

Flexibility and capacity building towards enhanced transparency under the Paris agreement

the 2017 APR's Knowledge Product

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THE KNOWLEDGE PRODUCT

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- It does not attempt to reflect those discussions
- It does not aim at conveying any agreement among participants

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THE INSPIRATION FOR THE KP FROM THE 2017 APR

Flexibility is not a blanket

Flexibility is linked to capacity

Flexibility is self determined

Flexibility should not constitute a disincentive for improvement

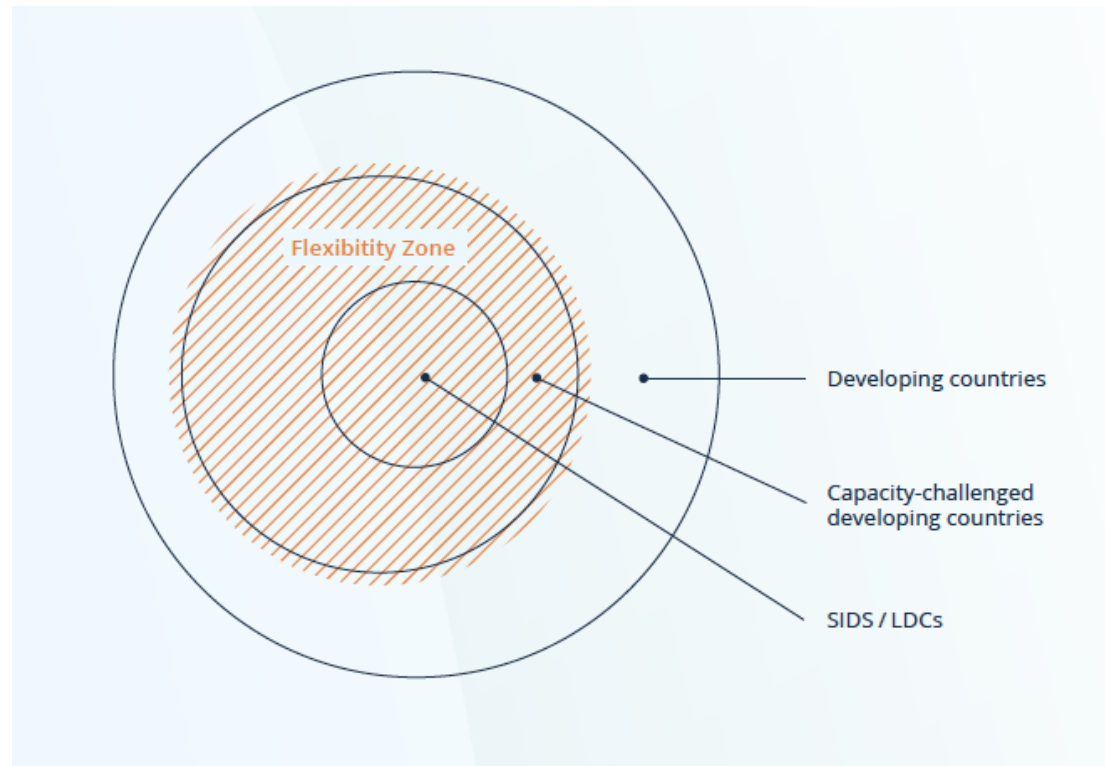
FLEXIBILITY IS NOT A BLANKET

The Flexibility Zone

Applicability of flexibility

Operationalization of flexibility

Flexibility is not a blanket – The flexibility Zone



Flexibility is not a blanket – Applicability

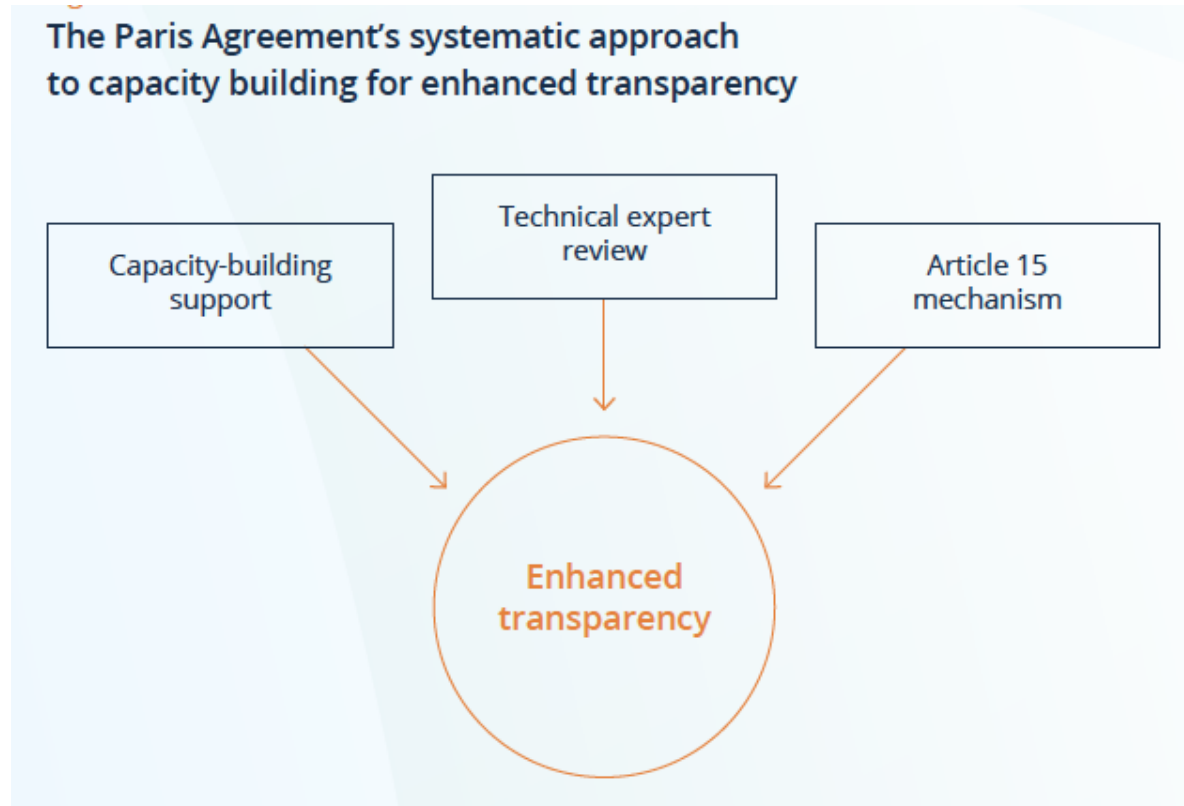
- Blanket or not
 - Applicable to all provisions or only to those affected by capacity constraints?
- Finite or unlimited flexibility options for a given requirement
 - The impacts of unlimited flexibility on comparability (and improvement)
- Linked and delinked flexibility options
 - E.g. flexibility on scope of reporting impacts flexibility on scope of TER

