

# TRANSPARENCY UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT

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CGE support to developing  
countries and findings from 2022  
Transparency Needs Assessment

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# Indicative timeline of moving towards the enhanced transparency framework



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2022 → 2023 → 2024 → 2025 → 2026 → 2027 → 2028 → 2029 → ...

## Developed country Parties

- Final biennial reports (BRs) by no later than 31 December 2022
- ETF replaces BRs and IAR

## Developing country Parties

- Final biennial update reports (BURs) by no later than 31 December 2024
- ETF replaces BURs and ICA

## All Parties

- First biennial transparency reports (BTRs) by, at the latest, 31 December 2024 (SIDS and LDCs have discretion)
  - TER (to be initiated immediately following the submission)
  - FMCP (ASAP following the publication of the TER report)

\*Parties may submit their NC and BTR as a single report  
TER: technical expert review; FMCP: Facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress

Technical analysis of REDD-plus activities for result-based incentives

Developed country Parties: Annual GHG inventories and national communications\*

Developing country Parties: national communications\*

- Flexibility to those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities
- Facilitating improved reporting and transparency over time

Existing MRV arrangements

Enhanced transparency framework

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The Consultative Group of Experts was established under the Convention and continues to operate under the Paris Agreement, with the primary mandate to provide technical assistance and advice to developing countries on the process and the preparation of climate change reports.



Knowledge Products



Knowledge Delivery



Capacity-building needs  
assessment



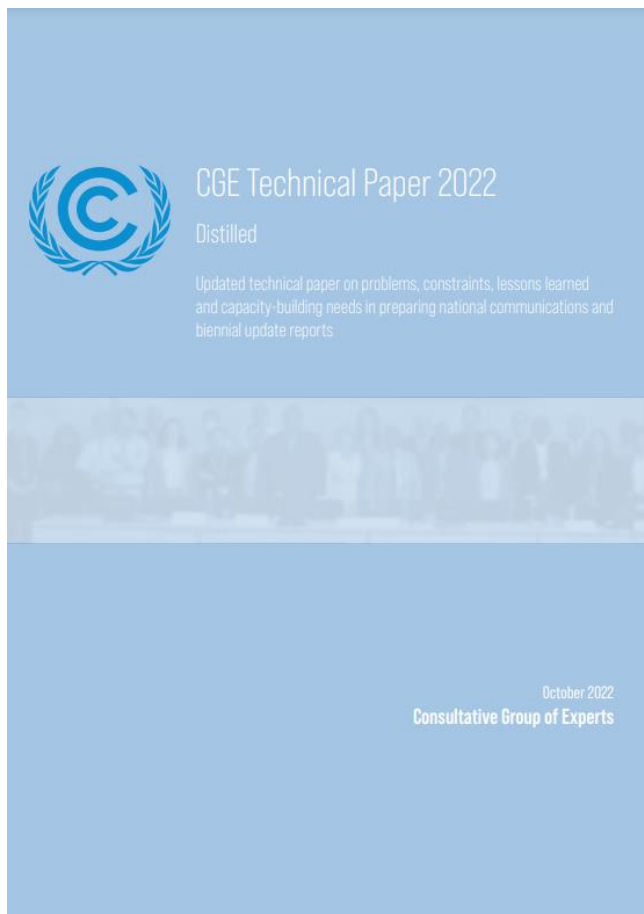
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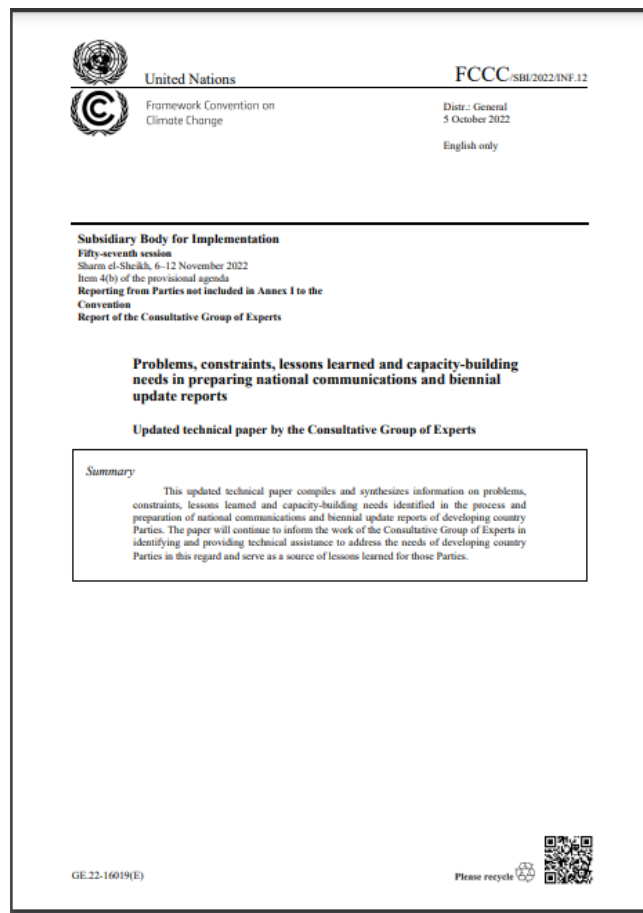
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 **CGE Technical Paper 2022**  
Distilled

Updated technical paper on problems, constraints, lessons learned and capacity-building needs in preparing national communications and biennial update reports

October 2022  
Consultative Group of Experts



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5 October 2022  
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**Subsidiary Body for Implementation**  
Fifty-seventh session  
Sharm el-Sheikh, 6-12 November 2022  
Item 4(b) of the provisional agenda  
**Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**  
Report of the Consultative Group of Experts



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**Problems, constraints, lessons learned and capacity-building needs in preparing national communications and biennial update reports**

Updated technical paper by the Consultative Group of Experts

*Summary*

This updated technical paper compiles and synthesizes information on problems, constraints, lessons learned and capacity-building needs identified in the process and preparation of national communications and biennial update reports of developing country Parties. The paper will continue to inform the work of the Consultative Group of Experts in identifying and providing technical assistance to address the needs of developing country Parties in this regard and serve as a source of lessons learned for those Parties.

