

Decision -/CMP.11

Training programme for members of expert review teams participating in annual reviews under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,

Having considered decisions 22/CMP.1, 24/CMP.1, 8/CMP.5, -/CMP.11¹ and -/CMP.11,²

Recognizing the importance of the training programme for members of expert review teams participating in annual reviews under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, which builds on the training programme for greenhouse gas inventory review experts under the Convention,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to update and implement the courses on national systems, application of adjustments, modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol, review of national registries and information on assigned amounts, and review of activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol included in the training programme for members of expert review teams participating in annual reviews under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, as outlined in the annex, to reflect any changes arising from the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 4/CMP.7 and 1/CMP.8 and any other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, including the consideration of requirements for Parties included in Annex I without a quantified emission limitation and reduction commitment for the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol, and to implement the updated training programme as soon as possible, subject to the availability of financial resources, ensuring that the courses incorporate the rules and modalities applicable to the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol;
2. *Also requests* the secretariat to develop and implement the courses referred to in paragraph 1 above, if possible in time for the first inventory review of the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol, emphasizing the priority for the development of the course related to review of activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol;
3. *Further requests* the secretariat to continue the current practice of including, in its annual report on the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories reported by Parties included in Annex I that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, information on the updated training programme, in particular information on examination procedures and the selection of trainees and instructors, in order for Parties to assess the effectiveness of the programme;
4. *Encourages* Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol that are in a position to do so to provide financial support for the implementation of the training programme referred to in paragraph 1 above;

¹ Draft decision contained in annex I to document FCCC/SBSTA/2015/L.13.

² Draft decision contained in annex II to document FCCC/SBSTA/2015/L.13.

5. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 1 above;
6. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

Annex

Training programme for members of expert review teams participating in annual reviews under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

A. Details of the training programme

1. The courses of the training programme are intended to train members of expert review teams (ERTs) for the review of information submitted under Article 7 of the Kyoto Protocol. All training courses will be available online. For trainees without easy access to the Internet, courses will be distributed through electronic means; for courses that are facilitated by an instructor, trainees will communicate with the instructor by electronic means. At the request of a Party, the courses will also be made available for others interested in the review process, provided that this does not require additional resources. All courses will be available upon request to trainees year-round without facilitation by instructors.
2. All training courses will include an examination. Examination procedures will be standardized, objective and transparent. Examinations will take place online.
3. New greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory review experts who successfully complete the relevant requirements of the training programme will be invited to participate in a centralized or in-country review, working alongside experienced GHG inventory review experts.
4. Experts who do not pass an examination for a course at the first attempt may retake the examination one additional time, provided that the expert has fulfilled all of the tasks assigned during the course in a timely manner and that the retake does not incur additional costs for the secretariat.
5. Experts with relevant expertise will be invited to act as instructors for courses of the training programme, ensuring that their skills cover the subjects addressed in each course. They will provide advice and support by e-mail or other electronic means. The secretariat will seek to achieve a geographical balance among the instructors participating in the training programme.

B. Courses of the training programme

1. National systems

Description: This course covers guidelines for the review of national systems under Article 5, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol and related parts of guidelines under Articles 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol.

Preparation: 2016.

Implementation: 2016–2022.

Target audience: Lead reviewers, generalists and GHG inventory review experts who have successfully completed the basic course for the technical review of GHG inventories of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties).

Type of course: E-learning, without instructor.

Examination requirements and format: New GHG inventory review experts and new lead reviewers must pass the examination before participating in ERTs. Online examination.

2. Application of adjustments

Description: This course covers decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and technical guidance on methodologies for adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol and related parts of guidelines under Articles 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol.

Preparation: 2016.

Implementation: 2016–2022.

Target audience: Lead reviewers, experienced GHG inventory review experts and GHG inventory review experts who have successfully completed the basic course for the technical review of GHG inventories of Annex I Parties.

Type of course: E-learning, facilitated by an instructor.

Examination requirements and format: New GHG inventory review experts and new lead reviewers must pass the examination before participating in ERTs. Online examination.

3. Modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7, paragraph 4

Description: This course provides guidance for members of ERTs reviewing information provided in the initial report for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, the calculation of the assigned amount pursuant to Article 3, paragraphs 7 bis, 7 ter, 8 and 8 bis of the Kyoto Protocol, the commitment period reserve, and the national registries for conformity with the modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7, paragraph 4.

Preparation: 2016.

Implementation: 2016–2022.

Target audience: Members of ERTs reviewing national registries and assigned amount information, generalists and lead reviewers.

Type of course: E-learning, without instructor.

Examination requirements and format: Examination required for new members of ERTs. Online examination.

4. Review of national registries and information on assigned amounts

Description: This course provides guidance for members of ERTs reviewing annual information on assigned amounts pursuant to Article 3, paragraphs 7 bis, 7 ter, 8 and 8 bis, of the Kyoto Protocol, information on Kyoto Protocol units and the standard electronic format, for conformity with Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol. In addition, the course provides guidance on the review of national registries, including of changes in national registries reported by Parties in accordance with decisions 15/CMP.1, 1/CMP.8 and -/CMP.11³ and of conformity with the technical standards for data exchange between registry systems.

Preparation: 2016.

Implementation: 2016–2022.

³ Draft decision contained in annex II to document FCCC/SBSTA/2015/L.13.

Target audience: Members of ERTs reviewing national registries and assigned amount information, generalists and lead reviewers.

Type of course: E-learning, facilitated by an instructor, subject to the availability of resources.

Examination requirements and format: New generalists, new lead reviewers and any new members of ERTs who will review national registries and annual information on assigned amounts must pass the examination before participating in ERTs. Online examination.

5. Review of activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol

Description: This course provides guidance for members of ERTs reviewing information provided during the commitment period for land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol for conformity with the requirements of decisions 2/CMP.7, 2/CMP.8 and 6/CMP.9, including procedures for adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol.

Preparation: 2016.

Implementation: 2016–2022.

Target audience: LULUCF inventory review experts and lead reviewers.

Type of course: E-learning, facilitated by an instructor, subject to the availability of resources.

Examination requirements and format: All LULUCF inventory review experts and new lead reviewers must pass the examination before participating in ERTs. Online examination.

