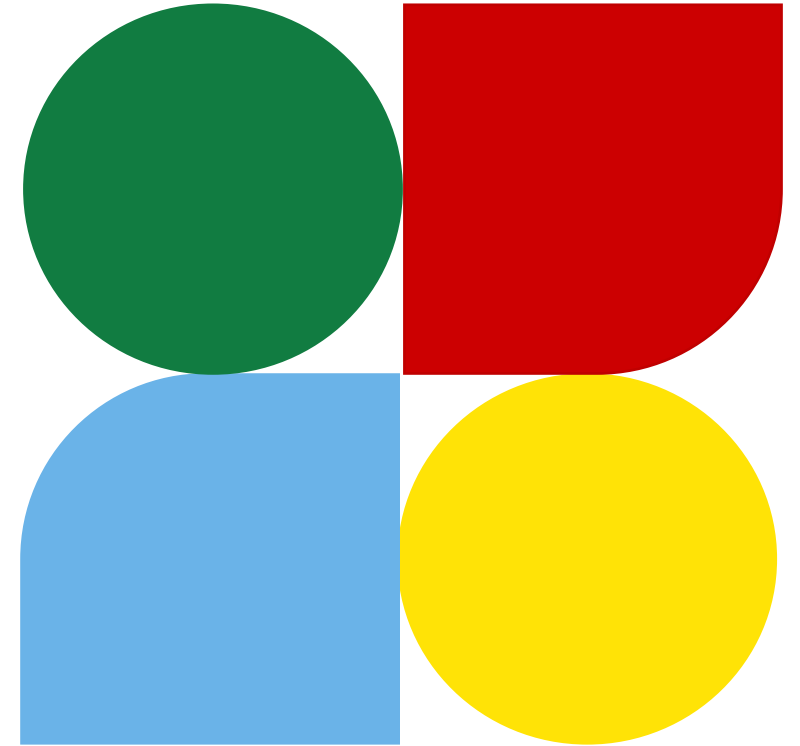


BTR Status, Submission and Challenges Mapping

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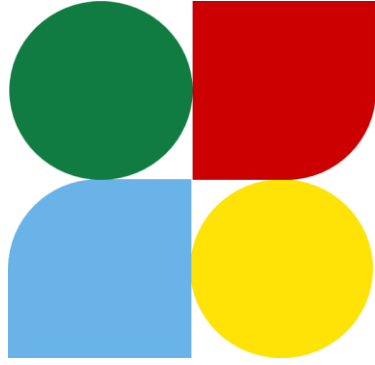
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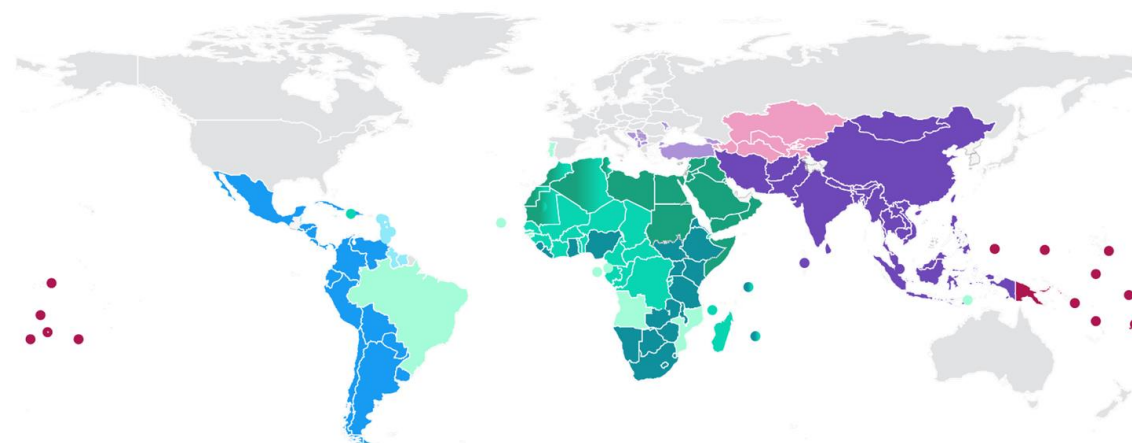
What this presentation will cover



- Short Summary of BTR submissions to the UNFCCC up to April 2025
- Breakdown of submissions by CBIT-GSP Transparency Networks
- Deep Dive into the Pacific Region
- Summary of countries who utilized CBIT-GSP QA checks reviews
- Overall lessons learned from the reports submitted to date

