



# EPRs: towards a sustainable energy sector

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# Environmental Performance Reviews

What is an EPR?



## ENVIRONMENT

- **Review of progress made by the country in improving its environmental policy**
  - Voluntary exercise
  - Comprehensive approach
  - By experts from UNECE member States & international organizations
  - Strong involvement of the country under review
- **Recommendations**
  - Addressed to the country under review
  - Agreed by UNECE member States (Committee on Environmental Policy)
  - The reviewed country commits to implementation

# Environmental Performance Reviews

## Objectives

### ENVIRONMENT



- Facilitates the strengthening of environmental policies through concrete recommendations to the country
- Promotes integration of environmental policies into sectoral policies
- Facilitates exchange of experience between countries
- Strengthens cooperation with international community
- Contribute to achievement of SDGs



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## Cycles



### ENVIRONMENT

- 1<sup>st</sup> cycle (1994 – 2004 (2011); 20 countries)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle (2000 – 2013; 18 countries)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle (2012 – ongoing; 13 countries)

Morocco, 2021, 2012; Mongolia, 2017



# Environmental Performance Reviews

## Energy & environment: structure



### ENVIRONMENT

- Overview of energy sector
- Trends in energy balance
- Environmental pressures
- Energy intensity and efficiency by end-use
- Other sources of energy, especially renewables
- Alternative scenarios of energy development
- Impact from and adaptation to climate change
- Legal, policy and institutional framework
- Participation in international agreements and processes
- Assessment, conclusions and recommendations