Second Capacity Building Hub @ COP25
Transparency Day // 5th December
Ready for the BTR?
– Implications of the Katowice Rulebook for Developing Countries:
Thursday, 05th December 2019, 8:45 – 10:00 am
Joint proposal for TERI, FAO, Ricardo and PATPA

Concept Note

Objectives:
- This session aims at supporting developing countries in assessing their institutional readiness and establishing systems in line with the requirements of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and preparing for the submission of Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) in 2024.
- It will provide opportunity for participants to discuss the needs, challenges and opportunities of a roadmap for the submission of the first BTR from now on until the end of 2024
- Countries will exchange lessons learned and good practices of transparency systems

Background:
The Paris Agreement Rulebook fleshed out a framework by adopting a detailed set of Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines (MPGs) for operationalising the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF). The MPGs details a framework that applies to all parties providing flexibility for developing countries who need it in light of their capacities. It defines the information that all countries will need to provide in the Biennial Transparency Report (BTR), and establishes an international process to review these reports. It also necessitates all countries to submit GHG inventories, provide information on the progress towards meeting their NDCs, finance required for climate action, amongst others. The first BTR is due on 31 December 2024. The new reporting requirements under the ETF supersede the existing requirements under the current MRV framework under the UNFCCC and entail some elements that are new to many developing countries implying the need for additional institutional and capacity needs going further. Countries can move towards these new requirements using incremental improvements. The optimal approach depends largely on national circumstances. Countries now have an unprecedented opportunity to discuss the available tools and processes for getting ready to comply with the new requirements under ETF.

Structure:
The session starts with two short presentations, addressing the key steps towards the Paris Agreements Enhanced Transparency Framework and supporting tools. The key element of the session is a panel discussion with developing countries at various stages of implementation of the current MRV framework and planning towards the ETF. The panelists will debate upon their institutional readiness and their planning for transitioning towards ETF and the associated opportunities and challenges in the process, including a discussion on the presented tools. The discussion will enable countries to exchange lessons learned and best practice.

Expected results/ outputs/ impacts:
- Participants understand key steps to be taken to plan the transition to the ETF
- Participants are aware of existing tools and support offers of FAO/GIZ-PATPA/Ricardo/TERI in establishing ETF-compliant transparency systems and preparing BTRs
- Participants are better equipped to face typical barriers in the planning and implementation of transparency systems based on the experience exchange with their peers. This would enable them to assess their institutional readiness in the run up to BTR.

Agenda:

Times	Activity
08:45-09:00	Presentation: From the current MRV Framework to the Enhanced Transparency Framework
09:00-09:15	Presentation: The BTR Process Guidance Tool
09:15-10:00	Panel Discussion: Getting ready for the ETF. Questions will include: • What are the main challenges (personnel, technology, finance, capacity-building, etc.) in your country for preparing the BTR? • What is your planning so far in order to progress towards the BTR over time and how do you intend to use the reporting structures already built under the current MRV system in doing so? Do you have a roadmap – do you consider it useful to have a roadmap? • Which flexibility options are you considering using for your first BTR? • Which opportunities and benefits of building a roadmap for submission of the first BTR in the time frame until 2024 do you see?