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For reports, please visit:



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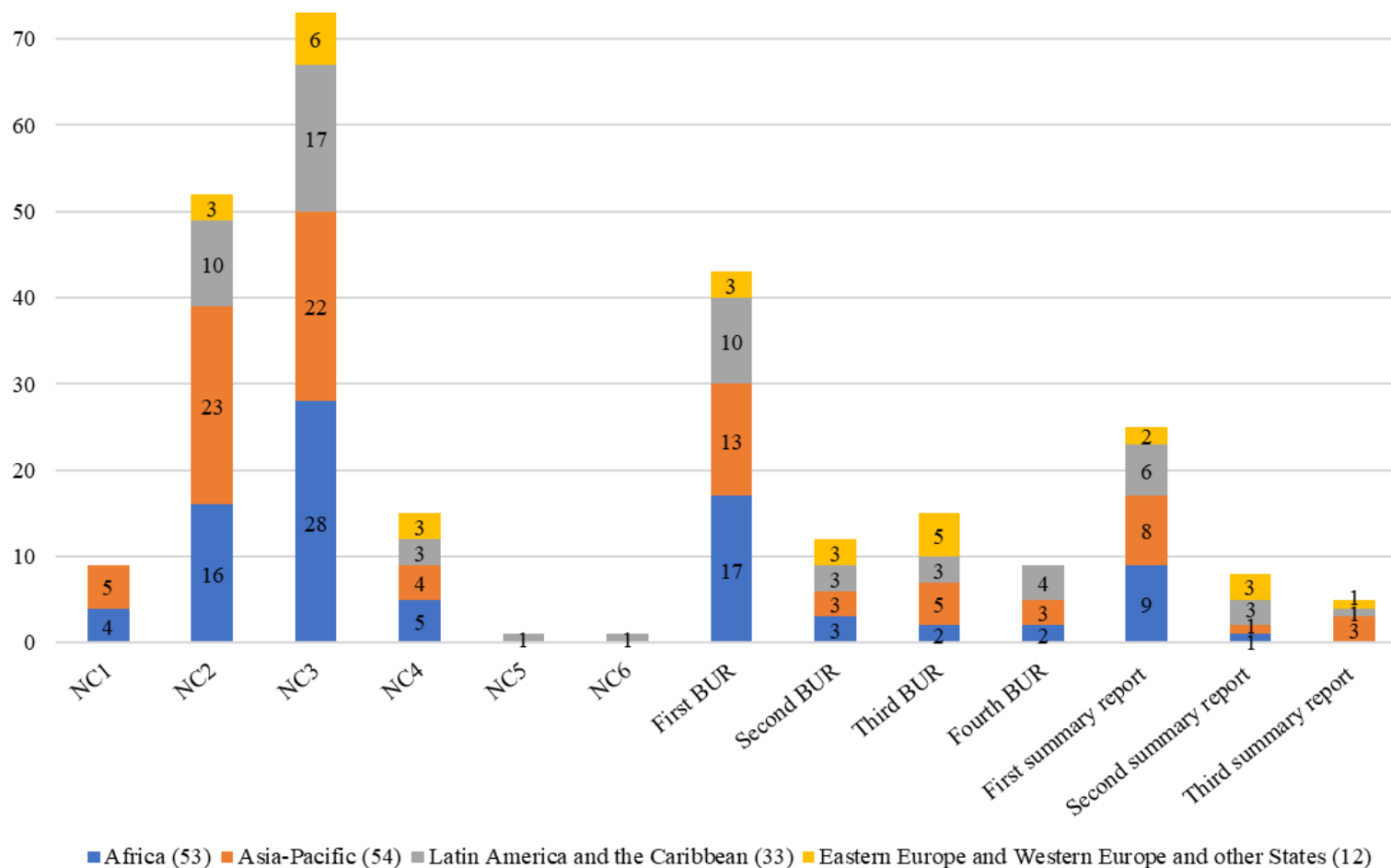
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# 2022 Transparency Needs Assessment



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Number of most recent reports compiled and synthesized the 2022 transparency needs assessment by reporting cycle and region

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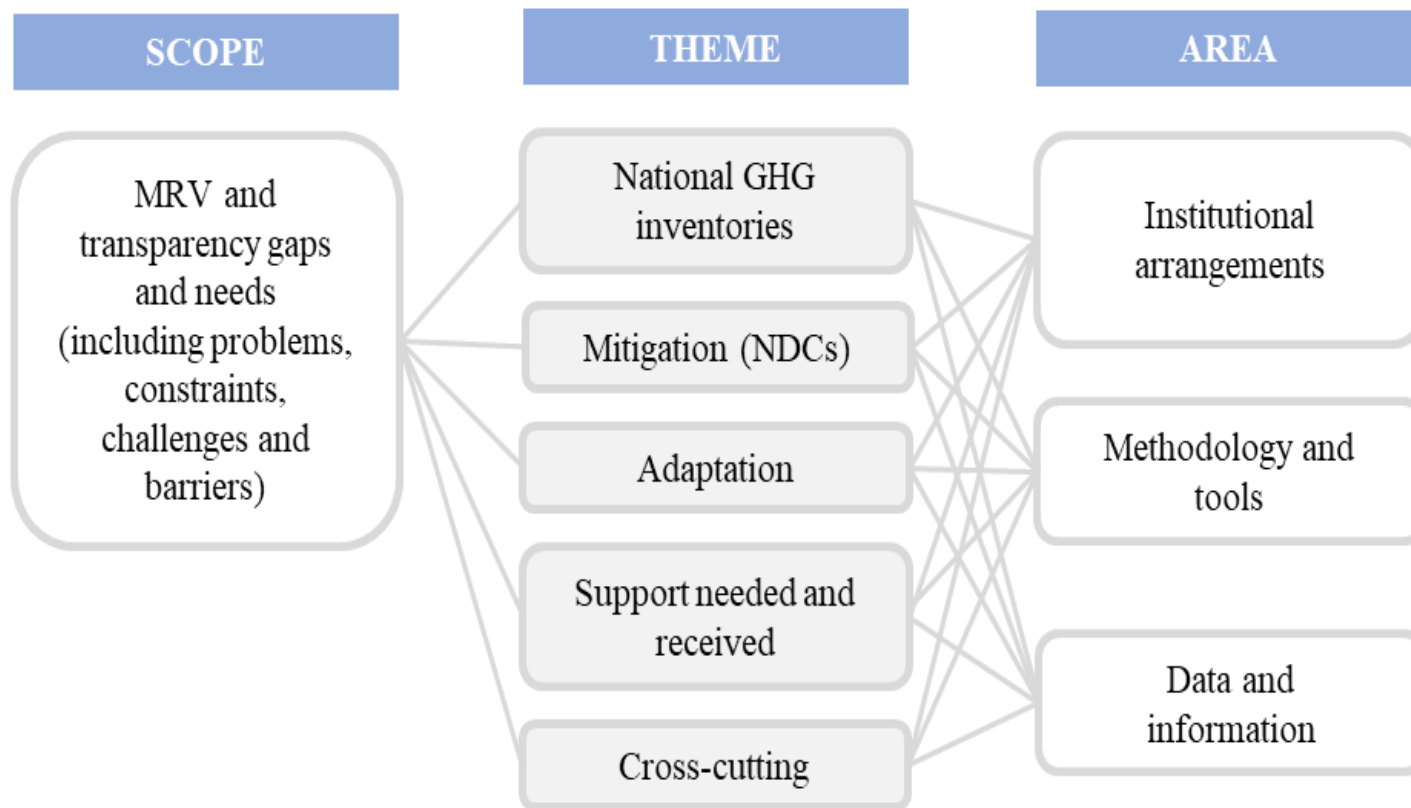


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What information is compiled and synthesized?

