



# BUR Preparation Process - Support for the Dominican Republic

BMUB IKI Project Information Matters



## Project Concept

In the context of the Information Matters project – Capacity Building for Ambitious Reporting and Facilitation of International Mutual Learning through Peer-to-Peer Exchange, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the BMUB has provided technical support to four partner countries so far: Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ghana and the Philippines. The project aims – as its primary goal – to strengthen the in-country capacities for enhanced reporting on climate change in the selected countries in preparation of the Biennial Update Reports (BURs).

In consultation with the partner countries, specific needs and priorities for measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) systems and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions monitoring are identified, which are then addressed through tailored in-country capacity building workshops and trainings.

### Important purposes of MRV include:

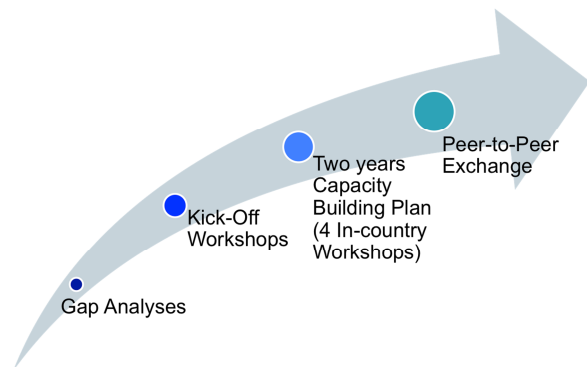
- ✓ To enhance transparency at the national level by providing the information basis to plan and implement mitigation actions;
- ✓ To track collective progress for reaching the 2°C target.

These capacity building activities aim to enable the partner countries to analyze and define procedures, methodologies and responsibilities in order to institutionalize their reporting system. Special focus is given to the requirements for national level GHG emissions - reporting to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

## Project Activities in the Dominican Republic

GIZ is offering technical support to the Dominican Republic's Consejo Nacional para el Cambio Climático y el Mecanismo de Desarrollo Limpio (CNCCMDL), addressing its specific demands for capacity building support. GIZ here works together with Ricardo-AEA consultancy, which specializes in MRV methodologies, to support the development of capacity-building activities.

After a gap analysis, GIZ organized a kick-off workshop where a capacity building plan including up to four in-country workshops for the staff of the government agencies involved in monitoring and reporting activities was agreed.



In the Dominican Republic, the focus lies on the establishment of a national MRV system, developed under a participative approach and involving several national Ministries and Agencies, and on technical trainings for the setup of a national GHG inventory system. For the first time, the national GHG inventory has been produced by national staff from different Ministries.

At the end of the project, the Dominican Republic has acquired a high level of expertise on climate monitoring and reporting and the country is invited to share its experiences



at international meetings, such as those organized by the International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV. Homepage at [www.mitigationpartnership.net](http://www.mitigationpartnership.net)

#### Conducted activities in Dominican Republic:

- Development and institutionalization of a National MRV System;
- Setup of a National GHG Inventory System;
- Generation of capacities in the preparation and management of GHG inventories;
- Peer review of Dominican Republic's GHG inventory by German experts;
- Support to the preparation of the Dominican Republic's first Biennial Update Report (BUR).

#### Additional Support and Development of Tools

During the project implementation, one in-country expert is assigned at the Dominican Republic's GIZ office to respond to any possible *ad hoc* demand from the partner institution, the CNCCMDL. Additionally, one GIZ staff member is seconded to UBA to extend technical support and facilitate peer exchange between Germany and the Dominican Republic on GHG emissions monitoring and MRV issues. Besides the in-country trainings, backstopping support is provided in the analysis of the country's monitoring and reporting processes to bridge remaining gaps according to international standards and UNFCCC requirements.

Additionally, a global peer-to-peer exchange is organized for the members of the four involved countries' institutions. The purpose is the exchange of experience with the BUR and ICA process and in facilitating the Dominican Republic and other countries to learn from each other and improve and refine their MRV systems.

Tools and knowledge products are developed to incorporate the elements of GHG inventory, data collection and the institutionalization of monitoring and reporting procedures and compile lessons learned:

- **Biennial Update Report (BUR) Template** suggests a report structure and provides guidance for the preparation of BURs
- **Stock Taking Tool** supports countries in identifying prioritized action for national MRV systems
- **Process Analysis Guidance** provides stepwise guidance to support countries in the BUR compilation process as well as in preparing for the ICA.

**Tools are available for free download at the Information Matters homepage:**

<http://mitigationpartnership.net/information-matters>

#### Project Cooperation

The project cooperates closely with the following programs and institutions:

- German Federal Environment Agency (UBA)
- United Nations Development Programme's Low Emission Capacity Building Programme (LECB) and UNDP National Communication Support Programme (NCSP)
- World Resource Institute (WRI)
- International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV.

#### BMUB International Climate Initiative (IKI)

Since 2008, the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) has been financing climate and biodiversity projects in developing and newly industrializing countries, as well as in countries in transition.

The IKI focuses on four areas: mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to the impacts of climate change, conserving natural carbon sinks with a focus on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+), as well as conserving biological diversity.

BMUB IKI homepage at:

[www.international-climate-initiative.com](http://www.international-climate-initiative.com)

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