

LULUCF-related outcomes from the 2022 meeting of GHG lead reviewers

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What are the annual meetings of GHG lead reviewers?

The meetings facilitate the work of the LRs in fulfilling their tasks under the Convention and KP:

- ensuring the consistency of reviews across Parties
- providing suggestions on how to improve the quality, efficiency and consistency of the reviews
- providing guidance on matters such as review tools and materials and review report templates



What are the annual meetings of GHG lead reviewers?

- Lead reviewers have met for 2-3 days every year since 2003
- 80-90 lead reviewers and other experts per year
 - Observers (and sometimes presenters):
KP compliance committee, EEA, FAO
- Usually in conjunction with a 'refresher' seminar for technical experts
- Meetings are closed, but the conclusions and recommendations are public



2022 meeting of GHG lead reviewers

- 2 March (joint, ETF) and 14-17 March 2022
- 14 March: seminar for lead reviewers and LULUCF reviewers focusing on reviewing KP-LULUCF in 2022, last KP review for CP2
- Conclusions and recommendations:
<https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Nineteenth%20meeting%20of%20Inventory%20Lead%20Reviewers.pdf>

Paragraph 7: reviews in 2022 have extra workload

- More Parties reviewed (all KP Parties)
- Accounting issues for the first time for Parties with commitment period accounting

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- Accounting issues for the first time for Parties with commitment period accounting (most Parties) → Parties have limited time to address the findings
 - Accumulation of unresolved issues from previous reviews
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Paragraph 14:

- Appreciation of the experts that made the extra KP-LULUCF assessment in 2021 for 35 Parties:
 - Raúl Abad, Pierre Brender, Markus Didion, Sandro Federici, Peter Iversen, Thelma Krug, Igor Onopchuk, Juan José Rincón, Atsushi Sato, Iordanis Tzamtzis, Marina Vitullo
 - Do the same assessment for 2022:
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Paragraph 15:

- Last year for resolving all KP-LULUCF issues
 - Identify problems as early as possible
 - Collaborate with the Party to resolve it
 - If problems with the accounting quantities not resolved → adjustments

Paragraph 16:

- Secretariat to share the documentation from meeting's seminar on KP-LULUCF with all reviewers

Paragraph 18:

- Review of the technical correction to the FMRL
- If data on FM or FL remaining FL recalculated, the Party needs to ensure consistency between the FMRL corrected and FM estimates

Four checklists:

- AR and D (4 checks)
- FM (up to 27 checks)
- CM, GM and RV (6 checks)
- WDR (3 checks)

Examples of checks

- Where the transition period applied by the Party is 20 years as per IPCC default, in any CP year the sum of areas reported as forest land converted to other land-use categories under the Convention is smaller than D areas.
- Where NFI data are used to calculate C-stock changes with the stock-difference method through consecutive NFIs (i.e. $NFI_0 - NFI_{0-T}$), is the country separating in both NFIs AR lands and associated stocks from FM lands and associated stocks?

Examples of checks

- Has the Party calculated an FMRLcorr?
- Has the Party identified any inconsistencies, between the FMRL and GHG estimates reported for managed forest in the historical period and/or for FM GHG estimates? Has the Party addressed them by submitting an FMRLcorr?
- Has the Party addressed in the FMRLcorr all recommendations made when its FMRL was reviewed in 2011?

Examples of checks

- If FMRLcorr submitted, group of checks for the consistency between historical information used to calculate FMRLcorr and that reported for the historical period in the latest NGHGI
- If ND, BL and margins calculated: are the ND types included in the BL calculation all those for which the Party has opted to apply the ND provisions?

KP-LULUCF special assessment: steps

- June 2022: organization of work
- July-August 2022: assessment completed (all 35 Parties)
- September 2022: expert review teams receive the assessment and follow up with the Party during the annual review