Under which theme are the challenges and needs compiled and synthesized?

Which approach is required to address the need?



Analytical framework for the compilation and synthesis of challenges and needs reported by developing country Parties

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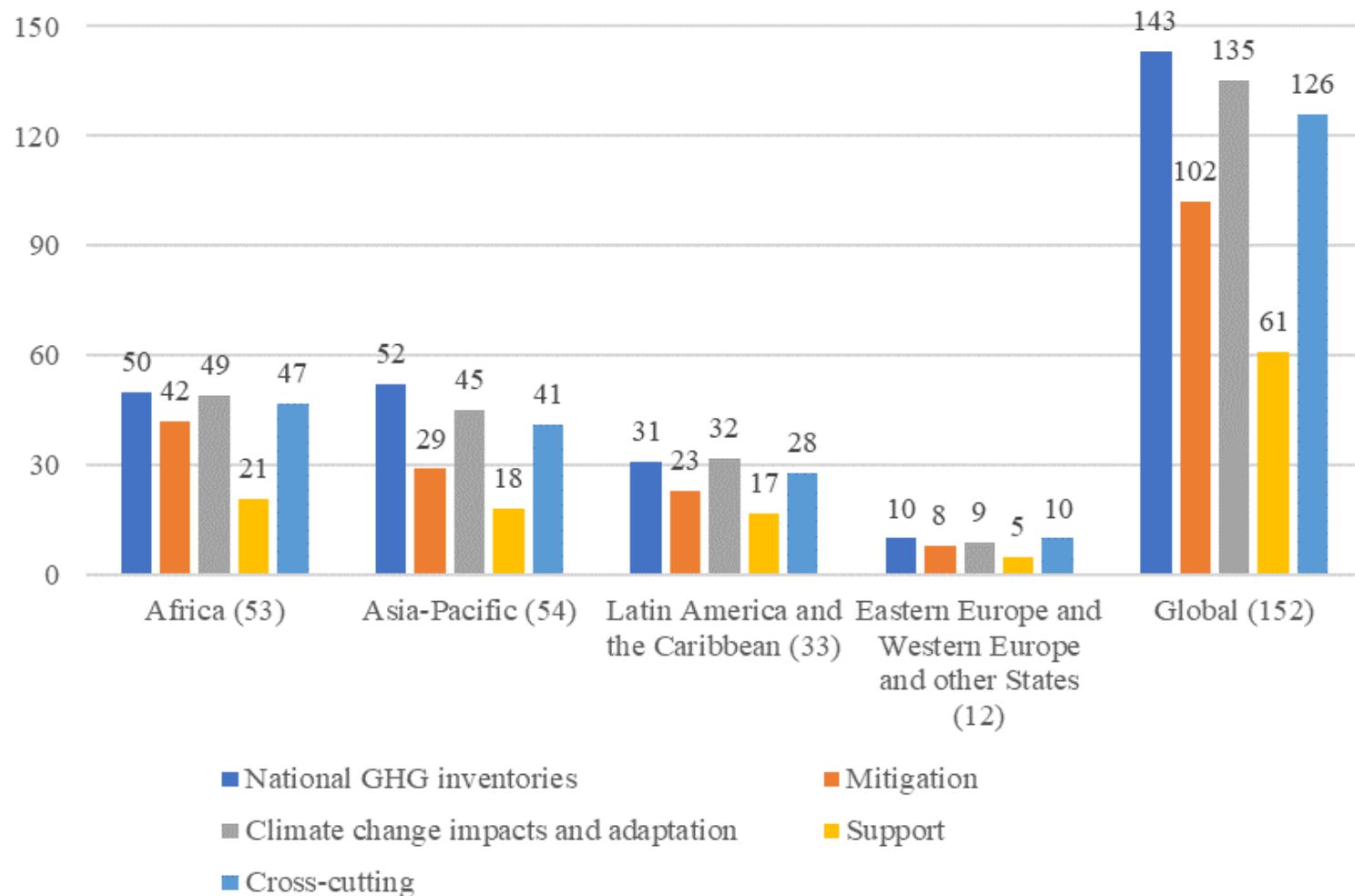


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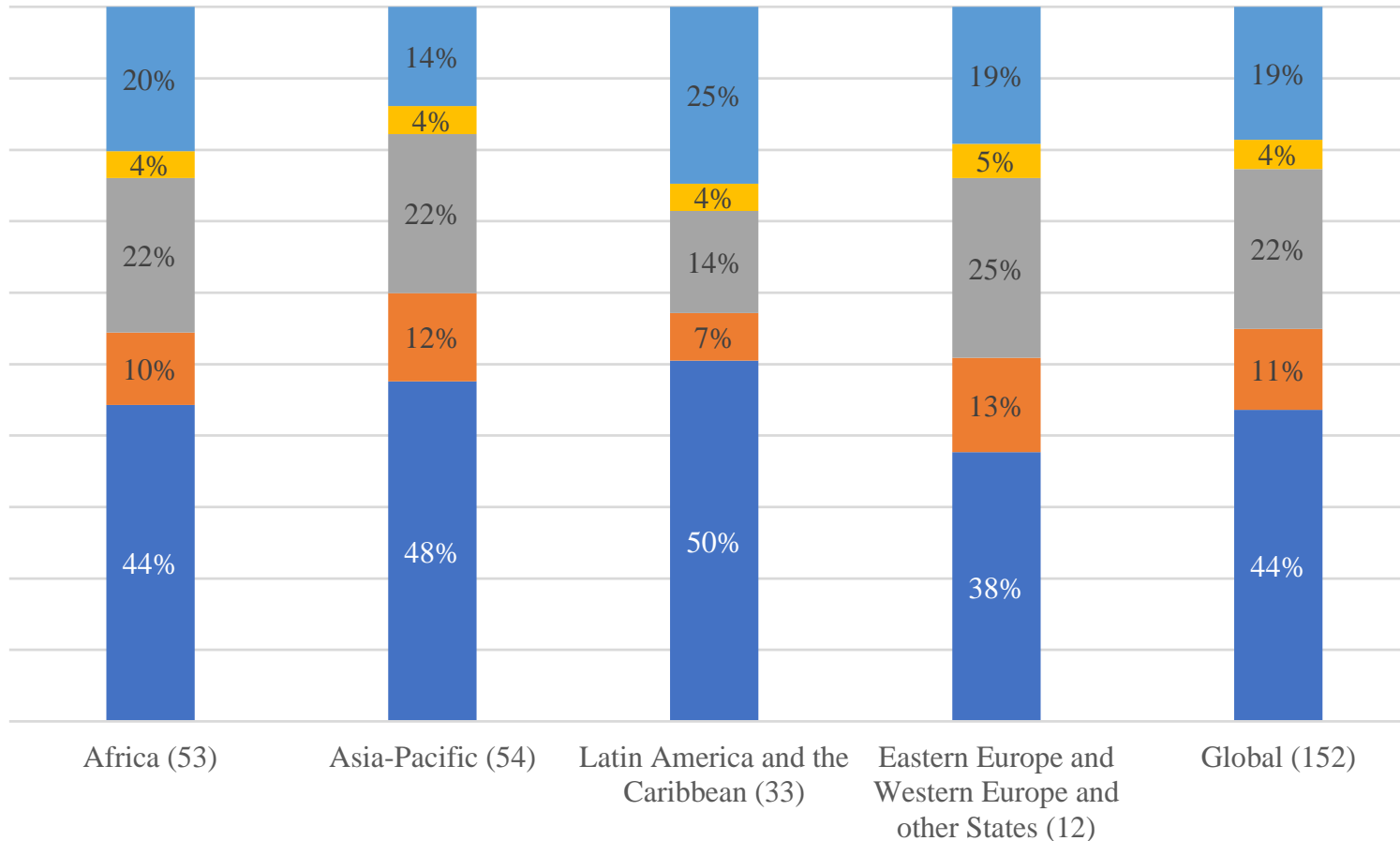
Number of developing country Parties that reported one or more challenges and needs under each theme, by region and globally



