

Work programme on the revision of the guidelines for the review of biennial reports and national communications, including national inventory reviews, for developed country Parties

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Background

The SBSTA invited Parties, in accordance with the work programme, to submit to the secretariat, by 15 July 2014, further views and suggestions for textual modifications on specific paragraphs of the revised UNFCCC Annex I inventory review guidelines.

The Government of Brazil welcomes the opportunity to provide its views on the development of the revised UNFCCC Annex I inventory review guidelines.

Brazil believes that the revision of the guidelines should aim at the improvement of the review process, increasing its efficiency without jeopardizing the quality of the reviews.

Overarching issues:

Frequency of the reviews

The frequency of the reviews of the inventory submissions should remain annual.

Scoping of reviews

The scoping of the review should be the same every year.

The scoping and timing of the review should be essentially the same regardless of the format of the review (desk, centralized or in-country).

Format of the reviews

It is well recognized that desk review format is the most challenging to ensure the quality of the reports and their timeliness while the in-country format provide the best opportunity for a thorough examination of the inventory submission together with the Party under review experts.

In this sense, the use of desk reviews should be restrained and the in-country reviews frequency increased. On the other hand, in-country reviews imply more resources, while the use of desk reviews reduces the expenses of the UNFCCC with experts travel.

Even with the recent improvements of the tools provided by the Secretariat and the increased experience of the review experts the difficulties of the desk reviews remain, mainly due to the low availability of the review experts during the review period.

Given these facts, Brazil proposes that a Party submission be reviewed through an in-country visit at least once every four years and through a desk review at most once every three years. Only experienced experts should participate in desk reviews and the Secretariat shall ensure that desk reviews will have enough resources available to support the ERTs, ensuring the quality of the reports and ensuring that deadlines will be met.

In Annex: Annotated text of the review guidelines.