BTR Submissions Overview

- As of April 2025, 109 Parties under the Paris Agreement, including the EU's submission, have submitted their NID/BTR1 under the Enhanced Transparency Framework
- Submissions came from across developed and developing parties, and included submissions from some LDCs and SIDs
- Submission breakdown globally
 - *BTR report: 28 submissions*
 - *Standalone NID and BTR: 75 submissions*
 - *NID submission only: 6 submissions*



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Submission Breakdown

Developed Parties

43 countries,
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Holy See

Developing Parties

66 countries

Small Island Developing States

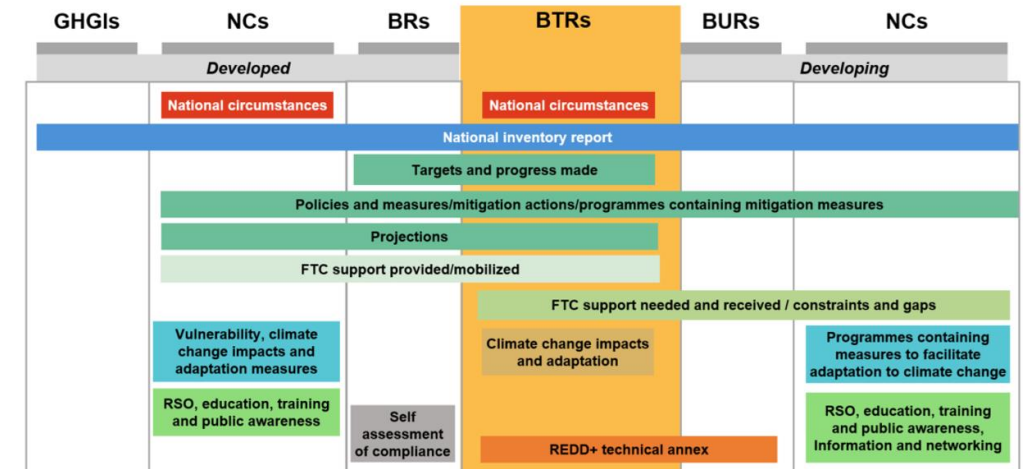
13 countries

Least Developed Countries

11 countries

EU Countries (incl. EU)

27 countries



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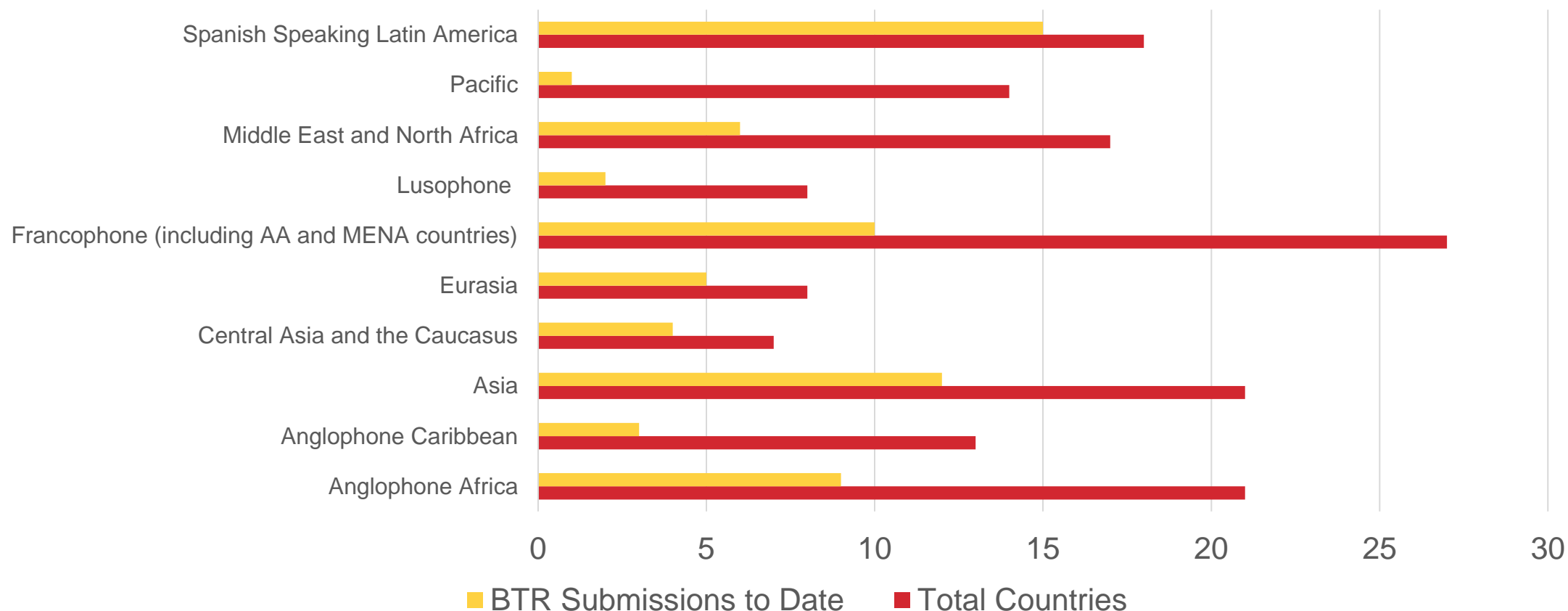
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BTR Submissions from CBIT-GSP Transparency Networks



