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# Options on mitigation architecture for the 2015 agreement

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# Should there be international guidance for the submission of offers by Parties?

- Level 0: No guidance
- Level 1: Basic reporting guidance: list of a set of simple reporting requirements as currently used for 2020 targets.
- Level 2 = Level 1+: Basic reporting guidance plus additional reporting topics/factors, such as equity, emissions projections and costs.
- Level 3 = Level 2+: Detailed reporting guidance: detailed reporting about assumptions and methodologies and against criteria, where applicable.
- Level 4 - for some countries (criteria yet to be agreed): Guidance that prescribes target design = reporting obligations + prescription on how Parties carry out various aspects of the target design.

# To whom should guidance apply?

- Guidance applicable to all parties with national or sectoral target
- Different set of countries for different level of guidance
  - Use of a screen or triggers
- Expectations about who would follow what informally agreed (negotiating for a outside UNFCCC)

# How offers should be submitted

- For Level 1: Use the template, with modifications, and the supplemental reporting tables for the BRs adopted at COP 18.
- For Level 2: Use a revised template that includes the information required by Level 2.
- For Levels 3 and 4: Provide a supplemental report to provide the detailed information on the models and assumptions required of those levels.

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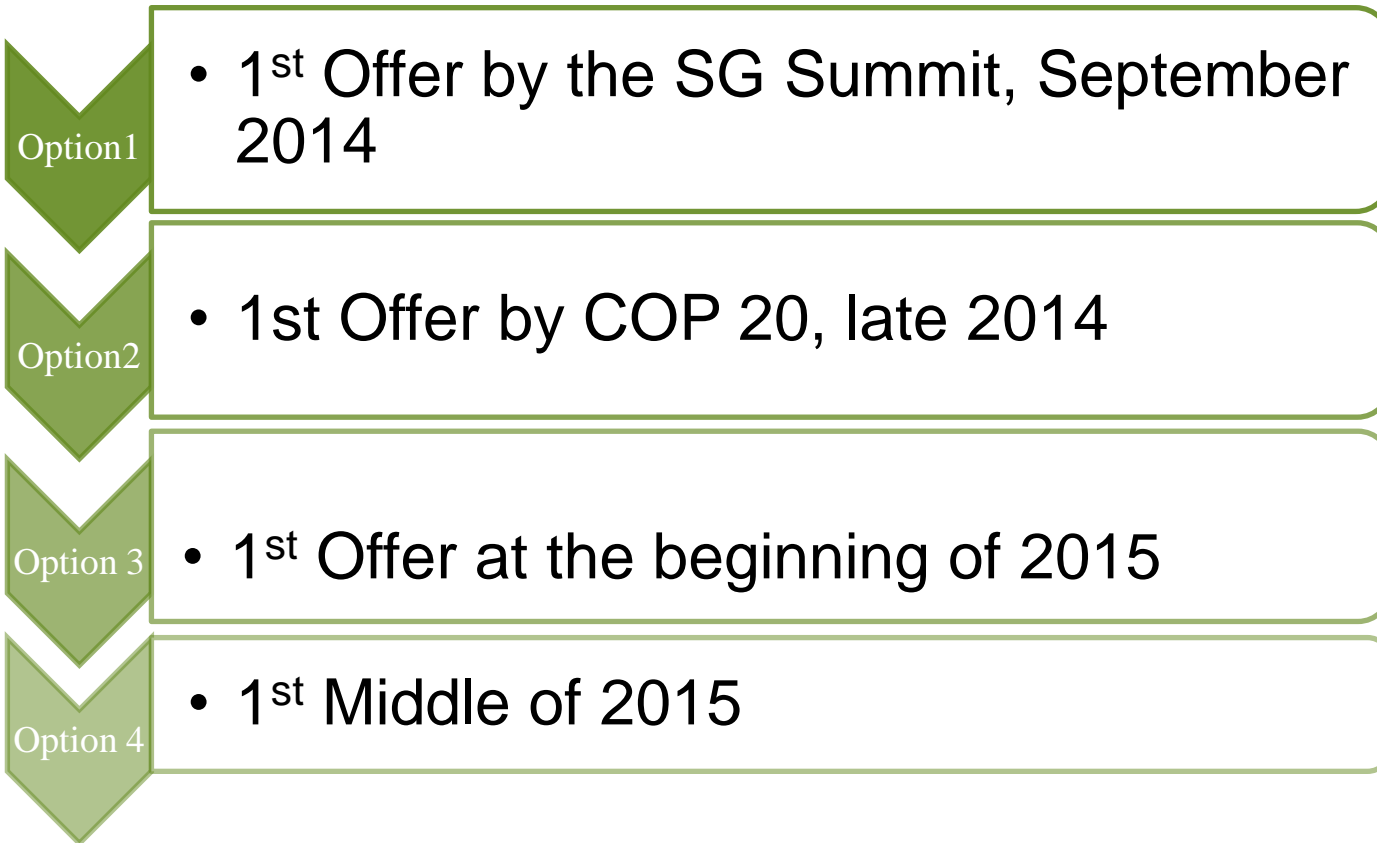
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# When offers should be submitted?



Trade offs: less guidance for 1<sup>st</sup> offer (building on what we've got) and more guidance for last offer by COP21?

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Process for reviewing the offer: Use existing tools or build new ones?