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Thematic breakdown of challenges and needs reported, by region and globally

■ National GHG inventories ■ Mitigation ■ Climate change impacts and adaptation ■ Support ■ Cross-cutting

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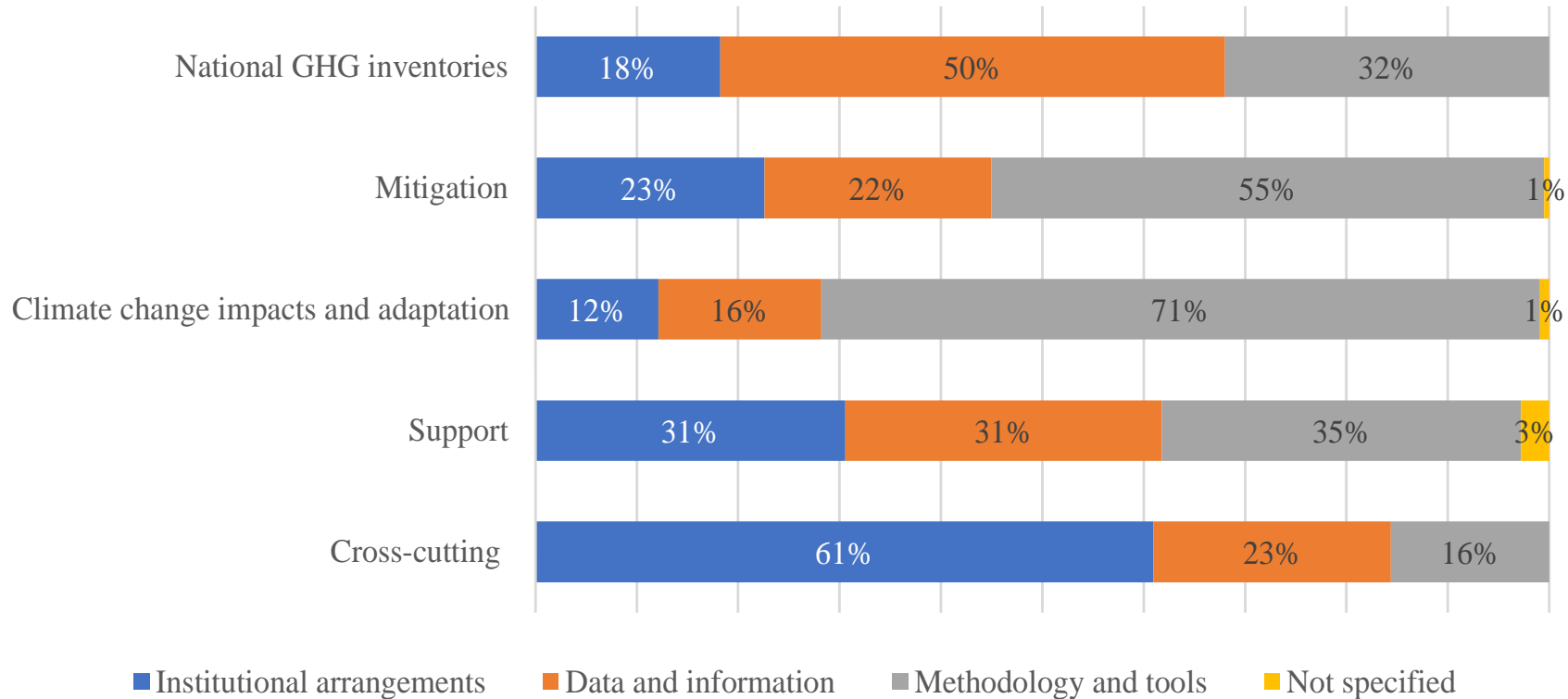
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Breakdown of areas in which challenges and needs were identified by developing country Parties, by theme