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Pacific Region Deep Dive



Cook Islands

- *National Communications: 1999, 2012, 2020*
- *NDC Submissions: 1st NDC, 2016*

Country Projects	Agency	Status
BTR1/NC4	UNDP	Project Approved
Preparation of 2 nd National Communication to UNFCCC	UNDP	Concluded
Preparation of 3 rd National Communication to UNFCCC	UNEP	Concluded



Fiji

- *National Communications: 2006, 2014, 2020*
- *NDC Submissions:*
 - *1st NDC, 2016*
 - *2nd NDC/Update 2020*
- *NAP: 2016*
- *LT-LEDS: 2016*

Country Projects	Agency	Status
Strengthen capacity to ensure transparency of action implemented and support received to implement Fiji's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Low Emissions Development Strategy (LEDS)	UNEP	Project Approved
Preparation of the First Biennial Update Report to the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNEP	Project Approved
Preparation of the First Biennial Update Report to the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNEP	Under Implementation
Preparation of the Second National Communication (SNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNDP	Concluded
Preparation of the Third National Communication (TNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNEP	Concluded

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Kiribati

- *National Communications: 1999, 2013*
- *NDC Submissions:*
 - *1st NDC, 2016*
 - *2nd NDC/Update 2023*
- *NAP: 2020*

Country Projects	Agency	Status
Preparation of the First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) and Fourth National Communication to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNEP	Project Approved
Preparation of the First Biennial Update Report to the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNEP	Under Implementation
Preparation of the Second National Communication (SNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNDP	Concluded

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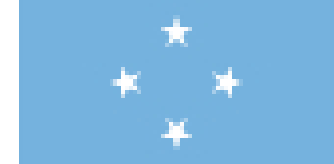


Kiribati

- **National Communications: 2000, 2015**
- **NDC Submissions:**
 - **1st NDC, 2016**
 - **Update, 2018**
 - **2nd NDC, 2020**
- **LT-LEDS: 2020**

Country Projects	Agency	Status
Third National Communication and First Biennial Update Report	UNDP	Under Implementation
Preparation of the Second National Communication (SNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNDP	Concluded

Federated States of Micronesia



- *National Communications: 1997, 2015, 2023*
- *NDC Submissions:*
 - *1st NDC, 2016*
 - *Update/2nd NDC, 2022*

Country Projects	Agency	Status
Third National Communication and First Biennial Update Report	UNDP	Concluded
Preparation of 2 nd National Communication to UNFCCC	UNDP	Concluded



Nauru

- *National Communications: 1999, 2015*
- *NDC Submissions:*
 - *1st NDC, 2016*
 - *2nd NDC/Update, 2021*

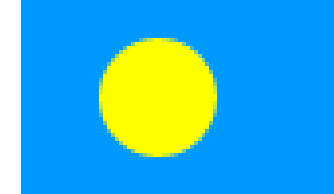
Country Projects	Agency	Status
Preparation of the First Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC	UNEP	Concluded
Preparation of the Second National Communication (SNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNDP	Concluded
Preparation of the Third National Communication (TNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNEP	Concluded



Niue

- **National Communications:**
2001, 2016
- **NDC Submissions:**
 - **1st NDC, 2016**

Country Projects	Agency	Status
Preparation of the First Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC	UNEP	Under Implementation
Enabling Activities for the Preparation of Initial National Communications Related to the UNFCCC	UNEP	Concluded
Preparation of the Second National Communication (SNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNDP	Concluded
Preparation of the Third National Communication (TNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNEP	Concluded



Palau

- **National Communications:**
2003, 2019
- **NDC Submissions:**
 - **1st NDC, 2016**

Country Projects	Agency	Status
Preparation of the First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1) and combined Second Biennial Transparency Report and Fourth National Communication (BTR2/NC4) of Palau under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNEP	Project Approved
Preparation of the Third National Communication (TNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNEP	Under Implementation
Republic of Palau Enabling Activity to Prepare its First National Communication and National Implementation Strategy in Response to its Obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	UNDP	Concluded
Preparation of the Second National Communication (SNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNDP	Concluded



