Regional Measurement, Monitoring and Reporting (MRV) Networks
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Regional MRV Networks – why?

- High degree of geographical, economical, environmental and institutional similarities in the region
- Usually similar constraints and gaps, and hence replicable solutions
- Taking advantage of already established collaboration initiatives
- Economical because of geographical proximity
- Effectiveness of capacity building initiatives when implemented on a small scale
South – South Collaboration – 2016 GSP Survey

WITH SUPPORT BY THE GSP, WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING SOUTH-SOUTH SUPPORT?

- Yes: 96%
- No: 4%

WITH SUPPORT BY THE GSP, WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING SOUTH-SOUTH SUPPORT?

- Yes: 90%
- No: 10%
Established Network initiated in Bangkok, Thailand

- Pacific Islands MRV Network
- West Asia MRV Network
- Central Asia MRV Network
- Balkan States MRV Network
- ASEAN countries MRV Network
- East Asia MRV Network
- South Asia MRV Network
Regional MRV Networks Objectives

- Generally meant for South-South collaboration
- To facilitate exchange of knowledge on general MRV issues
- To create a platform for support by GSP and other partners for capacity development activities
- Creating awareness within national institutions responsible for MRV
- To facilitate peer review of NC, BURs and their components
How to operationalize Regional MRV Network

- Informal in nature
- Logistical, technical and/or financial backstopping by UNEP/UNDP GSP, RCCs, UNFCCC Secretariat and other partners
  - Support by other regional bodies?
- Identification and official engagement of two national network focal points for each country
  - Preferably, one of them should be the national NC/BUR coordinator
- Rotational Network coordination by country members
  - Initial coordination by the RCC or GSP, to get things going
Terms of Reference for the MRV Network

- Need to establish Terms of Reference for the Network
- Basic contents of the TOR to include the following:
  - Mission and goals
  - Network participants
  - Collaboration principles
  - Network activities
  - Network outcomes
  - Governance and communication
  - Network funding
Network collaboration on what?

**Technically, the region has to decide**

- Generically, on MRV and Institutional arrangement issues
  - Capacity building at regional or bilateral level
  - Technical experts collaboration and support
  - Seminars and webinars, etc

**Collaboration beyond capacity building**

- Peer to peer reviews of reports and study outputs, including Quality Assurance
- Sharing of information, good practices and success stories
- Joint initiatives, e.g., development of regional emission factors
- Joint facilitation to technical support and resources
Network collaboration principles

- Important to include these in the MOU
- Some key principles can include the following;
  - Team spirit
  - National ownership
  - Mutual benefit
  - Partnership among equals
  - Non – conditionality
  - Complementarity
  - Respect for Nationals sovereignty and non interference in domestic affairs
Way forward for Network establishment

- GSP to provide a TOR draft document if there is a consensus on establishing a regional MRV network
  - A copy for the Asia, Balkan States and Pacific regions networks
- Draft TOR should be considered as a working document
- Draft TOR can be discussed during the breakout session, and regions to agree on way forward
Questions