



# BUR Preparation Process - Support for the Philippines



BMUB IKI Project Information Matters

## Project Concept

In the context of the Information Matters project – Capacity Building for Enhanced 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:

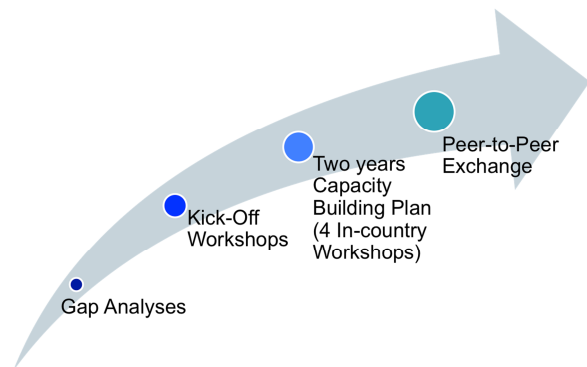
- ✓ To enhance transparency at the national level by providing the information basis to plan and implement mitigation actions;
- ✓ To track collective progress for reaching the 2°C target.

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 Philippines

GIZ is offering technical support to the Philippines's Climate Change Commission (CCC), 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. Updates are available at the Information Matters webpage within the CCC website: <http://climate.gov.ph/index.php/projects/mitigation/information-matters>

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



At the end of the project, the Philippines have 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 the Philippines:

- Introduction of approaches in designing a robust domestic MRV architecture for the GHG inventory compilation and regular reporting;
- Training on Producing National and Sectoral GHG Baselines and Baseline Scenarios;
- Training on Climate-relevant Data Management
- Review of the design of the national IT system for climate change data management NICCDIES (National Integrated Climate Change Database and Information Exchange System);
- Hosting of the Asian Regional workshop on GHG and Sustainable Development Indicators.
- Guidance to the waste sector in the latest GHG inventory

### Additional Support and Development of Tools

During the project implementation, one in-country expert is assigned at the Philippines's GIZ office to respond to any possible *ad hoc* demand from the partner institution, the CCC. Additionally, one GIZ staff member is seconded to UBA to extend technical support and facilitate peer exchange between Germany and the Philippines 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 in facilitating the Philippines 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)
- 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.

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