Papua New Guinea

- *National Communications: 2002, 2015*
- *BUR: 2022, 2019*
- *NIR: 2002, 2015*
- *NDC Submissions:*
 - 1st NDC, 2016
 - Update/2nd NDC, 2020
- *NAP: 2023*

Country Projects	Agency	Status
Strengthening capacity in the agriculture and land-use sectors for enhanced transparency in implementation and monitoring of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement in Papua New Guinea	FAO	Under Implementation
Preparation of Papua New Guinea's Initial Biennial Update Report to UNFCCC and the Third National Communication Report to the UNFCCC	UNEP	Under Implementation
Climate Change Assistance Project	UNDP	Concluded
Preparation of the Second National Communication (SNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNDP	Concluded



Samoa

- *National Communications: 1999, 2010*
- *NDC Submissions:*
 - *1st NDC, 2016*
 - *2nd NDC/Update, 2021*

Country Projects	Agency	Status
Third National Communication and First Biennial Update Report	UNDP	Under Implementation
Preparation of the Second National Communication (SNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNDP	Concluded



Solomon Islands

- **National Communications:**
2004, 2017
- **NDC Submissions:**
 - 1st NDC, 2016
 - Update/2nd NDC, 2021

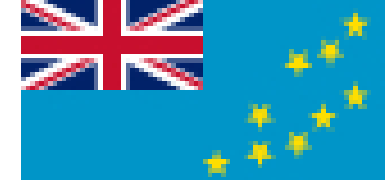
Country Projects	Agency	Status
Strengthening capacity in the agriculture and land-use as well as energy sectors in Solomon Islands for enhanced transparency in implementation and monitoring of Solomon Island's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)	FAO	Project Approved
Preparation of First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNEP	Project Approved
Preparation of the First Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC	UNEP	Under Implementation
Preparation of the Second National Communication (SNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNDP	Concluded
Preparation of the Third National Communication (TNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNEP	Concluded



- **National Communications:**
2005, 2012, 2020
- **NDC Submissions:**
 - *1st NDC, 2016*
 - *Update/2nd , 2020*
- **NAP: 2021**
- **LT-LEDs: 2021**

Tonga

Country Projects	Agency	Status
Fourth National Communication	UNDP	Project Approved
Enabling Activities to Prepare its First National Communication in Response to its Obligations under the UNFCCC	UNDP	Concluded
Preparation of the Second National Communication (SNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNDP	Concluded



Tuvalu

- *National Communications: 1999, 2018*
- *NDC Submissions:*
 - 1st NDC, 2016
 - Update/2nd NDC, 2022

Country Projects	Agency	Status
Umbrella Programme for the Preparation of Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNEP	Project Approved
Preparation of the Second National Communication (SNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNDP	Concluded
Preparation of the Third National Communication (TNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNDP	Concluded

- *National Communications: 1999, 2016, 2021*
- *BUR: 2021*
- ***BTR: 2025***
- *NDC Submissions:*
 - *1st NDC, 2016*
 - *2nd NDC/Update, 2021*
 - *2nd NDC, 2022*
- *LT-LEDs: 2023*

Vanuatu



Country Projects	Agency	Status
Strengthening capacity in the Energy, Agriculture, Forestry, and other Land-use Sectors for Enhanced Transparency in the Implementation and Monitoring of Vanuatu's Nationally Determined Contribution	FAO	Project Approved
Preparation of the First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) and Fourth National Communication to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNEP	Project Approved
Third National Communication and First Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC	UNDP	Concluded
Preparation of the Second National Communication (SNC) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	UNDP	Concluded

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CBIT-GSP QA Checks

CBIT-GSP Quality Check

The CBIT-GSP team has a dedicated team of experts to offer countries a preliminary quality check review of their draft BTR, and other national documents.

Through this process, countries can request for a specific document/single chapter/CRT/CTF tables to undergo a quality check against the requirement of the MPGs before they submit the documents to the UNFCCC

The CBIT-GSP team provide comments and recommendations for countries to help them better align their submissions to the MPGs

Summary Reviews breakdown...

As of early 2025, 32 countries requested support from the CBIT-GSP team in the form of these QA reviews.

Since 2023 however, over 88 reviews have been taken across 61 countries.

