

The Aarhus Convention Reporting Mechanism

2017 Reporting Cycle - Practical Considerations

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2017 Reporting Cycle

Objective of the presentation

- To inform Parties and other stakeholders on practical considerations related to preparation and submission on National implementation reports (NIRs) for 2017 reporting cycle
- To give the answers to key questions regarding the 2017 reporting cycle
- Key to remember:
 - **Recommended submission deadline:** 15 December 2016
 - The **formal deadline** for submitting the report will be communicated when the dates of the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties will be set.

Presentation outline

- **What**
- **Who**
 - Parties and other stakeholders
 - Role of the secretariat
- **When**
 - NIRs preparation process and timeline
- **How**
 - Reporting format
 - NIRs submission process

What

- Parties are requested to submit report on
 - The legislative, regulatory or other **measures** taken to implement the provisions of the Convention
 - Their practical **implementation**

Who

Parties & other stakeholders

- Only Parties are required to submit the report
- Other stakeholders are welcomed to submit it

Parties to the Convention

- required
- no special status for recent Parties

Signatories and other States

- may report on measures taken, pending ratification and/or accession

International, regional, non-governmental organizations

- may report on activities and experience in programmes or activities providing support to Parties/ States in the implementation

Who

Role of the secretariat

- Role of secretariat is two-fold:
 - to collect reports
 - to prepare a synthesis report

Collects the NIRs, ensures publication online and submission to MOP



Prepares a **synthesis report** for MOP

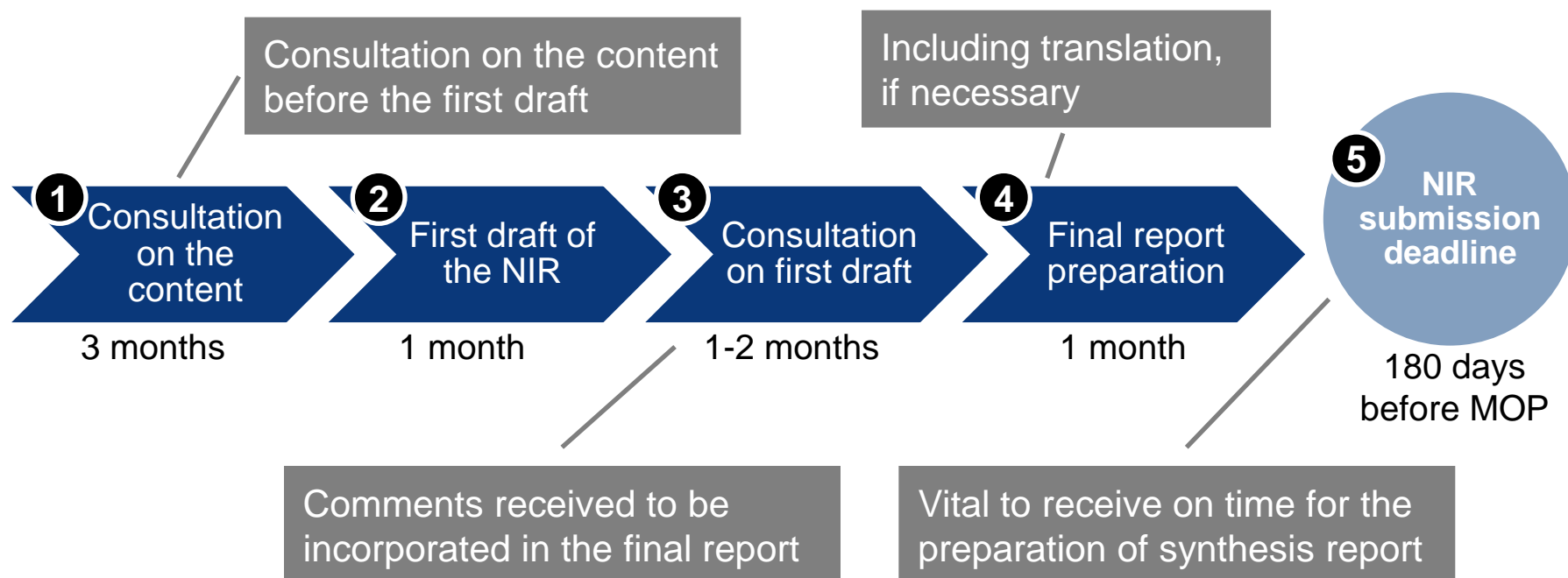
- summarizing the progress made
- identifying significant trends, challenges and solutions



When

NIRs preparation process

- We recommend to prepare NIRs in five steps and envisage enough time for each step

