

Ratcheting up Climate Actions under the Paris Agreement

SB44 Side Event

*Asia's Ambition for Nationally Determined
Contributions (NDCs):
Key Elements and Actions towards the
Implementation of the Paris Agreement*

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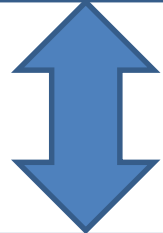
Gap between

- Emission path consistency with the "well below 2°C"
- Emission levels under the current INDCs

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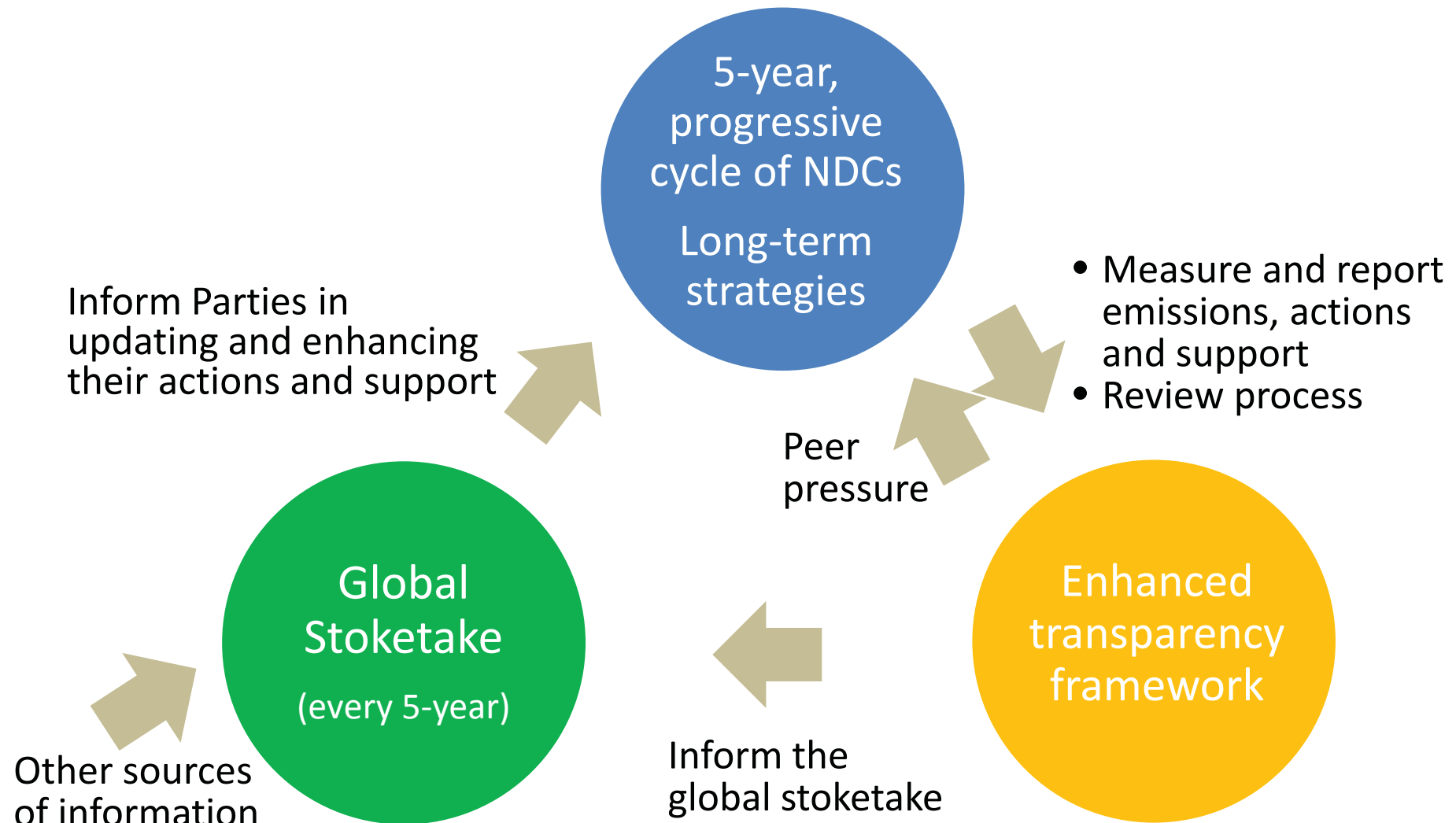
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Ratchet Mechanism