**Option 1**

As part of ICA/IAR perhaps enhancing the process to consider issues not originally in the mandate

**Option 2**

Extension of Process to clarify pledges

**Option 3**

Integrated into the 2013-2015 review

**Option 4**

New process: with use of criteria for assessment, comment periods

**4a:**

Use of electronic bulletin board that allows Parties and stakeholders to post comments and for a Party to respond

**4b:**

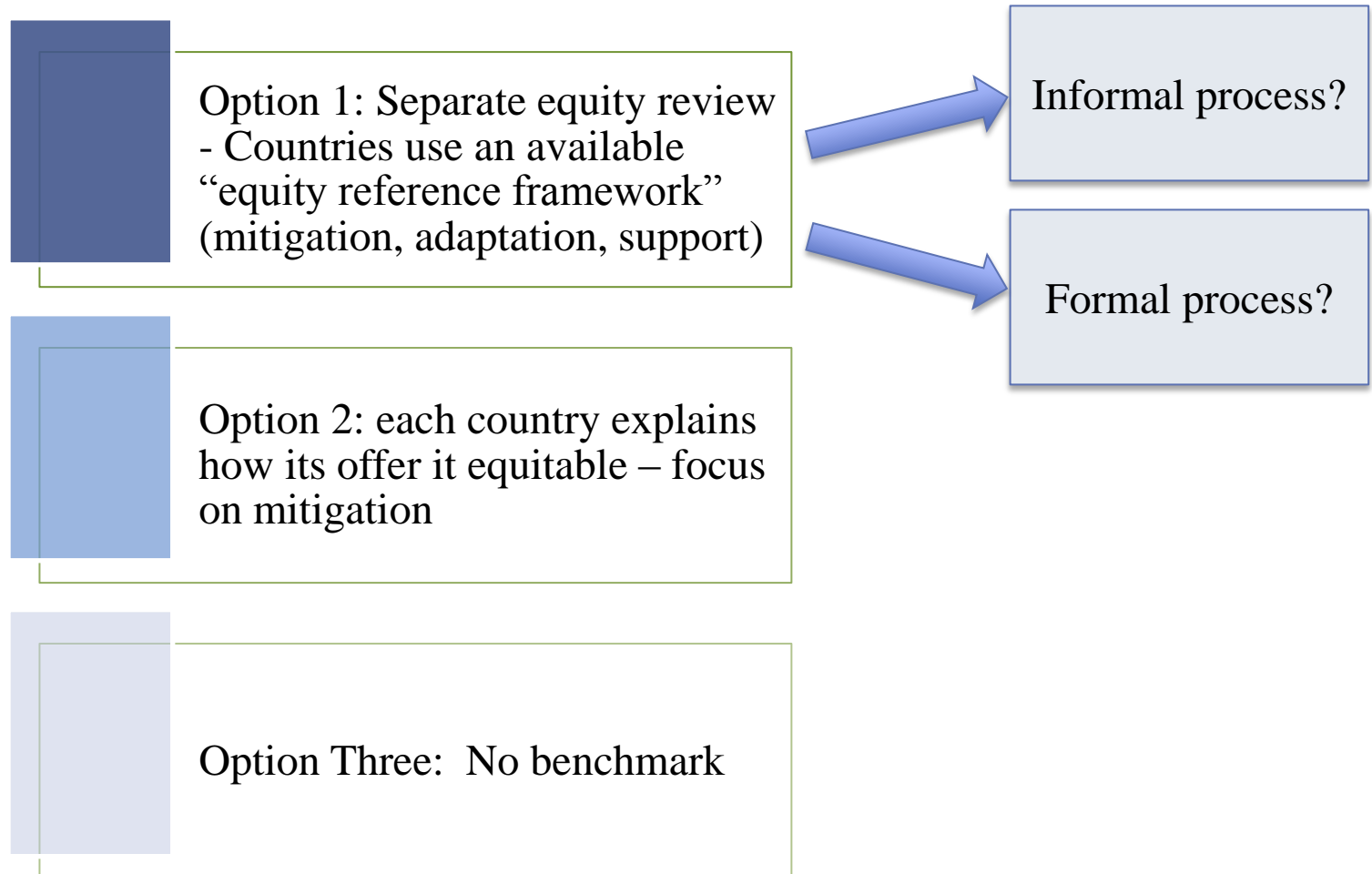
Supplemental review process recognized by the COP undertaken by independent "think tanks" meeting criteria

**4c:**

National meetings

Do all offers get reviewed, or a smaller number?

# How should equity be treated in the review process?



# Process for responding to comments and finalizing the offer

**Option One:** There is no formal requirement for a Party to respond to the comments – only internal/domestic assessment

**Option Two:** Parties must respond to **the review**, providing additional information, but are not required to re-submit the offer.

**Option Three:** Parties must respond to the review and re-submit an offer (which can be the same or different)

The Secretariat could be requested (possibly with the help of an international group of experts) to synthesize the information and provide an assessment of how close the pledges come to filling the gap in emission reductions needed to achieve a 2 degree or 1.5 degree target.

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# Ratchet up mechanism

- ***Through the review/verification process***
  - OPTION 1: Submission of pledges every 2 years through BR/BUR reviewed using IAR/ICA – every 2 years or every 4 years?
  - OPTION 2: Submission of pledges every 4 years through national communications also subject to review
  - OPTION 3 (Question Mark): New review process – What frequency? Every 2 years? Every 4 years? or every 5 years?
  - OPTION 4: No specific review –Submission on a continuous basis as driven by national circumstance (without other parties' approval), but no longer than every five years
- ***Other considerations:*** set up a floor of level of commitments? Include automatic changes of target
- ***Other processes***
  - *Support , technology, Capacity Building (result based)*
  - *Facilitative compliance*
  - *Other Incentives (Market, Trade measures, Co-benefits, Enhancing cooperation in other fora)*



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