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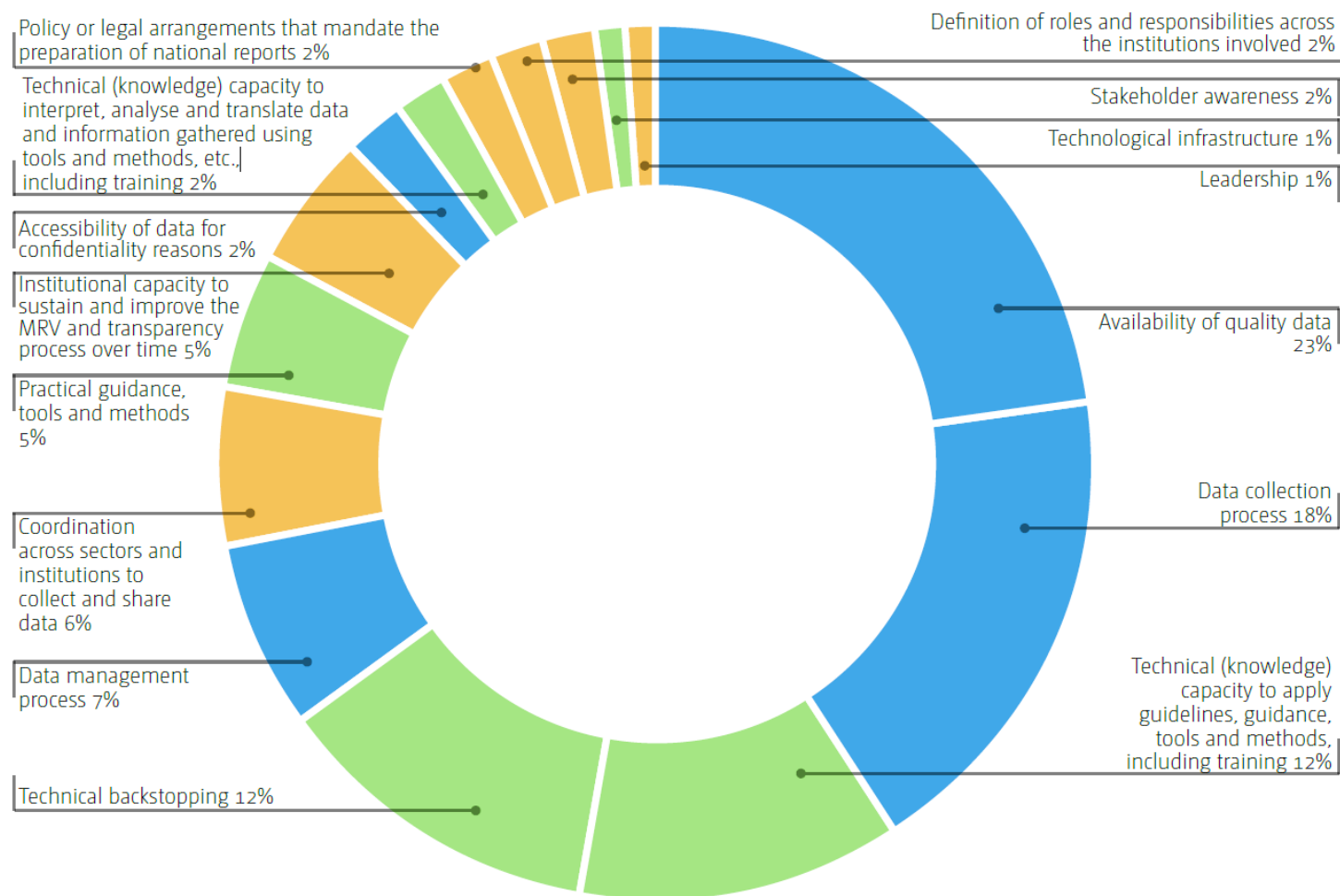
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# Issues associated with preparing national GHG inventories

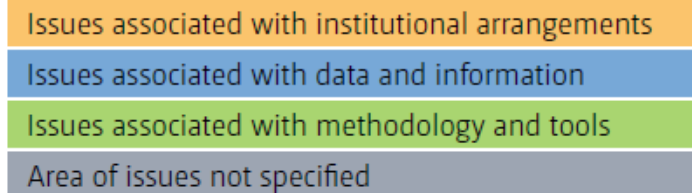


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## The highest three categories of issues

- **Availability of quality data – 23%**
- **Data collection process – 18%**
- **Technical (knowledge) capacity to apply guidelines, guidance, tools, methods, including training – 12%**



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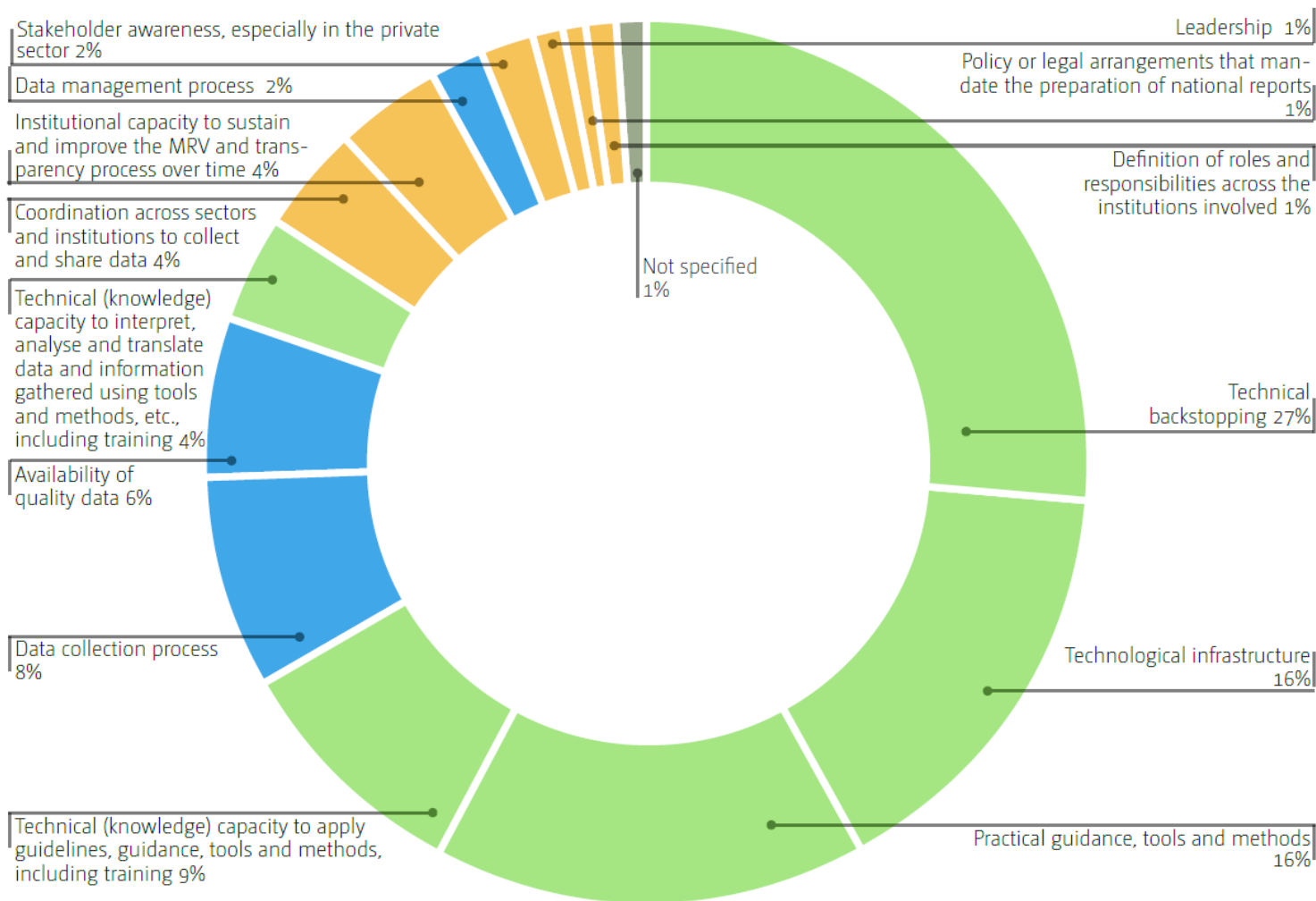
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# Issues associated with reporting on climate change impacts and adaptation

