

## Submission by the Government of Japan on the composition, modalities and procedures of the team of technical experts of International Consultation and Analysis (ICA)

The Government of Japan welcomes the opportunity to submit the following views on the composition, modalities and procedures of the team of technical experts referred to in paragraph 1 of Annex IV in accordance with paragraph 61 of a decision at the COP17 “Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention”.

### (1) Basic understanding

- Based on the purpose of International Consultation and Analysis (ICA) which is to increase transparency of mitigation actions and their effects, it is important that the team of technical experts of ICA is comprised of experts with enough capacity to analyze the Biennial Update Report (BUR) in order that the technical analysis process allows for a sufficient and appropriate analysis.
- At the same time, technical analysis and the team of technical experts of ICA should be designed as efficiently as possible, taking into account a large number of countries subject to ICA. It is also important to consider support measures for activities of technical experts.
- Experiences obtained from existing review schemes such as the in-depth review of National Communications (NCs) and the individual review of annual greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories of Annex I country Parties are useful while designing the modalities of the team of experts of ICA. It is reported that ensuring the availability of experts with experiences and capacities in this matter is becoming difficult due to shortage of human resources and heavy workload of each expert and so on (See FCCC/SBI/2010/INF.8, paragraph 7, FCCC/SBSTA/2011/INF.13, paragraph 9-11 and 57). Taking this situation into consideration, efficient and minimal procedures and composition of technical experts should be considered based on the feasibility of the entire review and assessment scheme including ICA, International Assessment and Review (IAR) of developed country Parties and existing review schemes.

### (2) Composition of technical experts team

- The secretariat will assemble a team of four to six experts. One member of the team will be a member of the UNFCCC secretariat.
- The technical experts will be selected from the UNFCCC roster of experts or a list of experts which will be newly prepared for nominating experts who can participate in the ICA and IAR.
- Two or three members focus on the national greenhouse gas inventory report of the BUR. Other two or three members focus on the other items, i.e. information on mitigation actions, domestic measurement, reporting and verification and support received.
- The team will be led by one or two experts in order to manage the work progress and control quality of technical analysis. If two experts lead the team, one should be from a developing country Party and the other from a developed country Party.

- The composition and number of technical experts on a team can be flexible in accordance with the national circumstances of Parties concerned such as the magnitude of GHG emissions.

### (3) Modalities and procedures

- Technical analysis will be conducted basically as a centralized form for about one week. However, it will be possible for a team consisted of experts who have enough experience of review activities (i.e. in-depth review of NCs, individual review of annual GHG inventories, technical analysis of ICA or the review of IAR) to implement analysis in their own country in order to reduce the burden of technical experts and make the organization of team easier.
- After the team of technical experts implements centralized technical analysis, the team will complete a draft summary report within a month and share it with the Party concerned. In the process, the team can send questions to the Party concerned and request the Party to provide additional information.
- It is important for developing country Parties to revise and improve the subsequent NCs and BUR based on the results of ICA. Therefore, the summary report as an output of technical analysis will be made publicly available on the UNFCCC website within at least one year after submission due date of the BUR.

### (4) Proposal toward efficient organization and work of the team of technical experts

- Japan would like to request the secretariat to provide Parties with information on the detailed analysis of operational status of experts under the current review activities (i.e. the in-depth review of NCs and the individual review of annual GHG inventories) as soon as possible. The information should include the number of experts who are listed in the UNFCCC roster of experts and have actually contributed to the review activities, average of workload of a reviewer or a review team (e.g. average of time spent by a expert for reviews in a year, average of the number of countries reviewed by a reviewer of a review team in a year) as well as expectation on the number of experts needed for the technical analysis of ICA.
- Japan would like to request Parties to nominate domestic experts who will be able to participate in technical analysis and to update the list of experts periodically. Japan also would like to ask the secretariat to update the UNFCCC roster of experts or to newly develop a list of experts and update them every year based on information provided by Parties.
- Japan would also like to request Parties to enhance support for activities and training of experts who will participate in the review and analysis for NCs, BUR and annual inventories.
- The general guidance of technical analysis for experts which includes useful information for conducting technical analysis such as the viewpoint of analysis and the composition of summary report should be prepared by the end of 2013 in order to standardize the quality of technical analysis and decrease workload of technical experts. For developing this guidance document, a workshop of experts who have enough experience of in-depth review of NCs and individual review of annual GHG inventories should be held at the early stage of 2013.