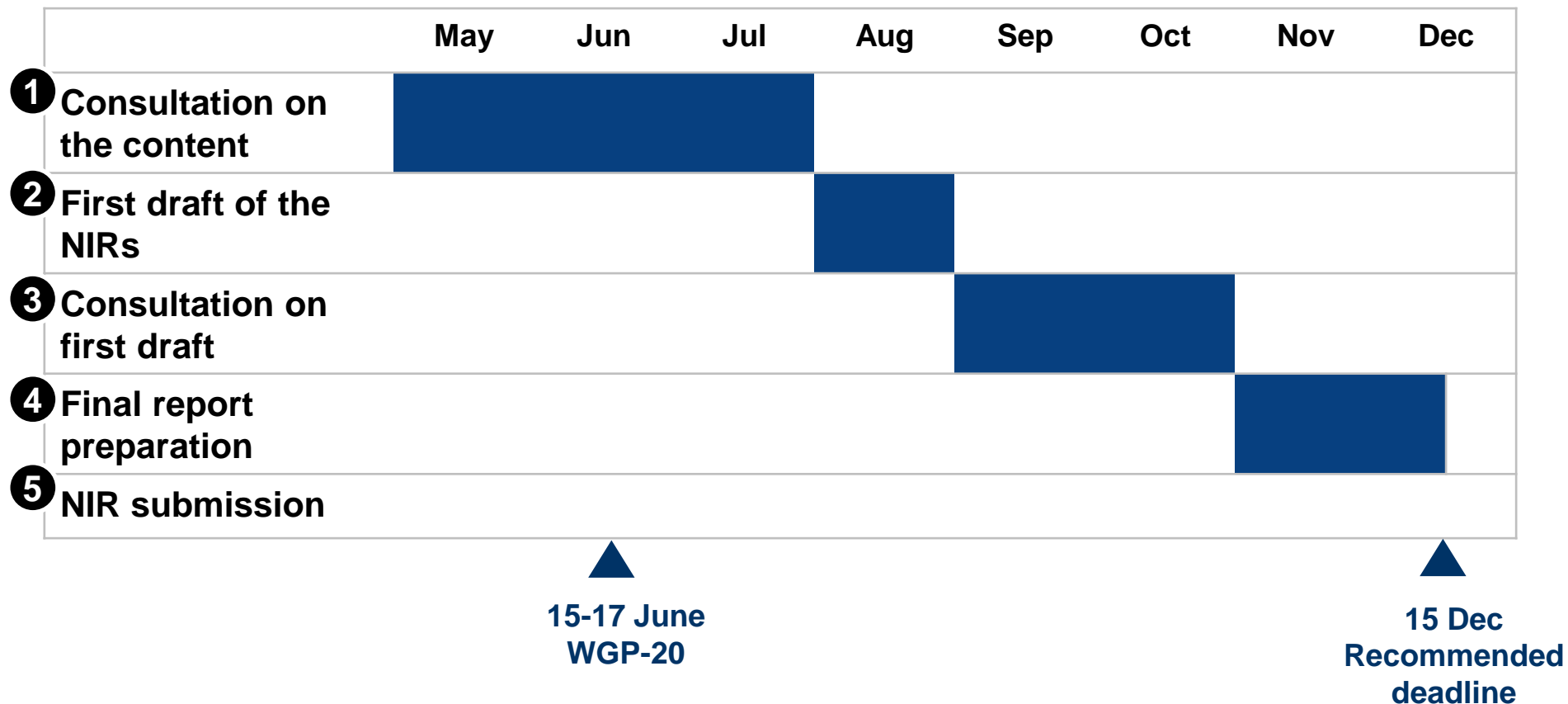


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When

NIRs preparation timeline

- By August most Parties should have their first draft of the NIR prepared



How

The reporting format (1/2)

- In accordance with the format set out in the annex to decision IV/4
- In form of a questionnaire
 - Each article dealt with through a separate set of questions
- Limit of 13.000 words
 - including the section headings drawn from the reporting format
 - enables to allocate a proportionate level of detail to each item

How

The reporting format (2/2)

- There are some differences on how recent Parties should go about preparing a report compared to older Parties:
- **First time?**
 - Follow the 2011 revised format (decision IV/4)
- **Second, third or fourth time?**
 - Use the submitted previous report and work with track changes to enable recording of changes + upload online the clean version

How

submission process

- Reports need to be submitted electronically as well as in hard copy

Online database

- Upload to <http://apps.unece.org/ehlm/pp/NIR/index.asp>
- Let us know if you require username & password

E-mail

- **Final word version in track-changes** of the report in one of the official UNECE languages (ENG, FRE, RUS)
- **Clean word version** in national language(s) of the Party
- Send to: aarhus.survey@unece.org

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