



Enhancing transparency of mitigation: lessons from experience

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Main messages

Reporting

The modalities, procedures and guidelines for communicating NDCs and reporting on progress could be tailored by NDC type

Review/analysis

Reviews and analyses are most useful for Parties when experts can provide specific technical guidance on how to improve the clarity of information reported

Outline

Reporting

- Information reported to date on communicating mitigation goals and progress in implementation
- Main goals and supporting domestic measures
- Possible tailored MPGs for reporting on progress

Review/analysis

- Review/analysis has been facilitative and non-intrusive
- Effective review/analysis processes require resources
- Review/analysis most useful when guidelines are clear and space is provided for informal exchanges

Tracking progress towards different types of NDCs

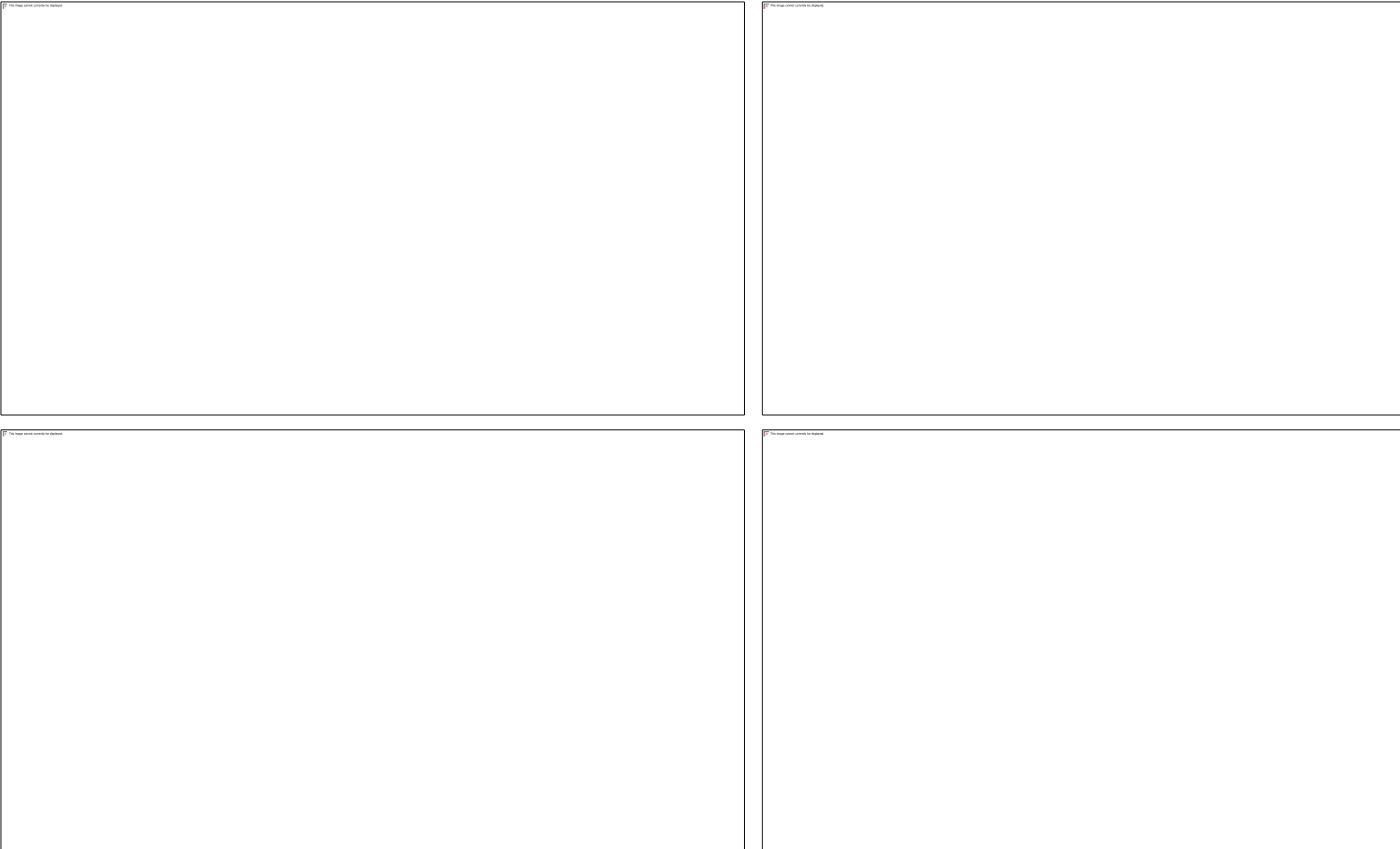


Image sources: Indian Express; DailyStar; Bustle; Guardian

Information reported to date on progress towards goals has been patchy

Absolute emission targets – reference point usually clear

Goals relative to BAU levels – information often missing on model and assumptions used, whether baseline is fixed or not