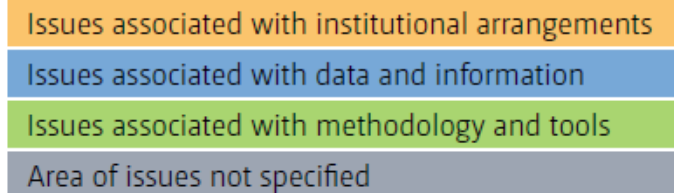


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## The highest three categories of issues

- **Technical backstopping – 27%**
- **Technological infrastructure – 16%**
- **Practical guidance, tools and methods – 16%**



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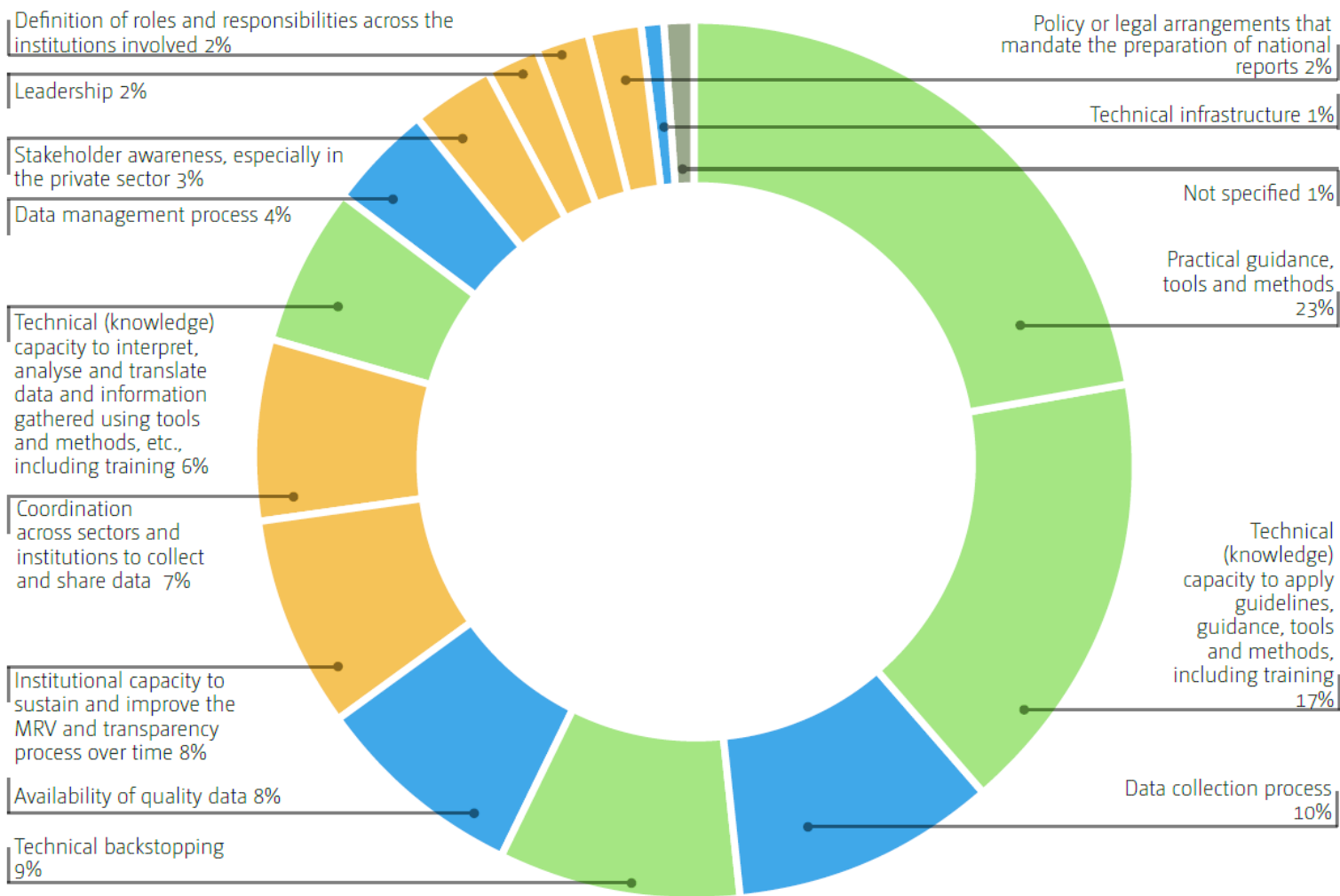
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# Issues associated with reporting on mitigation actions

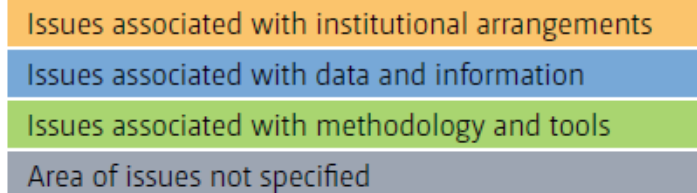


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## The highest three categories of issues

- **Practical guidance, tools and methods – 23%**
- **Technical (knowledge) capacity to apply guidelines, guidance, tools and methods, including training - 17%**
- **Data collection process – 10%**



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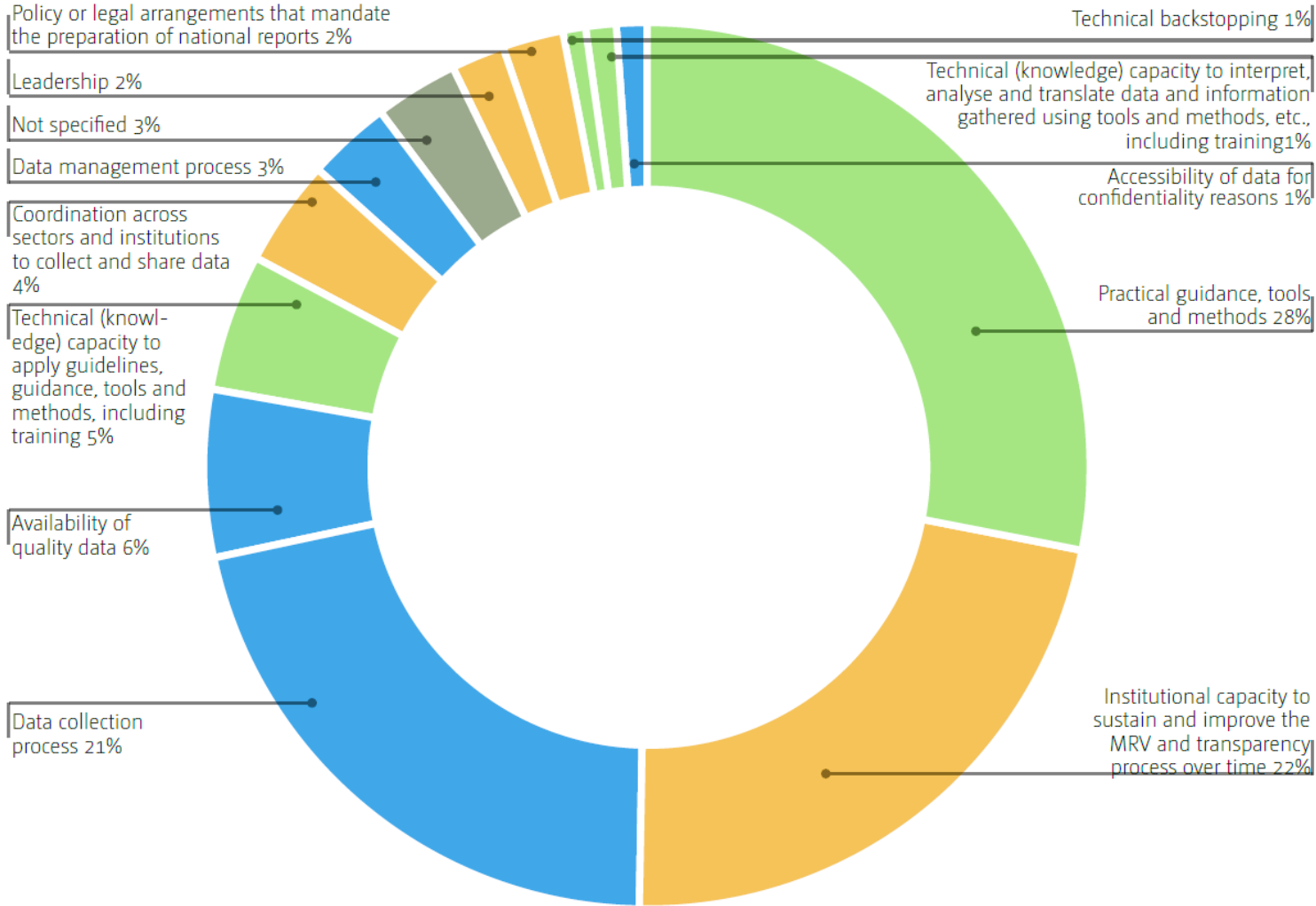


