



Peer-to-peer exchange on BURs

Background of the regional working group

The **International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV** considers itself to be a knowledge broker between the international climate negotiations and national action on climate change. The overall aim of the Partnership is to support a practical exchange on mitigation-related activities and MRV between developing and developed countries in order to help close the global ambition gap. In order to generate added value not only at global level for the negotiations but also from the negotiations for practical implementation at regional, national and sub-national level, the Partnership seeks to work with various partners in regional groups.

Hence, recent Partnership activities in the African region embarked on vivid regional cooperation and peer-to-peer activities on MRV systems. The starting point was a workshop held in South Africa in May 2013 at the invitation of the Government of South Africa, where policy-makers from eight African countries (Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Tunisia, South Africa, Zambia) discussed respective strengths and challenges in their national reporting systems and shared their experiences within the regional group.

Rationale

Biennial Update Reports (BUR) are considered as one of the central pieces of the global mitigation architecture and the upcoming 2015 agreement because they improve transparency through tracking mitigation progress and thereby reinforce ambition at a global level. In addition, BURs and the required national MRV system are supposed to enhance transparency and increase ambition at national level by providing the information basis for planning and implementing mitigation action. The first BURs should be submitted to the UNFCCC in December 2014.

Given this setting, the International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV, in cooperation with Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana, will organize the second meeting of the African Regional Group. The focus of the workshop will be on BURs and the required national system. Both countries, Ghana and South Africa, are highly involved in Partnership activities. Both countries are currently in the preparation process of their first national Biennial Update Report. This workshop will provide the opportunity to share their national experiences in an expert forum with the possibilities for other countries to draw from the lessons learnt.



Objective of the second regional workshop

The aim of the planned regional workshop is to exchange the experience of the BUR preparation process, the latest MRV system developments, and related institutional arrangements among the African region.

Format and Participants

The workshop is designed for up to 30 participants of the ECOWAS and SADC region, including policy makers, climate change practitioners and climate change experts from the regional group of the International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV, namely: Angola, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

In addition to the experience exchange of the country representatives, input of international experts and hands-on exercises support the understanding of the BUR guidelines, the development of a check list for the preparation of BURs and the adaptation of the developed BUR template. This template has been developed on the basis of expertise from the Information Matters project and will be tailored to the specific regional needs during the workshop.

Time and location

3-days workshop in Berlin (Germany), October 15 – 17

Location of the Workshop: Kalkscheune, Johannisstraße 2, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Project involved, funding and logistics

Host: International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV, Environmental Protection Agency (Ghana)

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AGENDA

1st Day

TIME	SUBJECT	SPEAKER
Introduction and global context		
08:30 - 08:45	Registration	
08:45 - 09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Notes Presentation of Agenda Presentation of Participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMUB Environment Protection Agency Ghana <p>Mr. Nathaniel Mjema, Facilitator</p>
09:45 - 10:45	Why do we need to MRV? Why BURs? Q+A	<p>Ms. Maude Veyret-Picot, UNDP Ms. Suzanne Lekoyiet, UNEP</p>
Where do we stand in the process of preparing BURs and what are the challenges?		
Discussion and Experience Sharing of the ongoing BUR preparation process and lessons learnt		
10:45 - 12:00	Break Out Group Discussion: <u>Stock Taking:</u> Where does each country stand? What activities have already been undertaken with regards to BURs? What instruments/support/capacity training do we need? <i>Coffee on the side</i>	
12:00 - 12:30	Presentation of the results to the plenary and Plenary Discussion how to address these topics	
12:30 - 13:15	Lunch	
13:15 - 13:45	Presentation of the BUR template and the idea of the development of the BUR check list during the workshop Q+A	Ms. Kirsten Orschulok, GIZ Project Information Matters



13:45 - 14:30	Sharing Africa Experience Q+A	Nigeria and/or Namibia
14:30 - 15:30	Break Out Group Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BUR Template –is it helpful for the preparation of the BUR? Which points should the checklist cover to support BUR preparation? 	
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 - 16:30	Plenary Discussion: Result presentation of the above break out group discussions	
16:30 - 17:00	Wrap-up and closing	
19:00	Dinner	Restaurant Oranium

