



Preparing Article 6.2 Initial Report

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Why Preparing an Initial Report Early is Important?

- The country understand what information is needed to be reported, where can it be found/collected and whether any additional policy or technical decisions are needed.
- Ensuring that it fulfils the participation responsibilities and building common understanding among partner countries on the elements of the cooperative approach that should be in place (including those relating to environmental integrity and sustainable development)
- The initial report will be reviewed by the Article 6 technical expert review (A6TER) team, allowing the country to receive helpful recommendations for the implementation of the cooperative approach.



Article 6.2 Initial Report

What?

I. Participation responsibilities	II. Description of the Party's NDC	III. [Accounting information]	IV. Cooperative approach
Party to PA	Target and description	ITMO metrics	A copy of authorization
Communicate NDC	Target year/period	CA method	Description, duration, parties
Authorization arrangements	Reference point/level/baseline	Quantification of NDC	Expected mitigation
Tracking arrangements	Time frame		Authorized entities
Most recent GHG inventory	Scope and coverage		Environmental integrity
NDC, LT-LEDS, Paris goals	...		Additional description

When?

No later than authorization of ITMOs or where practical in conjunction with the next due BTR

How / Where?



Initial report template
Available on CARP



CARP (Interim solution)

Article 6.2 Initial Report Template

(Available on [CARP](#))

Initial report template contains of 4 sections

The **first section** includes the participating country's fulfilment of the participation responsibilities.

The **second section** provides information about the NDC (target, types of targets, reference levels, scope, and coverage, implementation periods, intention to use cooperative approaches, etc).

The **third section** concerns the accounting of ITMOs and accounting of the NDC, containing information on ITMO metrics, the method for applying corresponding adjustments, and the method for quantification of the NDC.

The **fourth section** includes information specific to the cooperative approach, such as:

- Authorization by the participating country
- Description and duration of the cooperative approach
- Countries involved in the cooperative approach
- Authorized entities
- Description of how the cooperative approach ensures environmental integrity

Outline for the initial report and updated initial report referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chapter IV.A (Initial report)^{1,2}

[English only]

Party	Party name
NDC period	yyyy - yyyy
Report number for the NDC period ³	1
Report type	
Initial report	<input type="checkbox"/>
Updated initial report	<input type="checkbox"/>
Updated initial report number	1
Version ³	1.0
Date	dd/mm/yyyy
Name(s) of cooperative approach(es) included in this report <i>(Include a line for each additional cooperative approach)</i>	Cooperative approach 1 Cooperative approach 2

¹ Ascribe sequential number for updated initial reports. The number '1' is reserved for the initial report.

² Ascribe version number as follows: decimal increase for minor revisions (typos, corrections) and digit increase for content changes.

Note: For updated initial report fill in only section IV. Information on each cooperative approach (para. 18(g-i), para. 19 of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3).

I. Participation responsibilities (para. 18(a))

A. Information on how the Party ensures that it is a Party to the Paris Agreement (para. 18(a), para. 4(a), to be updated by para. 21(a))

B. Information on how the Party ensures that it has prepared, communicated and is maintaining an NDC in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 2 (para. 18(a), para. 4(b), to be updated by para. 21(a))