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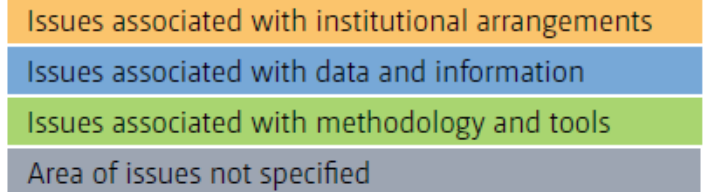


# Issues associated with reporting on support needed and received



## The highest three categories of issues

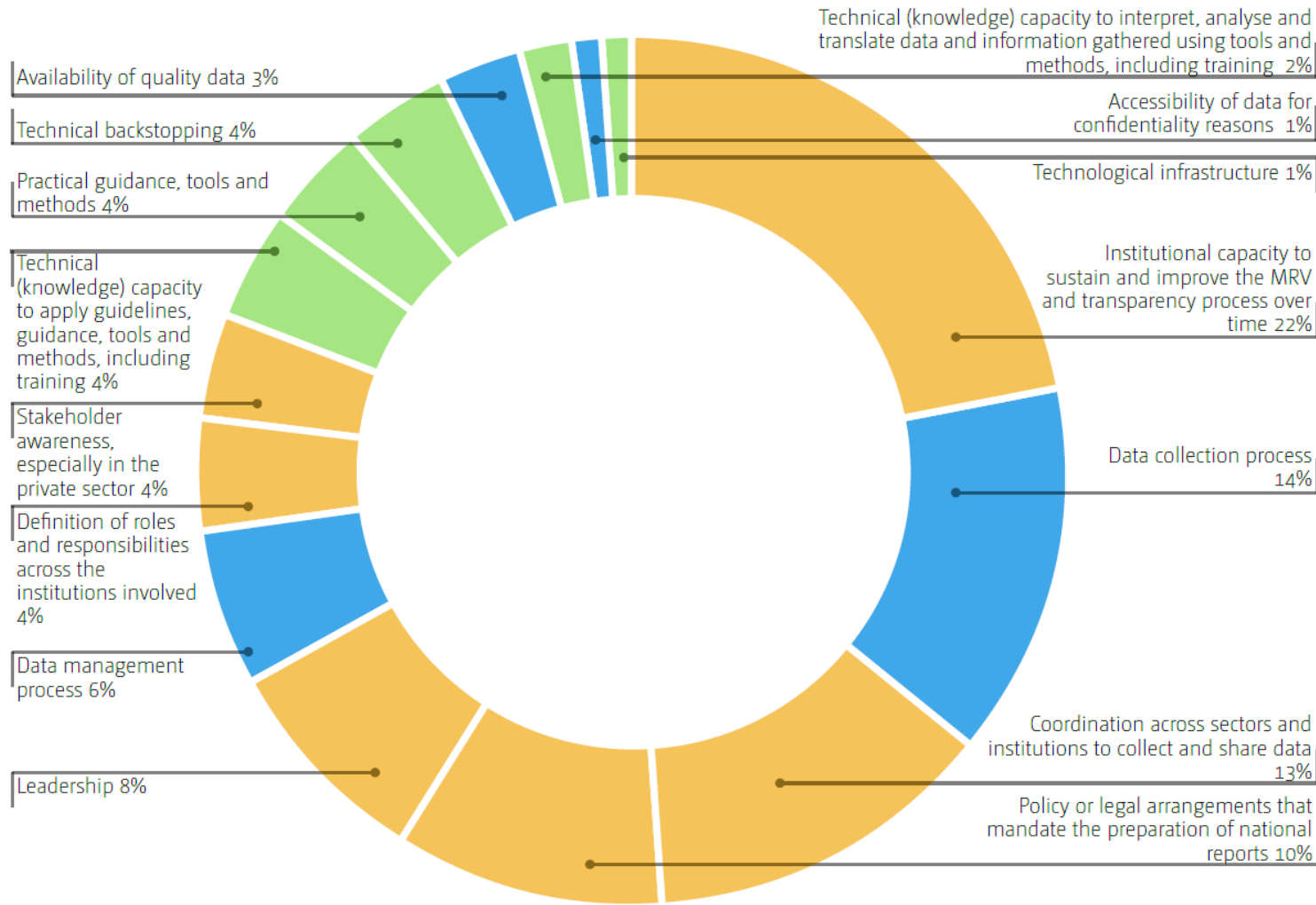
- **Practical guidance, tools and methods – 28%**
- **Institutional capacity to sustain and improve the MRV and transparency process over time – 22%**
- **Data collection process – 21%**



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**61% of the cross-cutting issues are institutional arrangement related**

- Issues associated with institutional arrangements
- Issues associated with data and information
- Issues associated with methodology and tools
- Area of issues not specified

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# Knowledge products by the CGE:



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**CGE training materials and e-learning courses** on reporting adaptation and mitigation in NCs, BURs and GHG inventories

