



# BTR review newsletter

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## What's happened in the last half a year and what's to come!

Welcome to the first edition of the biennial transparency report (BTR) review newsletter, which will provide updates on developments, successes and key milestones in the BTR review process.

The implementation of the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement marks a historic milestone in collective efforts to enhance climate reporting. The first round of BTRs has demonstrated remarkable progress, with broad participation from Parties across all regions. Notably, the least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), despite being able to submit at their discretion, have actively taken part, thus reinforcing the universal commitment to transparency.

The ETF is a transformative tool for tracking progress towards achieving nationally determined contributions (NDCs), showcasing both achievements and areas where additional efforts are required.

Transparent data support informed decision-making, the setting of more ambitious climate goals, and countries in attracting financial and technical assistance. The BTR reviews play a pivotal role in identifying Parties' areas for improvement, addressing their capacity-building needs and facilitating targeted assistance.

Looking ahead, 2025 is a landmark year for the full-scale implementation of BTR reviews, with 29 reviews in progress.

Together, we can leverage this process to further strengthen the global transparency framework. Thank you for your continued collaboration!

Enjoy this edition of the newsletter!

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## Review updates

The first batch of reviews in 2024 was successfully completed, with the participation of Andorra, Guyana and Panama.

The first batch of reviews in 2025 has officially commenced, featuring 9 Parties: European Union, Kazakhstan, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Türkiye. As for the previous batch in 2024, all the reviews are being conducted in in-country format.

The second batch of reviews is expected to take place from April to May, featuring 20 Parties. The third batch of reviews is expected to take place from September to October, for which planning is under way.

We would like to express our gratitude to all Parties, lead reviewers and technical experts that have continued to collaborate with us. Your generosity and dedication have allowed us to keep the reviews running smoothly and effectively.



## Submission status

As at 31 March 2025, 88 Parties had submitted BTRs by 31 December 2024, with an additional 12 Parties submitting in early 2025, bringing the total to 100.

The Western European and other States account for 26 of the submissions, followed by Africa with 19, Asia and the Pacific with 21, Latin America and the Caribbean with 19, and Eastern Europe with 15.\* Holy See also submitted a BTR.

Developing countries submitted 66 BTRs, including 15 from SIDS and LDCs. Developed countries accounted for 34 BTRs.



## Event news

To facilitate adequate preparation, please be informed of the following upcoming events related to the BTR review process:

- Batch 2 reviews: April–May 2025
- Batch 3 reviews (tentatively planned): September–October 2025
- BTR lead reviewers' meeting: 22–23 September 2025

\* Türkiye's BTR is accounted for under both Asia-Pacific and Western European and other States.

## Team composition

As at 31 March 2025, the secretariat has composed 32 teams of technical experts and, to the extent possible, fulfilled all the criteria outlined in paragraphs 175–182 of [decision 18/CMA.1](#).

The secretariat's ability to meet the mandated criteria for team composition is hindered by the increasing number of experts from developed countries declining to participate owing to limited funding.



224 PARTICIPATING EXPERTS

32 TECHNICAL TEAMS COMPOSED

32 PARTIES ALREADY OR BEING REVIEWED

as at 31 March 2025



## Capacity-building highlights



Andorra, Guyana and Panama share key capacity-building needs, focused on improving data collection and institutional arrangements and using higher-tier methodology for greenhouse gas inventory reporting. They prioritized their needs for better uncertainty assessment, historical data consistency and improved quality assurance/quality control procedures to ensure reliable emission estimates.

Another common priority is enhancing projections and modelling to enable them to track progress towards their NDCs.

Each Party is seeking to develop methodologies for estimating future emissions, assessing mitigation measures and integrating consideration of policy impacts into long-term climate strategies.

## Useful links

- [Submitted BTRIs and technical expert review reports](#)
- [Reviews conducted to date](#)
- [Training programme for BTR technical expert reviewers](#)
- [ETF reporting tools help page](#)
- [Transparency calendar](#)
- [REDD+ newsletter](#)





## Stories of impact: how Guyana's in-country review has strengthened its national climate plans

Guyana, the first SIDS to undergo an in-country review of its BTR1, hosted the review in Georgetown from 30 September to 4 October 2024.

The review emphasized the advantages of implementing the ETF, which is crucial for governments to develop stronger national climate policies, monitor the implementation of Paris Agreement commitments and unlock support.

A significant outcome of the review of Guyana's BTR1 was the refinement of its climate indicators, which will bolster the Party's upcoming NDC.

Given the importance of the forestry and energy sectors to Guyana's development, the enhanced indicators are better aligned with national priorities.

This alignment ensures that Guyana's future BTRs will be more relevant to its NDC and consistent with the guidelines for reporting under the ETF. The review included a technical analysis of Guyana's efforts towards reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, conservation of forest carbon stocks, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (REDD+).

Guyana's experience demonstrates the tangible benefits of the in-country review process for strengthening climate action. Areas for capacity-building were identified, allowing Guyana to build on past efforts, such as its forest reference emission level and REDD+ initiatives. The review served as a platform for continuous learning and mutual support, thus ensuring transparency of and building trust in climate reporting.

*Thank you for reading!*

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