

The first pilot reporting exercise under the Protocol: Common challenges and lessons

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Background



- Art.7: Every three years Parties shall evaluate progress towards the targets set and submit a summary report in accordance with guidelines established by the Meeting of the Parties
- First reporting exercise ended on 31 March 2010 for discussion at MOP2 in accordance with template agreed by WGWH
- All reports available, Compliance Committee and secretariat developed two analysis of them
- Final template for reporting adopted by MOP2



Objectives of reporting

- Assess progress (self assessment by Party and assessment by the Meeting of the Parties)
- Exchange experience, share lessons learned
- Demonstrate the main challenges/obstacles in implementing the Protocol => inform the Protocol's programme of work
- The aim is not to compare Parties, however there's the need to have a basis of harmonized information throughout the region

Structure of the summary reports



- Part I: On the process of setting targets and reporting and on national circumstances
- Part II: Common indicators
- Part III: Target and target dates set and assessment of progress towards the targets
- Part IV: Overall evaluation of progress achieved in implementing the Protocol
- Part V: Information on the person submitting the report



How did the first exercise go?

- 25 reports were received overall
- All Parties but 3 reported
- 3 non-Parties also submitted a report



How were the reports?

- Only 10 reports were submitted according to the deadline
- Quite complete but varied quality; in some cases missing information on targets, measures and progress
- Not all reports were prepared with the objective of informing other Parties
- Big differences between reports which were consulted between ministries and those who were compiled by 1/2 persons



Common indicators

- Most information provided under this part; not the spirit of the Protocol's reporting
- Not all Parties could provide data; not comparable; little information on how the data were produced

⇒ Much data, little information

- At the same time, interesting information in particular compared to target sets => in many cases no correspondence!

Targets set and assessment of progress



- Big differences in reports depending on where countries are in setting targets
- Information focuses on legal basis, less on measures implemented, achievements and challenges
- Some reports can be of inspiration for other countries for the setting of targets



Targets set and assessment of progress (1)

- **Much information provided for**
Quality of the drinking water supplied, Reduction of water-related disease, Access to drinking water, Access to sanitation
- **Limited information provided for**
Performance of collective systems, Good practices for water supply and sanitation, Discharges of untreated wastewater, Untreated storm water overflows, Quality of discharges of wastewater, Disposal or reuse of sewage sludge, Quality of wastewater used for irrigation, Waters used as sources for drinking water, Quality of waters used for bathing , Quality of waters used for aquaculture, Good practice for management of enclosed waters, Particularly contaminated sites, Effective management of water resources
- **Other targets**
Public information, training programme and research
Consideration on the impacts of climate change



Targets set and assessment of progress (2)

- Information mostly focuses on the description of current situation
- Little information on measures taken to reach targets, challenges and progress achieved
- Some countries seem to have bypassed the approach of the Protocol and simply compiled existing strategies/law
- Same information under different areas?

Overall evaluation of progress achieved



- Information is scarce and incomplete
- Evaluation is positive
- Little information on challenges and future threats



Lessons learned and conclusions

- Reporting is an important moment to reinforce commitment to the Protocol
- Some misinterpretation => reinforce usefulness of Guidelines on the setting of targets, evaluation of progress and reporting + guidelines for reporting

Recommendations from the reporting guidelines



- Summary reports should be useful for self-assessment
- Focus on rationale, outcomes, good practices, challenges, further actions needed
- Broad participatory process, involving NGOs and civil society, private sector
- Coordination with EU reporting
- Use the report for communication and outreach (WWD 2013)

Timeline for second reporting exercise



- November 2012 – April 2013: preparation of summary reports
- 12-13 February 2013: Workshop on reporting under the Protocol
- 29 April 2013 (210 days before MOP3): submission of summary reports by Parties, Signatories and other interested countries
- May–August 2013: preparation of the regional implementation report by an independent expert and of the report by the Compliance Committee
- 4-5 July 2013: Sixth meeting of the WGWH: review of results of reporting exercise
- 25-27 November 2013: Third session of the Meeting of the Parties