

Information Matters

Capacity Building for Enhanced Reporting & Facilitation of International Mutual Learning through Peer-to Peer Exchange

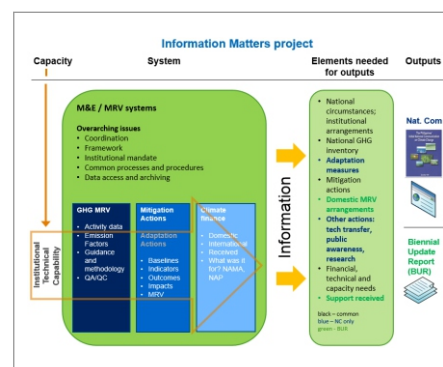


The project aims to strengthen the capacities of lead government agencies in the Philippines to enhance the institutional, procedural and technical aspects of national-level climate reporting system with special focus on the requirements for mitigation-related reporting to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Through customized capacity building missions, the project works in line with the National Framework Strategy on Climate Change (NFSCC) and the National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP) that takes into account mitigation as a function of adaptation and in pursuit of national sustainable development goals. The Information Matters Project is part of the International Climate Initiative (IKI), which is supported by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Buildings and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) on the basis of a decision adopted by the German Bundestag.

OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVES

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of BMUB-Germany provides technical support to four selected countries so far, namely, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ghana and the Philippines. The project aims – as its primary goal – to strengthen the in-country capacities for enhanced reporting on climate change in the preparation of National Communications (NCs) and Biennial Update Reports (BURs).

In consultation with partners, specific needs and priorities for measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) systems and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions monitoring are identified, which are then addressed through tailored in-country capacity building workshops and trainings



PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

In the Philippines, the Climate Change Commission (CCC) leads the inter-agency consultations and the implementation of the project roadmap. Among the CCC's active partners are the government agencies and research institutions responsible for planning, statistics, budget and finance as well as sectoral leads for agriculture, waste, industry, transportation, forestry and energy. Specifically, the project is anchored on an existing GIZ-CCC collaborative project in the country entitled: "Support to the Climate Change Commission in the Implementation of the NFSCC and the NCCAP (or SupportCCC) Project". The project also works very closely with the United Nations Development Programme's Low Emission Capacity Building Programme (UNDP-LECB) in order to maximize synergies and benefit from mutually complementary activities.

To ensure a high-level technical outcome, GIZ collaborates with and sub-contracts the British consulting firm Ricardo Energy & Environment (formerly Ricardo AEA), which specializes in MRV methodologies, to address country-specific demands for capacity building support in the process of monitoring and reporting of climate-relevant information.

At the global level, GIZ works with the World Resource Institute (WRI) on the monitoring and reporting issues in this project. Additionally, the project collaborates with the International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV with homepage at www.mitigationpartnership.net.

These activities aim to enable the partners to analyze and define procedures, methodologies and responsibilities in climate reporting. Special focus is given to the requirements for national level GHG emissions reporting to the UNFCCC.

The project's main contribution to the existing initiatives of the Philippine Climate Change Commission (CCC) is the training of technical experts of the country's government institutions in charge of the national monitoring and reporting of climate-relevant data to help establish a country-specific and sustainable reporting system.

Updates are available at the CCC website:
<http://climate.gov.ph/index.php/projects/mitigation/information-matters>



OUTCOME & STRATEGIES

The work is designed to identify gaps and enhance the existing systems related to the collection, processing, analysis and interpretation, tracking, and reporting of climate change mitigation-relevant information with an end-goal of preparing the country to come up with credible and timely national climate reports.

During project implementation, one in-country expert is assigned at the Philippines's GIZ office to respond to any possible *ad hoc* demand from the partner institution, the CCC. Additionally, one GIZ staff member is seconded to UBA to extend technical support and facilitate peer exchange between Germany and the Philippines on GHG emissions monitoring and MRV issues. Besides the in-country trainings, backstopping support is provided in the analysis of the country's monitoring and reporting processes and in the review of the information technology (IT) design for the country's proposed domestic MRV system.

Additionally, a global peer-to-peer exchange is organized for the members of the four involved countries' institutions. The purpose is the exchange of experience in facilitating the Philippines and other countries to learn from each other and improve and refine their MRV systems.



Tools and knowledge products are developed to incorporate the elements of GHG inventory, data collection and the institutionalization of reporting procedures, and compile lessons learned:

- **Biennial Update Report (BUR) Template** suggests a report structure and provides guidance for the preparation of BURs
- **Stock Taking Tool** supports in identifying prioritized action for national MRV systems
- **Process Analysis Guidance** provides stepwise guidance to support countries in the BUR compilation process and in preparing for ICA.

These tools are available at the global project website:
<http://mitigationpartnership.net/information-matters>

MILESTONES / ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Gap Analysis
- Backstopping activities on the MRV system
- 4 workshops
 - Domestic MRV Architecture
 - Baselines Training Part 1
 - Climate Relevant Data Management
 - Baselines Training Part 2
- Asian Peer to Peer Exchange: GHG and Non-GHG Indicators

