

International Assessment and Review: key questions and design options

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Outline of presentation

- Context
- Possible principles
- Options for design of IAR
 - ◆ Scope, inputs, frequency, outputs
 - ◆ Process
- Questions

Context



- Review structure already in place under UNFCCC and KP for Annex I countries' reports (National Communications, GHG inventories)
- There are differences in reports and review for UNFCCC and KP :
 - ◆ **Scope**, e.g. supplementary information on unit transfers, LULUCF categories included in KP
 - ◆ **Consequences**, e.g. inventory adjustments, access to market mechanisms

Context (2)



COP 16 decided i.a.:

- 'to enhance guidelines for **review** of information in national communications...'
- 'to establish a process for **international assessment** of emissions and removals related to quantitative economy-wide emission reduction targets'
- 'on a work programme ... for **international assessment and review** ... related to ... emission reduction targets ... including the role of land-use, land-use change and forestry, and carbon credits...'

IAR – possible principles



- Principles for IAR will shape its design – so important to agree on these
- Some principles already agreed to in Cancun:
 - ◆ rigorous, robust, transparent, promote comparability
- Other principles not explicitly mentioned may be desirable, e.g.
 - ◆ Facilitative, non-intrusive, respectful of national sovereignty, non-punitive

Scope



Review of NCs

National circumstances

IAR

GHG inventory review

GHG inventory information

Information on GHG units

Emissions projections

Mitigation actions

Support

Vulnerability

Adaptation actions

RSO

National circumstances

ICA

GHG inventory

Mitigation actions

Support received ...

... and needed

Emissions projections

GHG units

Vulnerability

Adaptation actions

RSO

Inputs and frequency



Possible inputs:

- ◆ NIR, inventory information
- ◆ *Unit transfers, LULUCF (KP AI)*
- ◆ Projections, mitigation actions, support (biennial reports)
- ◆ Other information (methods etc) from national communications
- ◆ Review reports
- ◆ Other (e.g. exchange with other Parties)

Process



Technical review

- Completeness check; timeliness check
- Assessment of transparency and accuracy
- Provisions to ensure rigorous and robust process
- Consistency check with respect to reporting guidelines

International assessment

- Comparability: technical element ('converter')
- Comparability: political element
- Questions of clarification to Party
- Response by Party

Further consideration of outputs

- 2013-15 review
- Finance and technology mechanisms
- Participation in current and new market mechanisms



Technical review

- Technical review report
- GHG inventory review report

International assessment

- Summary report
- Written proceedings of assessment

Summary



- Many open questions on IAR:
 - ◆ Scope, inputs, frequency, outputs, process, sequencing
- 3-stage IAR process possible:
 - ◆ Technical review (could build on existing UNFCCC reviews)
 - ◆ International assessment (new)
 - ◆ Further consideration of outputs (partially new)
- Review and assessment processes need to be resource-efficient and effective

Questions - IAR



- What are the underlying principles?
- What is an appropriate scope for IAR?
- How often is IAR carried out, and using which inputs?
- What is an appropriate process for IAR, and how can it be made most effective?
- What are the outputs from IAR?
- What is the relationship between IAR and existing reviews?
- What are the resource implications, and how can they be met?

Thank you!

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