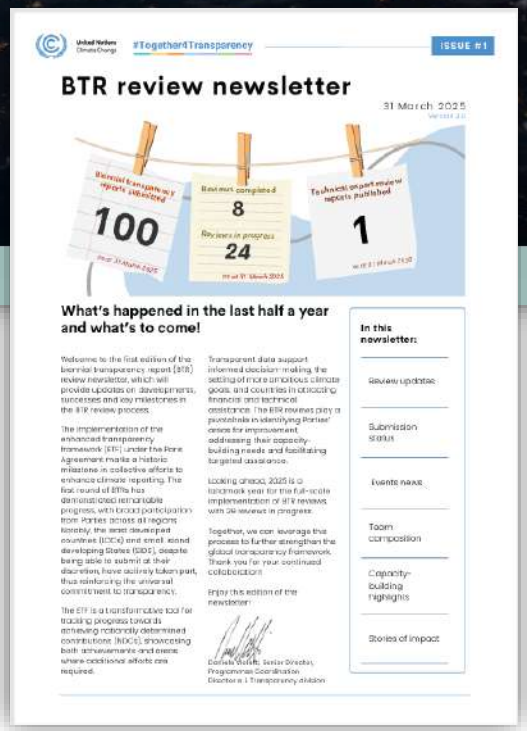

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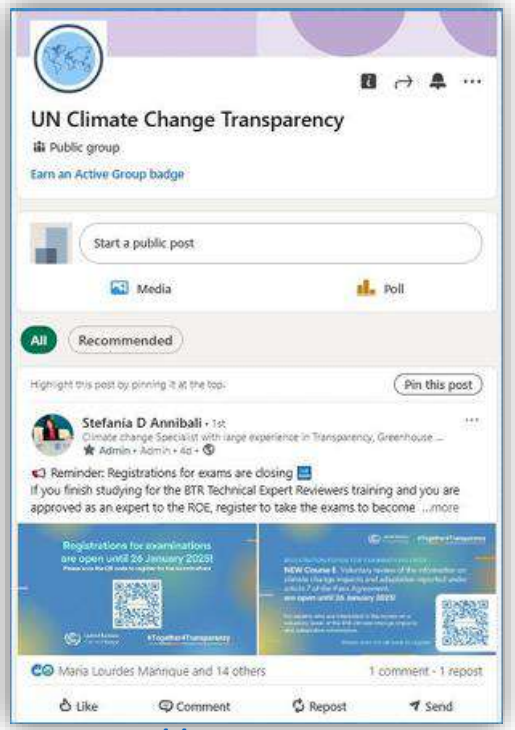

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