This has not just been for BTRs, but also BURs and NCs

MPC Provisions	Coverage	Included as text in the chapter or in CTF index/appendix	Comments
8. Description of a Party's nationally determined contribution under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement, including updates			
8.4. Each Party <i>shall</i> provide a description of its NDC under Article 4, against which progress will be tracked. The information provided <i>shall</i> include the following, as applicable, including any updates to information previously provided:		CTF Appendix	
a) Target(s) and description, including target type(s) (e.g. economy-wide absolute emission reduction, emission intensity reduction, emission reduction below a projected baseline, mitigation co-benefits of adaptation actions or economic diversification plans, policies and measures, and other);	Partial	CTF Appendix	Targets are reported but no description or additional information is given regarding some of them. For example, clarifications on the energy efficiency target are necessary, as it is not clear how efficiency is defined (i.e. which indicator), and to which sectors will this target be applied.
b) Target year(s) or period(s), and whether they are single-year or multi-year target(s);	Partial	CTF Appendix	Missing info if the target is a single-year or multi-year target
c) Reference point(s), level(s), baseline(s), base-year(s) or starting point(s), and their respective value(s);	No	CTF Appendix	Reference point needs to be quantified with real data of 2010 emissions and efficiency indicator
d) Time frame(s) and/or periods for implementation;	Yes	CTF Appendix	
e) Scope and coverage, including, as relevant, sectors, categories, activities, sources and sinks, pools and gases;	Partial	CTF Appendix	The party should specify these information for each single one of the 4 targets
f) Intention to use cooperative approaches that involve the use of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes under Article 6 towards NDCs under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement;	Yes	CTF Appendix	
g) Any updates or clarifications of previously reported information (e.g. recalculation of previously reported inventory data, or greater detail on methodologies or use of cooperative approaches);	NA	CTF Appendix	

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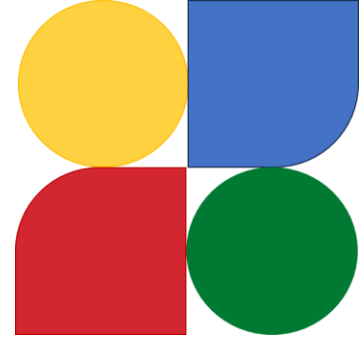
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BTR Lessons Learned from QA Checks



Cross-cutting

Incorrect and inconsistent use of flexibility provisions

Lack of clarity on where and how flexibility provisions have been used

Inconsistencies in use of Notation Keys

Format and layout of BTR

GHG Inventory

Tier 1 methodology utilized for Key Categories, without information on why Tier 2 was not used

Incorrect use of the flexibility provisions for the inventory time series

Inconsistencies with activity data and calculation methods

Recalculations

NDC Tracking

Inconsistencies in the selection of indicators for NDC tracking purposes, including a lack of relationship between indicators and NDC goals

Lack of reporting on projections (flexibility provisions used)

Lack of, or not relevant information reported on in CTF 5

Adaptation and FTC

Number of countries elected to use flexibility and are not yet reporting on adaptation and FTC chapters

Many countries lack the information on the implementation of adaptation actions

Lack of existing data to adequately track information for FTC CTFs

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BTR QA Lessons Learned Knowledge Product Series

*Knowledge Products on Lessons
Learned being developed...*

Cross-cutting elements

GHG Inventories

NDC Tracking

- Using the information gathered by the CBIT-GSP undertaking these reviews, a set of **knowledge products** which consolidates the lessons learned from the QA reviews, with a focus on **identifying systemic gaps** and assessing the capacity support required **to enhance future BTR submissions** has been developed.
- By highlighting recurring issues and showcasing best practices, this series aims to **contribute to improved reporting quality and greater transparency** under the Paris Agreement

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Summary

- Over **100 countries** have submitted their **BTR1** to the UNFCCC
- This included countries from developed and developing countries, as well as SIDs and LDCs
- **67 countries** from the 10 CBIT-GSP Transparency Networks have **submitted their BTRs**, with 9 from the Anglophone Africa Network
- **32 countries undertook QA reviews** from the CBIT-GSP
- Lessons learned will help inform and structure further support CBIT-GSP provide for countries across the transparency networks



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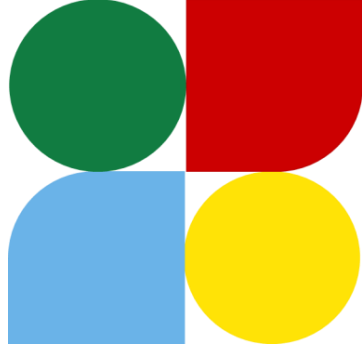
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BTR Development and Key Challenges Mapping

Key Challenges Mapping



Table

Within small groups, participants will discuss the key challenges they have faced in the development and preparation of their 1BTR, making notes using post-its and paper on tables



Group

Following tables discussions, the whole group will discuss the identified challenges and map these to certain categories



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