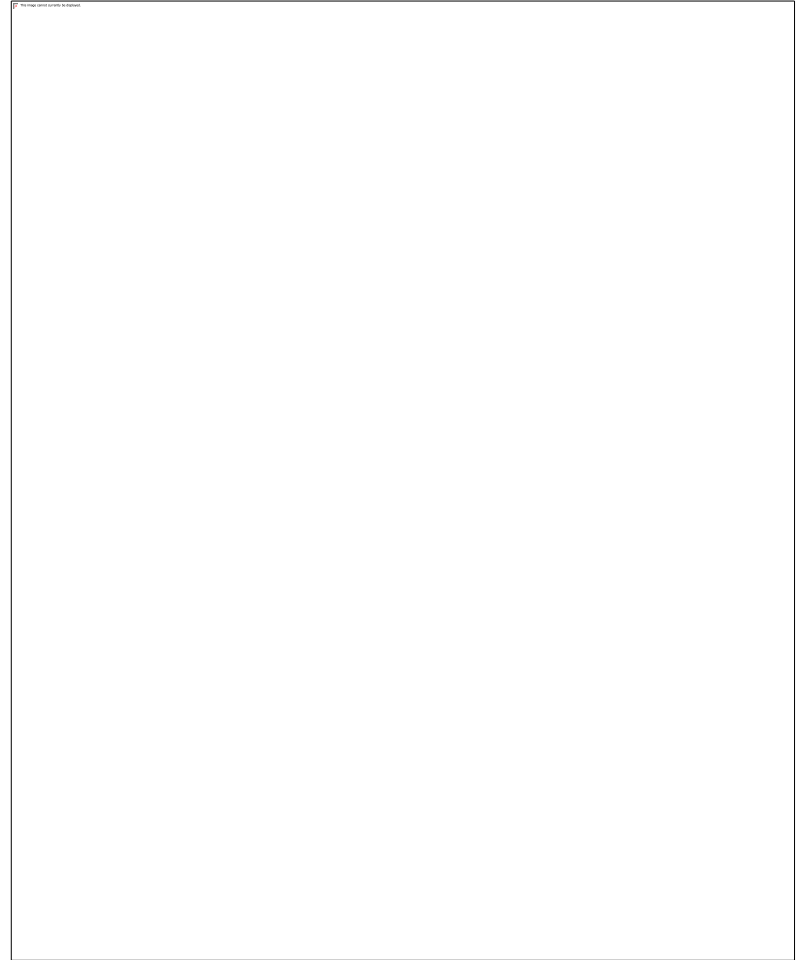
Goals to peak emissions – little experience to date

Emission intensity goals – no Parties have reported GDP or population projections

Non-GHG indicators – wide variety of indicators have been used

Main goals and supporting domestic measures

- Clear distinction between main goals and supporting measures in some NDCs
- In other cases, the status of goals is ambiguous
- Should information on tracking progress be reported for all goals mentioned in NDCs? If not, which ones?



Source: BBC

Possible structure of MPGs for reporting on tracking progress

- Objectives
- Nationally determined contribution
- Progress made in implementing and achieving the NDC
 - Guidance for reporting on progress towards main quantitative goals, depending on NDC type
 - Domestic mitigation measures and their effects
- Emission projections



Image sources: Rio 2016, Sun

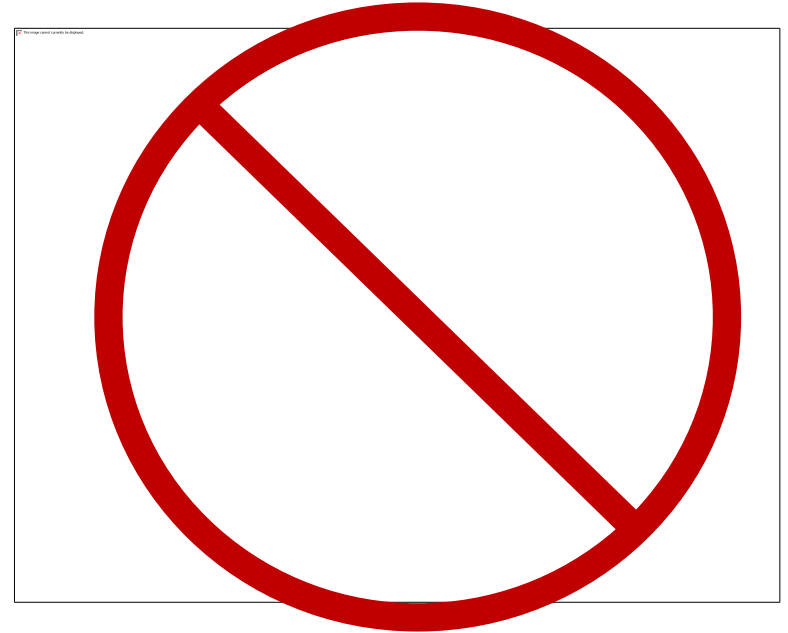
Lessons from review/analysis

1. Review/analysis has been facilitative and non-intrusive to date
2. Crafting useful review/analysis process requires resources
3. Reporting and review/analysis practices impact the usefulness of review/analysis for the Party in question