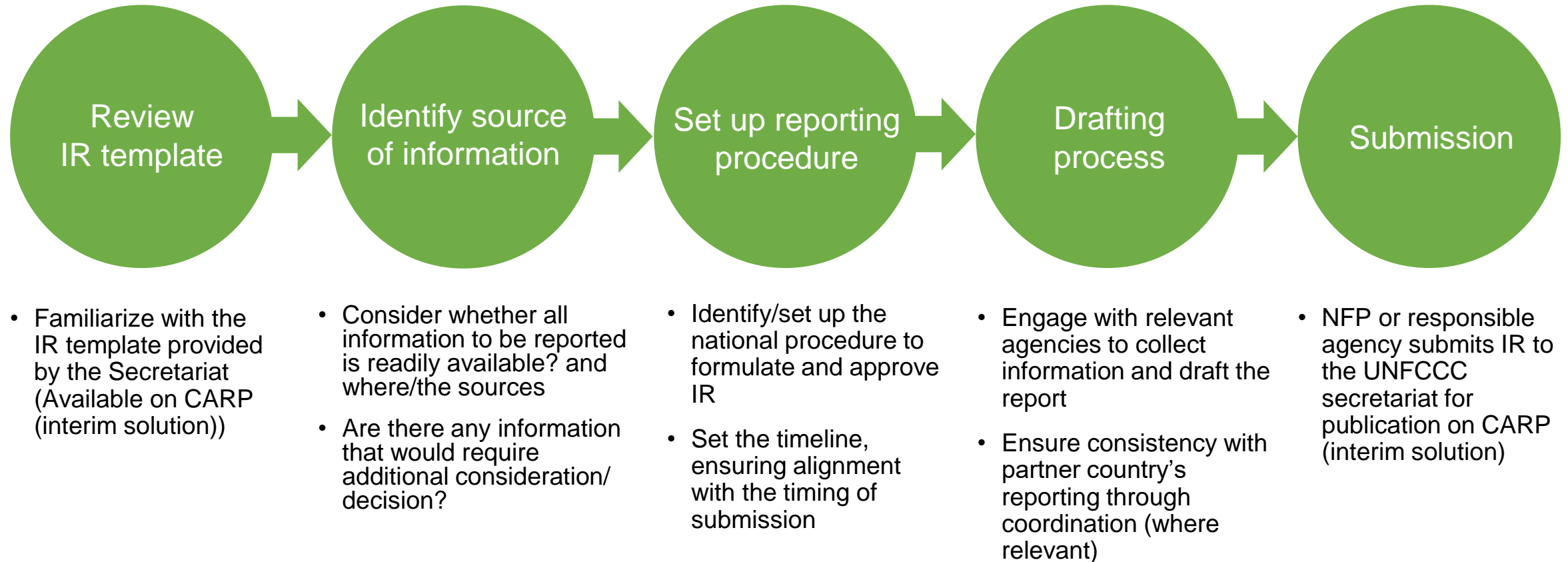
C. Information on how the Party ensures it has arrangements in place for authorizing the use of ITMOs towards achievement of NDCs pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 3 (para. 18(a), para. 4(c), to be updated by para. 21(a))

¹ This template is for voluntary use to facilitate the preparation and submission of the initial reports and updated initial reports referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chapter IV.A (Initial report).

² The list of the acronyms and abbreviations used in this template are available in decision 6/CMA.4: <https://unfccc.int/documents/624474>.

³ References to chapters and paragraphs in the outline are to chapters and paragraphs in the annex to decision 2/CMA.3, unless stated otherwise. "Article" refers to an Article of the Paris Agreement.

Preparation of 6.2 Initial Report (Sample flow)





Key Considerations on Reporting

	Description	Key consideration
1	Review Article 6 reporting elements	<input type="checkbox"/> What parties are required to report under Article 6 and when to report? Familiarize with reporting templates and outlines
2	Identify sources of reporting information	<input type="checkbox"/> Identifying where to collect information required for reporting – What information is readily available from what sources and what information would require additional policy consideration/decision-making
3	Set up national arrangement and process for Article 6 reporting	<input type="checkbox"/> How should the national arrangement and process for Article 6 reporting look like?
4	Drafting process	<input type="checkbox"/> How to draft the reports – example texts and guiding notes
5.1	Consistency check	<input type="checkbox"/> How to ensure consistency of reported information <input type="checkbox"/> How to respond to inconsistency, if found
5.2	Participate in the review process and consider A6TER report for continuous improvement	<input type="checkbox"/> What is the A6TER review procedure (flow) <input type="checkbox"/> How should countries participate in the review of its IR (Role of party under review) (6/CMA.4, annex II, VIII)

Any questions

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