- Each Party shall communicate a NDC **every five years**, and **successive NDC** will represent a **progression** beyond the current NDC (Art.4.2, 4.3)
- **Long-term low greenhouse gas emission strategies**, mindful of 2°C/1.5°C goal (Art.4.19)
- **Transparency** of each Party's actions and support (Art.13)
- **"Global stocktake"** every five years of which outcome shall inform Parties in updating and enhancing their actions and support (Art.14)

Three Elements in “Ratchet Mechanism”



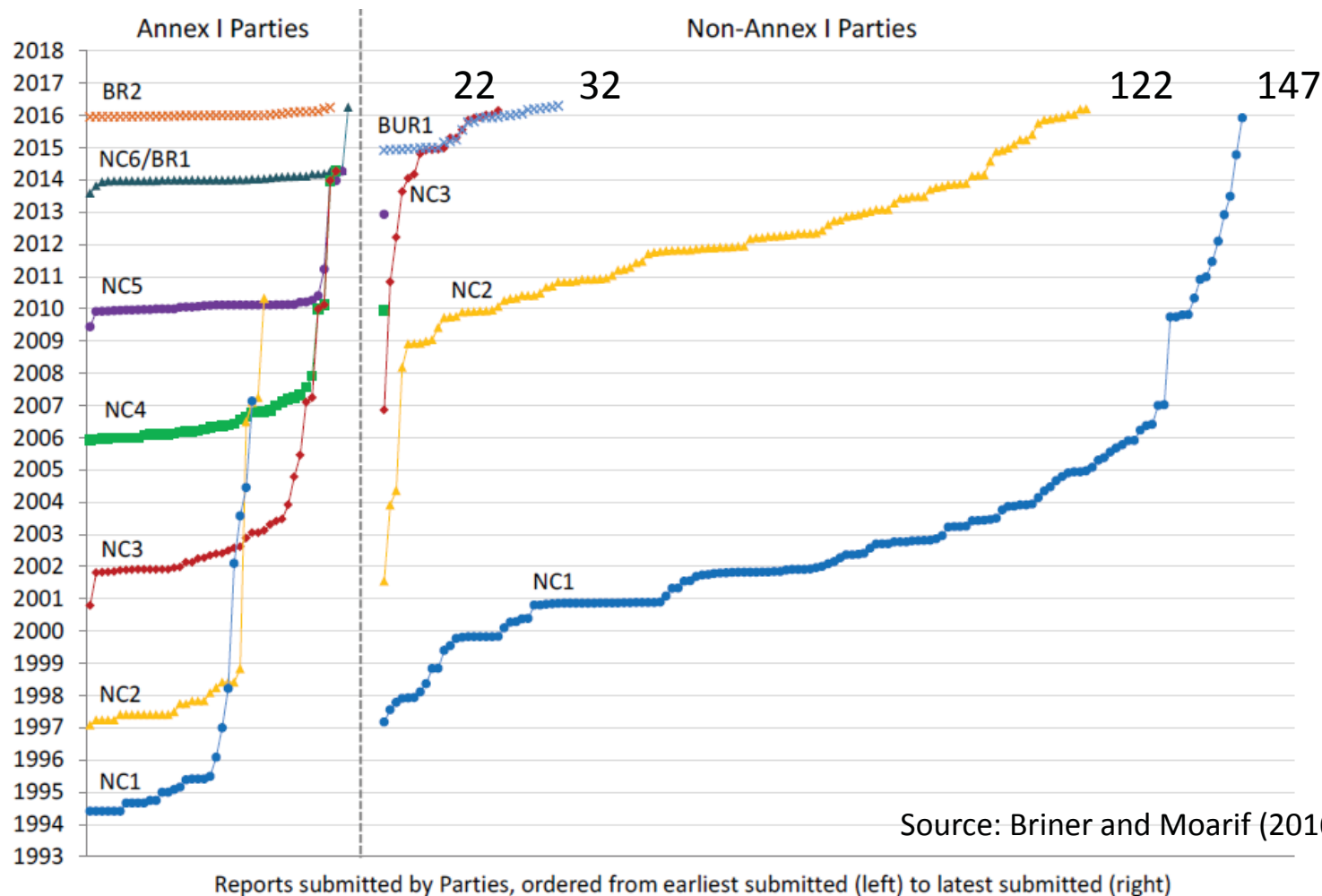
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Submission of National Communication, BR and BUR



Limited experience in regular reporting in many developing countries
 → Transition to the biennial reporting cycle is a significant “challenge”

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- How should capacity building be provided to take the balance between comparability and flexibility?

Thank you very much!



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