



## Workshop on Biennial Update Report (BUR) (Virtual)

### Agenda

February 9-11, 2021

#### Background

The Global Support Programme (GSP) in collaboration with the UNFCCC and IGES organise the Biennial Update Report (BUR) Workshop from 9 to 11 February 2021. This workshop comes to respond to the requests by countries and aims to promote knowledge and to provide capacity building on preparing Biennial Update Report among South Asian member countries.

#### Date and time

February 9-11, 2021, 8:30 -12:15 (GMT)

13:00 - 16:30 (Afghanistan), 13:30 -17: 00 (Pakistan, Maldives), 14:00 -17:30 (Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka), 14:30 – 18:00 (Bhutan)

#### Focus

Day 1: Provide guidance on UNFCCC guidelines and BUR.

Day 2: Develop skills on uncertainty analyses of GHG inventory results. Fill up data gaps in activity data in BUR.

Day 3: Develop skills on analyses and reporting of mitigation actions-in BUR.

#### Overall Objective

The overall objective of this Biennial Update Report (BUR) Workshop is to deepen understanding **on what (elements), by when (timelines) and how** to prepare a BUR, according to the UNFCCC guidelines.

#### Participating Countries /Organizations (tbc)

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka / GSP, IGES, UNFCCC, UNFCCC- RCC, SACEP and IPCC TFI TSU.

**Agenda:**

<b>Day 1 (Time in GMT )</b>		
<b>Facilitator: Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNEP-DTU, GSP</b>		
<b>Opening</b>		
08:30-08:45	Opening remarks	Anne Olhoff, Head of Climate Policy and Planning, UNEP DTU Partnership  Yasuo Takahashi, Executive Director, IGES
08:45-09:00	Introduction to the workshop	Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNEP DTU Partnership - GSP
<b>Session 1: General Introduction on BUR</b>		
<b>Moderator:</b> Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNEP-DTU, GSP		
<b>Key questions:</b>		
<b><i>What are the main similarities and differences in BURs and NCs? (Way forward from NCs to BURs )</i></b>		
<b><i>What are the guidelines, countries have to adhere in preparing BUR?</i></b>		
09:00-10:15	<b>Overview of BUR</b> Areas to cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the BUR</li> <li>• Similarities between BUR and NCs</li> </ul> <b>Understanding the BUR guidelines:</b> Areas to cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction for key elements in BUR reporting</li> <li>• Identification of the main differences between the BUR and the BTR</li> </ul>	Jigme, UNFCCC
10:15 -10:30	Question and answer session	
10: 30 -10:45	<b>Break</b>	
<b>Session 2: Country Experience -Sharing experience and knowledge on BUR</b>		
<b>Moderator:</b> Chisa Umemiya, IGES		
<b>Key questions:</b>		
<b><i>What are country experiences on BUR? With respect to roles and responsibilities, existing and challenges resources in preparing BUR?</i></b>		
10:45-10:55	Introduction to the Session 2	Temuulen Murun, IGES

10:55 -11:05	Sharing country experience in preparing BURs	Mr. Rohullah Amin, Afghanistan
11:05 - 11:55	<u>Breakout group discussions (2 Groups):</u> Discussion on roles and responsibilities associated with BUR and, existing common challenges and possible solutions. <b>Topic 1:</b> Roles and responsibilities in BUR <b>Topic 2:</b> Existing common challenges and possible solutions	Chisa Umemiya, IGES  Buddika Hemashantha, GSP
11:55 - 12:05	Reporting by the facilitators	Chisa Umemiya, IGES Buddika Hemashantha, GSP
12:05 - 12:15	Closing of the day 1	Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNEP DTU Partnership - GSP

<b>Day 2 (Time in GMT )</b>		
<b>Facilitator: Chisa Umemiya, IGES</b>		
<b>Opening</b>		
17:30- 17:45	Recapitulation from day 1	Ariel Yuqing YU, UNFCCC- RCC
17:45- 18:00	Introduction to the second day of the workshop	Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNEP DTU Partnership - GSP
<b>Session 3 : Main Elements of BUR – GHG Inventory and linkages of GHG inventory on mitigation actions</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNEP-DTU, GSP		
<b>Key questions:</b> <b><i>What are the main data gaps associated with GHG Inventory in BUR reporting?</i></b> <b><i>Impacts of mitigation actions on the GHG Inventory?</i></b> <b><i>How to estimate GHG impacts of mitigation actions?</i></b>		
18:00- 19:15	<b>Data gaps in GHG Inventories</b> Areas to cover : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completeness issues associated with GHG Inventory</li> <li>• Types of data gaps associated with GHG Inventory</li> <li>• Techniques to fill data gaps</li> </ul> <b>Impacts of mitigation actions on the GHG Inventory</b> Areas to cover : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyses of the impacts of mitigation actions on the GHG Inventory</li> <li>• Examples on calculating emission reduction of selected mitigation actions</li> </ul>	Buddika Hemashantha, GSP

19:15 - 19:30	Question and answer session	
19:30 – 19:45	<b>Break</b>	
<b>Session 4: Country Experiences – Sharing views and experience in GHG Inventory for BUR reporting and linkages of GHG Inventory on mitigation actions.</b>		
<b>Moderator:</b> Temuulen Murun, IGES		
<b>Key questions:</b> <i>What are the country specific experience on GHG Inventory reporting for BUR? (Data availability, Existing resources within the Country, Challenges and Possible suggestions to overcome the challenges)</i> <i>What are the country specific experience on the impacts of mitigation actions on GHG Inventory?</i>		
19:45 – 19:55	Introduction to the Session 4	Buddika Hemashantha, GSP
19:55 – 20:05	Sharing country experience in preparing BURs	Mr. Ali Shareef, Maldives
20:05 - 20:55	<u>Breakout group discussion(2 Groups ):</u> <b>Group 1:</b> GHG inventory associated with BUR, Data availability, Challenges and proposed suggestions to overcome the challenges <b>Group 2 :</b> Experience impacts of mitigation actions on GHG Inventory (Challenges and suggestions to overcome the challenges)	Buddika Hemashantha, GSP Fernando Farias, UNEP DTU Partnership
20:55- 21:05	Reporting by the facilitators	
21:05 – 21:15	Closing of the Second day	Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNEP DTU Partnership - GSP

