



Tiers and transparency: Options for tiered reporting formats in biennial update reports

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Outline of presentation

- Use of reporting “tiers”
- Content of biennial update reports
- Conclusions
- Key questions

Context



- COP 16 confirmed future reporting will be:
 - ◆ More frequent
 - ◆ More comprehensive
 - ◆ Subject to IAR/ICA
- “Progress” with targets/goals to be explicitly reported
- More detailed, structured guidance helps:
 - ◆ Countries to identify what and how to report
 - ◆ Facilitate review/ICA

Why use tiers?



- Discussion document suggests “tiers” for reporting all topics in biennial update reports ...
- ... especially for developing countries, where variation in national circumstances is large
- Higher tiers could be more comprehensive, or reflect different national circumstances (e.g. pledge type)
- Allows flexibility, encourages improvements

Which aspects could be tiered?



- List of topics covered in biennial update report
 - ◆ e.g. projections provided for AI + other countries with national/sectoral pledges
- Coverage/transparency
 - ◆ e.g. time period for inventory data, information on assumptions
- Type of mitigation pledge (dvping countries)
 - ◆ e.g. individual, sectoral, national actions
- Metrics used for indicators of progress (dvping)
 - ◆ e.g. input, intermediate output, GHG

How much detail is needed in biennial update reports?



- Topics to be covered include most of those in national communications ... as well as national inventory reports ...
- ... so reports could be very lengthy
- Scope and detail of report impact:
 - ◆ Transparency, comprehensiveness, user-friendliness
 - ◆ Resources needed to prepare them
 - ◆ Resources needed for ICA/review



How do they relate to NCs?



Executive summary

National circumstances

GHG inventory information

Emissions projections (optional for developing)

Progress on mitigation

Mitigation actions

Climate change impacts and vulnerability

Adaptation actions

Support

Research and systematic observation

 = NCs only

 = NCs and update reports

Proposals



- “Biennial” is inaccurate: use “update” reports
- Include four main sections: inventory, “progress”, mitigation actions, support (+ projections for some countries)
- Focus on key information – more detail in NCs
- “Tiers” could help to structure reporting ... and maintain flexibility
- Paper proposes
 - ◆ detailed structure for update reports
 - ◆ minimum reporting requirements
 - ◆ reporting tables

Key questions



- What level of detail is needed in reports?
- How can report structure help ICA/review?
- What minimum standards are needed?
- How can “progress” be identified in absence of a pathway for the target/goal?
- What degree of transparency is needed for assumptions (e.g. projections, inventories, effects of measures)?
- How can complete and consistent reporting on climate finance be encouraged?
- What can be agreed by COP 17?