**Technical handbooks on MRV and the ETF** (available in all UN languages)

**CGE Toolbox on Institutional Arrangements** (available in all UN languages)

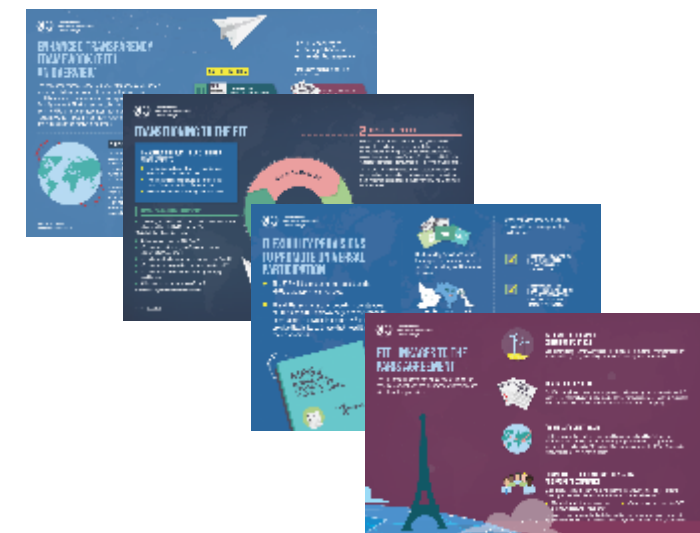
- Handbook on institutional arrangements to support implementation of MRV&ETF
- Case stories and video interviews on country experiences and lessons learned
- Compilation of references to several technical resources
- Animations on institutional arrangements

**Other technical materials and tools**

- Presentations on key aspects of the existing MRV arrangements and how they can be enhanced to support implementation of the ETF, key considerations in transitioning to implementation of the ETF, overview of institutional arrangements including data managements for transparency.
- Rapid assessment tools to understand readiness to implement the ETF, develop ETF implementation plan, conduct stakeholder analysis and develop stakeholder engagement plan.

**Video animations and infographics on MRV and ETF arrangements**

- [Four pre-recorded](#) videos in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish available on the UNFCCC YouTube channel
- Infographics on key aspects of ETF



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## Regional training workshops

- @2020: Existing MRV arrangements and **introduction to the enhanced transparency framework**
- @2021: **Institutional arrangements** for the **existing MRV arrangements and the ETF**, including data management for national GHG inventories
- @2022: **Tracking progress of NDCs under the ETF**, including mitigation assessment, tracking progress of implementation and achievement of NDCs through use of indicators, and support needed and received in relation to tracking progress of NDCs

<https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/constituted-bodies/consultative-group-of-experts/calendar-of-meetings/archive-of-meetings>

## Regional webinars

- @2020
  - Transitioning from the Revised 1996 to 2006 IPCC guidelines for national GHG inventories;
  - Synergies at the national level in data collection for reporting under the existing MRV arrangements, the ETF, the SDGs monitoring framework and other international instruments
- @2021
  - Synergies at the national level in data collection for reporting under the existing MRV arrangements, the ETF, the SDGs monitoring framework and other international instruments
  - Embedding climate reporting in national statistics as a way of enhancing institutional arrangements in a sustainable manner
- @2022: Benefits of the climate transparency arrangements and ETF at the national level.

<https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/consultative-group-of-experts-cge/cge-webinar-series>



# CGE - Collaboration and engagement activities



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MRV ETF  
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SOCIAL MEDIA



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## Overview



**Overview of Support Provided to Developing Countries**  
 Overview of support provided to developing countries...  
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## Consultative Group of Experts (CGE)



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## Financial and Technical Support



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## Guidelines, Manuals and Tools



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## Training



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**ANNUAL INFORMAL FORUMS**  
*(bringing together key stakeholders to seek feedback on its work and brainstorm on key factors to enable successful implementation of MRV and the ETF)*

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On **13 December 2022**, the **CGE** will organize its **5<sup>th</sup> informal forum** in virtual format to have more in-depth discussions on new and emerging areas that require technical assistance and support.

Registration:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/registration\\_CGE-5\\_informal-forum](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/registration_CGE-5_informal-forum)



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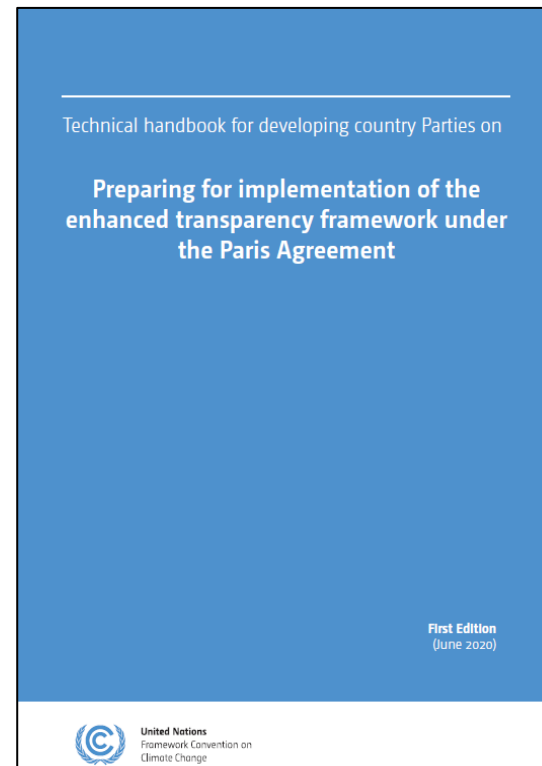
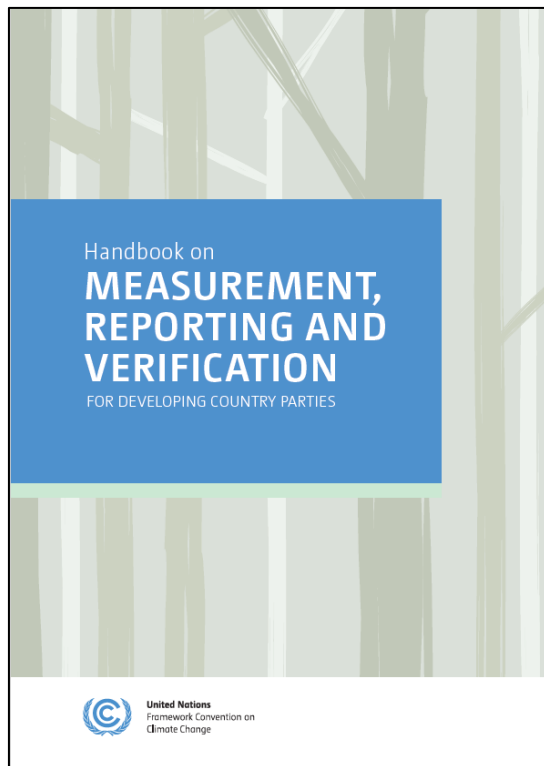
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# Further Resources on MRV and ETF



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