<b>Day 3 (Time in GMT )</b>		
<b>Facilitator: Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNEP-DTU, GSP</b>		
<b>Opening</b>		
08:30- 08:45	Recapitulation from day 2	Yuqing Ariel YU, UNFCCC RCC
08:45- 09:00	Introduction to the third day of the workshop	Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNEP DTU Partnership - GSP
<b>Session 5: Reporting mitigation actions according to the BUR guidelines &amp; BUR guidelines on domestic MRV system</b>		
<b>Moderator:</b> Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNEP-DTU, GSP		
<b>Key questions:</b> <i>What are the main BUR guidelines given for reporting of mitigation actions?</i>		

<p><b>What are the main BUR guidelines given for domestic MRV Systems?</b>  <b>What are the overall uncertainty levels associate with BUR?</b></p>		
09:00-10:15	<p><b>BUR guidelines on mitigation action reporting</b>  Areas to cover :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mitigation Actions : Information required to be collected during the reporting of mitigation actions</li> <li>• Common issues associate with the collection of relevant data on mitigation actions</li> <li>• Technique and suggestions to overcome the issues.</li> </ul> <p><b>BUR guidelines on domestic MRV systems</b>  Areas to cover :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application of BUR guidelines on developing domestic MRV systems associate challenges and suggestions of overcoming, identified challenges.</li> </ul> <p><b>Overall uncertainty levels associate with BUR</b>  Areas to cover :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gathering data and assessing uncertainty</li> <li>• Combining uncertainty</li> <li>• Uncertainty Estimations</li> </ul>	Fernando Farias, UNEP DTU Partnership
10:15 - 10:30	Question and answer session	
10: 30 - 10:45	<b>Break</b>	
<p><b>Session 6 : Country experiences on reporting mitigation actions, domestic MRV systems and uncertainty levels associated with BUR</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNEP-DTU, GSP</p>		
<p><b>Key questions:</b>  <b>What are the country specific experience on reporting mitigation actions?</b>  <b>What are the country specific experience on reporting domestic MRV system in BURs?</b>  <b>What are the country specific overall uncertainty levels associated with BUR?</b></p>		
10:45 – 10:55	Introduction to the Session 6	Fernando Farias, UNEP DTU Partnership
10:55 - 11:50	<p><u>Breakout group discussions (2 Groups):</u>  <b>Group 1:</b> Mitigation action reporting and domestic MRV systems associated with BUR, Data availability, Challenges and proposed suggestions to overcome the challenges  <b>Group 2 :</b> Commonly observed uncertainty levels associated with BUR</p>	<p>Buddika Hemashantha, GSP</p> <p>Fernando Farias, UNEP DTU Partnership</p>
11:50 – 12:05	Reporting by the facilitators	



12:05 – 12:10	Evaluation and wrap up of the workshop	Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNEP DTU Partnership - GSP
12:10 - 12:15	Closing of the workshop	Chisa Umemiya, IGES

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1	Unavailability of the activity data in AFOLL (IPU, AFG, BAN, IND, NPL, PAK, SL, I, IRAN-1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Introduce and enforce legal framework to collect, share and manage climate change data (IRAN: combination of 1.8.2, SL: need a legal framework, we have information sharing act, we are developing national data sharing network, BTN: need a legal framework)</li> <li>ii. Establish a system to collect, share and manage Climate Change related data (manual or web based)</li> <li>iii. Develop sector level databases</li> <li>iv. Develop national inventory improvement plan</li> <li>v. Adopt a model-based GHG inventory system</li> <li>BTN: Need to improve the DMS</li> </ul>
2	Inconsistency of the activity data gathered (AFG, BTN, SL) SL: There is significant difference of the data gathered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify credible and legally responsible entity as the data source</li> <li>BTN: IPU and Energy, inconsistency of data - CB and common reporting template, proper database can be used to avoid this issue</li> <li>MLD: Produce template by GHG team and give to the data providers</li> </ul>
3	Inaccuracy of the activity data gathered (BTN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop the capacity of individuals involved to collecting GHG related activity data</li> <li>BTN: Need capacity development to enhance the data collection and preparation of GHG by the reports</li> </ul>
4	Difficulties in accessing data (AFG, BAN) MLD: This is mostly due to the confidentiality of the data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct capacity building and awareness regarding the importance of National GHG inventory</li> <li>MLD: Confidential AD: usage of fuel, occupancy rate, MLD asked for alternative means to get the same activity using back calculation for the whole tourist industry rather than asking entity level data.</li> </ul>
5	Insufficient activity data data (MLD, NPL) Data are in different format SL: Available data are not in the correct format Data are not segregated in according to IPCC guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve Data collection and Management system</li> <li>MLD: Look for gray data via annual report or other publications</li> </ul>
6	IPCC Tier 3 meth does not work for Waste	
7	SL: Lack of awareness of the data that MLD need (format of the data are needed to be improved)	
8	IRAN: Any confidential data in GHG of MLD and AFG	MLD: Get aggregated data for the sector
9	Unavailability of data management system SL: Unavailability of GHG guideline, unavailability of country	

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