Flexibility is not a blanket – Operationalization

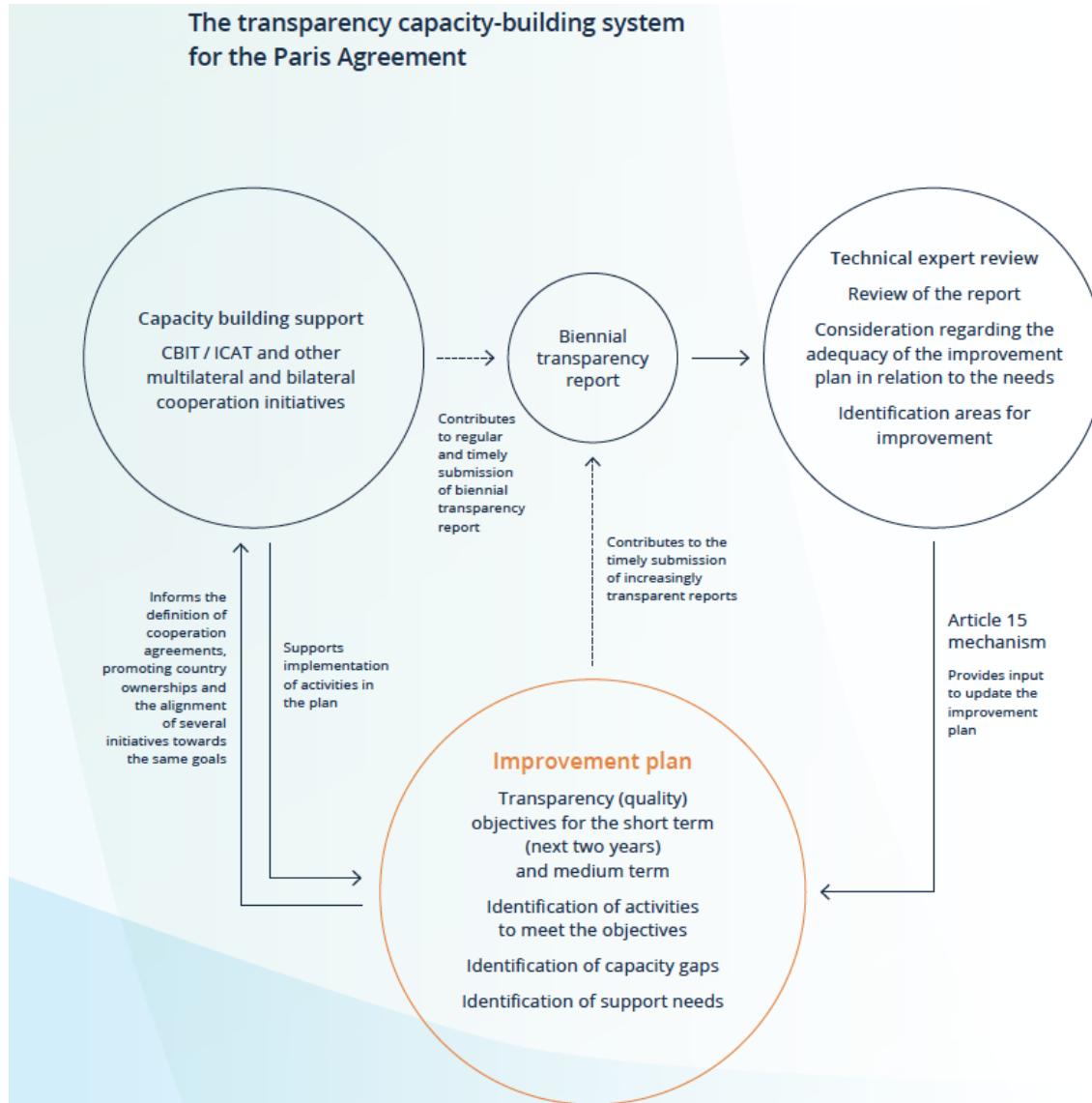
- Optional manner
 - Similar to current bifurcated approach
- Decision tree analysis
 - Applicability of flexibility decided through a series of pre-determined questions
- Opt-in / Opt-out basis
 - Linking flexibility with capacity and support
- Individual provisions
 - Each provisions with defined flexibility
- Embedded within elements of MPGs
 - Tier-like approach to flexibility
- Differentiation
 - Developed / developing
- Rationale based
 - Option for flexibility clearly explained by the Party.

(Prasad, Ganesan and Gupta)

FLEXIBILITY, CAPACITY BUILDING AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT



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IN CONCLUSION

- **The Transparency Capacity Building system aims at:**
 - Allow for the accountability and recognition of efforts by all countries, taking into account the respective capacity
 - Continuously improving transparency and reducing the flexibility requirements by Parties, through national efforts and capacity building support
 - Shrinking of the flexibility zone




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