

Draft decision -/CMP.5

Updated 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 23/CP.7, 23/CP.8, 21/CP.9 and 24/CMP.1,

Having also considered the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,

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 develop and implement the updated 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 this decision, including the examination of experts;
2. *Encourages* Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol which are in a position to do so to provide financial support for enhancing the training programme;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to include, in its annual report on inventory review activities to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, information on the 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.

ANNEX

Updated 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 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, without instructor, to trainees all year round.
2. All training courses will include an examination. Examination procedures will be standardized, objective and transparent.
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 require the secretariat to incur additional costs.
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 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: 2006

Implementation: 2006–2014

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: GHG inventory review experts and 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: 2006

Implementation: 2006–2014

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: GHG inventory review experts and 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, the calculation of the assigned amount pursuant to Article 3, paragraphs 7 and 8, 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: 2006

Implementation: 2006–2014

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: Optional. 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 and 8, 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 changes in the national registries reported by the Parties in accordance with decision 15/CMP.1 and conformity with the technical standards for data exchange between registry systems

Preparation: 2009

Implementation: 2009–2014

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: Generalists, lead reviewers and any 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 decision 15/CMP.1, including procedures for adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol

Preparation: 2009

Implementation: 2009–2014

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: LULUCF inventory review experts must pass the examination before participating in ERTs. Online examination.