2nd Day

TIME	SUBJECT	SPEAKER
Reporting and Update of GHG Inventory MRV of Emission		
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome to 2nd day, review and introduction of the topics	Mr. Nathaniel Mjema
09:15 - 10:15	Sharing Africa Experience on GHG Inventory and MRV of Emissions	Ghana: Representative of EPA, Ghana and South Africa: Mr. Jongikhaya Witi, DEA,
10:15 - 11:00	Break Out Group Discussion: How to prepare the national GHG Inventory on a regular basis? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possibilities and Barriers, with regards to capacity, data quality and availability, timelines, etc. Lessons learnt Report to the Plenary	
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee break	



11:15 - 12:00	Plenary Discussion on peer-to-peer review of national GHG Inventories <ul style="list-style-type: none">Expert exchange on QA/QC in the region on the whole report as well as on planning processes, lessons learnt, etc.Which topics have to be included in the checklist and the BUR template (if appropriate)	
12:00-13:00	Lunch	
Reporting of Mitigation Actions MRV of NAMAs/mitigation actions as part of the BUR		
13:00 - 13:45	Experiences with Accounting mitigation goal standard <ul style="list-style-type: none">Presentation on this World Resources Institute tool Q+A	Ms. Marion Vieweg, Current Future
13:45 - 14:15	Sharing African Experience on mitigation actions and their reporting	Egypt and/or Zambia
14:15 - 15:15	Break Out Group Discussion: Integration of NAMAs into national MRV framework: How to link reporting on emission reduction and inventories in a BUR? What are related capacity building needs? What are success factors for MRV within NAMA implementation?	
15:15 - 16:00	Plenary Discussion based on the session on the integration of NAMAs into national MRV frameworks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Input for the BUR check list and BUR template With coffee on the side	
16:00 - 16:15	Wrap-up of the day	Mr. Nathaniel Mjema
16:15 - 19:00	City Tour Berlin incl. Dinner at Klärchens Ballhaus	

3rd Day

TIME	SUBJECT	SPEAKER
Reporting of Climate Finance MRV of Support		
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome to 2nd day, review and introduction of the topics	Mr. Nathaniel Mjema



09:15 - 10:00	Overview of GEF funded projects BUR/NC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring system Criteria for Application Guidelines Q+A 	Ms. Suzanne Lekoyiet, UNEP
10:00 - 10:30	Sharing Africa Experience: MRV of Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How is the coordination of national and international support organized? Is there an established reporting process (data flow) and institutional arrangements agreed on? Q+A	Kenya
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45 - 11:30	Break Out Group Discussion: Assistance for tracking support with the relation to the BUR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Template available: helpful? Should the checklist reflect this topic? If so, how? Examples from the draft BURs How to get the required information for the BUR? Reporting back to the plenary	
11:30 - 12:00	Open Discussion on MRV of Support and Tracking Climate Finance Plenary Discussion on the input for the BUR check list and BUR template	Mr. Nathaniel Mjema
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	
National Systems for BURs Institutional Arrangement of national MRV systems		
13:00 - 14:00	Break Out Group Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of responsible institution(s) and coordination Existing resources and how to improve them? Technical, capacity and financial requirements for the regular reporting 	
14:00 - 14:30	Report to the Plenary and discussion	
Next steps		
14:30 - 15:30	Outlook, agreement on next steps and ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In each country? 	Representative of EPA and Mr. Nathaniel Mjema



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the regional collaboration? • Which needs require support, which needs may be addressed by each country individually? • Appropriateness of levels of ambition? • Feedback on international negotiations? 	
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 - 16:45	African Regional Group of the International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV – objective and opportunities for supporting capacity building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the African Regional Group support individual and/or regional needs with regards to the topics of BUR, GHG inventories, institutional arrangements? • May the African Regional Group provide possible capacity development activities or knowledge sharing platforms? 	Mr. Sven Egbers, International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV and representative of South Africa
16:45 - 17:15	Wrap-up and closing	BMUB EPA, Ghana
19:00	Dinner	Restaurant Alpenstück

