



National Communications: what to report, and when?

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Outline



- **Context**
- **Where do National Communications (NCs) fit in the overall reporting picture?**
- **How can current reporting gaps be filled?**
- **How can NCs be improved?**

Current MRR/MRV framework



Current focus on:

- ✓ **Annex I national GHG levels**
- ✓ **Qualitative reporting (Nat Coms)**
- ✓ **Annex I entity GHG levels**
- ✓ **CDM/JI project GHG reductions**

Guidelines allow for gaps in terms of:

- ✗ **NAI (and global) GHG levels**
- ✗ **NAI (and global) GHG pathway**
- ✗ **Effect of actions**
- ✗ **Support needs/flows**

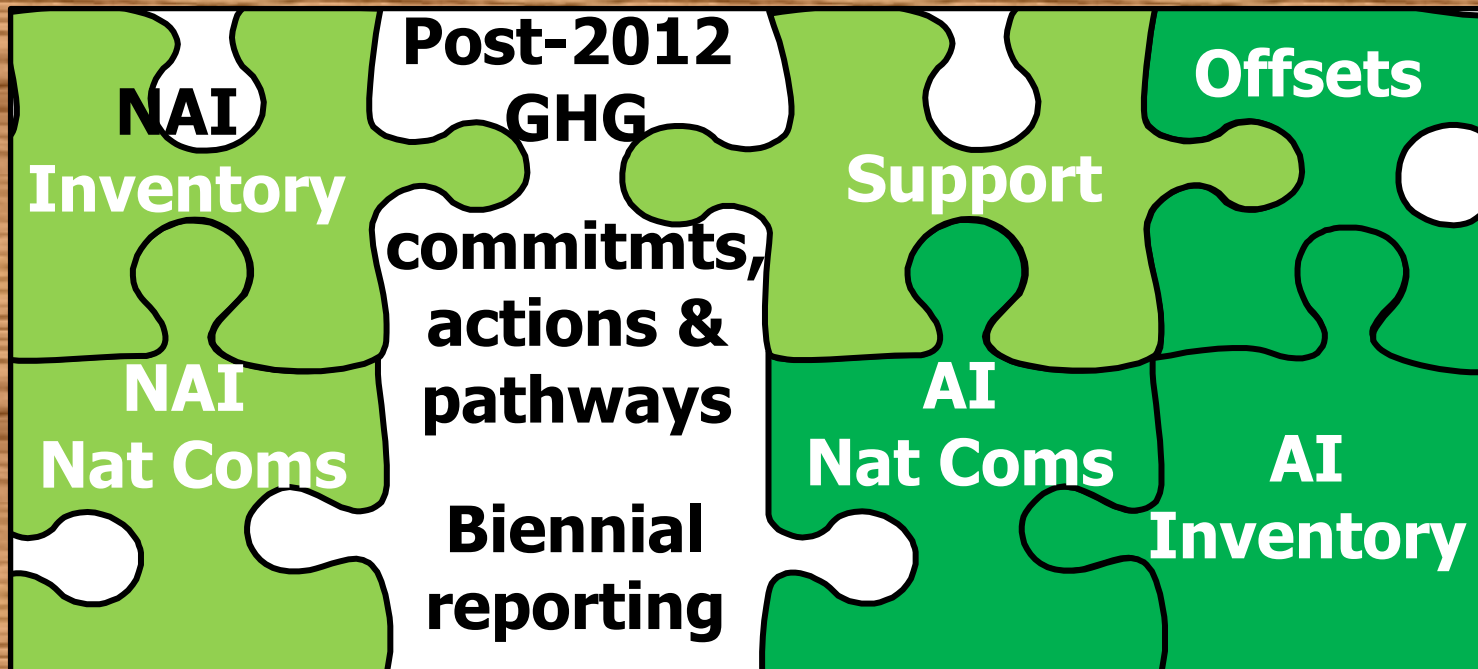
Current MRR/MRV framework (2)



- **Current MRR framework is “tiered”**
 - ◆ **Frequency** (AI NCs more frequent)
 - ◆ **Content** (AI requirements more complete, more stringent)
 - ◆ **Methods**
 - ◆ **Types of report** (NIR, SEF, NAPAs)
 - ◆ **Support** provision (NAI NCs are supported)
 - ◆ **Review** (NAI NCs not reviewed)

NatComs/biennial reporting fits into a larger reporting framework

MRV Reporting Framework



What do we need from NCs in future?



- **Fill the current gaps:**

- ◆ Post-2012 mitigation commitments, actions, goals ... and progress towards them
- ◆ Post-2012 emissions pathway

- **Enhance reporting in selected areas:**

- ◆ Support provided and received
- ◆ Adaptation policies
- ◆ Methodologies

- **More frequent reports** from non-Annex I

How often to report?



Frequent reporting (e.g. biennial) for parameters:

- ◆ **That can change significantly over 1-2y**
 - GHG emissions; support flows (provided/received)
- ◆ **Of particular interest to the international community**
 - Progress towards mitigation commitments/actions
- **Less frequent reporting (e.g. 4-6y) for**
 - ◆ **Slower-changing items** (e.g. national circumstances, vulnerability, RSO)

How to improve NCs?



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- **Greater focus** needed on key topics and issues
- **Greater links** needed between issues within report (e.g. inventory, mitigation measures)
- **Maintain flexibility** – particularly for NAI – in terms of what is reported for each topic and when
- **Increase standardisation** in terms of where and how information is reported: will improve transparency, consistency; facilitate reporting and review

Conclusions

- Considerable reporting experience already exists (AI and NAI) - we are not starting from scratch
- Current reporting guidelines (AI and NAI) outdated and need revising
- This is an opportunity to change emphasis and structure to encourage the preparation of focused, relevant, transparent and timely reports
- Standard reporting formats can facilitate this ... as well as review/ICA
- First step: agree aim and purpose of NCs/biennial reports; role in broader reporting picture

Thank you!

Climate Change Expert Group analyses on

-MRV

- Finance

- Markets

-... and more are available at

www.oecd.org/env/cc/ccxg

Issues to be reported biennially



Annex I

- Exec Sum
- GHG inventory info
- GHG projections
- Progress to mitigation commitments
- Update to mit. actions
- (update to adaptn actions)
- Support flows

Non-Annex I

- Exec Sum
- GHG inventory info
- (update to projections*)
- Progress to mit. goals*
- Update to mit. actions
- Update to adaptation actions
- Support requested/ received

*Flexible requirements depending on pledge type

Issues reported in full NCs



Annex I

As for biennial information+

- National Circumstances
- Mit. actions: policy context; priorities; key actions; M&E procedures
- Climate impacts + vuln.
- Adaptation actions
- RSO

Non-Annex I

As for biennial information +

- National Circumstances
- Projections*
- Mit. actions: policy context; priorities; key actions; MRV procedures
- Climate impacts + vuln.
- RSO

*Depending on pledge type