Useful review/analysis is facilitative and non-intrusive

- Emphasis on:

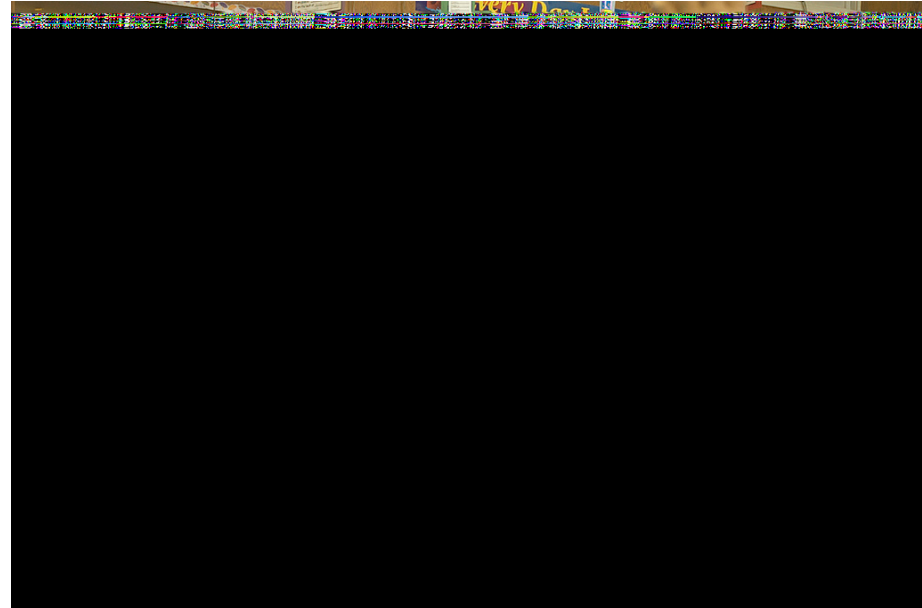
- improving the quality of information reported
- providing greater clarity and understanding of Party's actions
- NOT on judging or assessing the nature of a Party's actions



- Review/analysis can be objective, technical, focus on areas of most use to Party

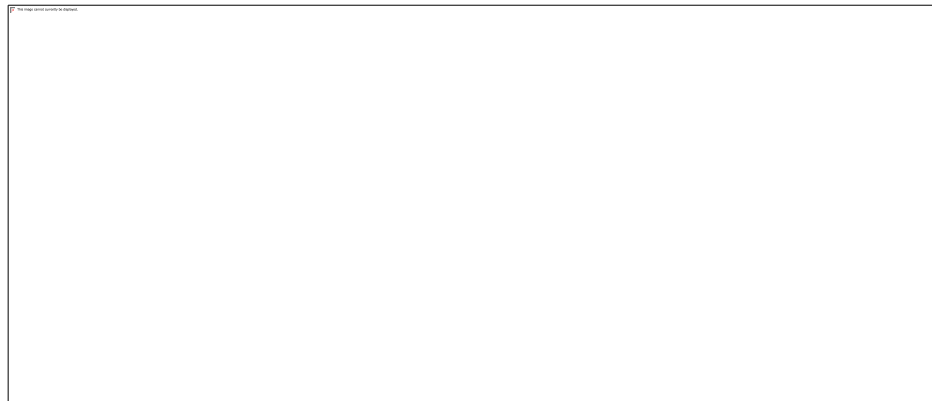
Review/analysis processes are worth the investment

- Undertaking reviews/analyses is fundamentally resource intensive for all actors
- Nevertheless, the benefits of review/analysis are very high
- Review/analysis process can adapt, evolve and become more efficient



Certain practices make review/analysis more useful to the Party

- Clearer reporting guidelines, allowing for a more technical review/analysis of information
- Clearer review/analysis guidelines, with explicit aim of helping countries improve reporting
- More space for informal exchanges, scope to include explanations



Summary: Lessons from reporting

Information reported to date has been patchy – particularly for peaking goals, goals relative to BAU levels and emission intensity goals

INDCs contain a mixture of main goals and supporting domestic measures – should information on tracking progress be reported for all goals in NDCs?

Tailored guidance for reporting on tracking progress towards different NDC types could be included in the modalities, procedures and guidelines

Summary: Lessons from **review/analysis**

Resource needs are fundamentally high – but worth it. Processes can also become more efficient and resources optimised.

Modalities and guidelines for reporting and review/analysis can impact the usefulness of the review/analysis for the Party in question.

Review/analysis has not been intrusive: processes can be technical, objective, cognisant of national circumstances, and focus on improving reporting.



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