

A Novel Framework for Expanding NDC Capacity Building

The objective of establishing National Data Centres (NDCs) is to receive, process and analyse International Monitoring System data to afford each member state independent verification on treaty compliance. NDCs vary in resources, capacity and competency dictated by the need of each member state. Capacity building undertaken by the Provisional Technical Secretariat (PTS) is constrained by human and financial resources. Despite these challenges the PTS empowers signatory states with equipment, software and training to build up NDC capacities. To protect and grow the investment by the PTS we propose an expansion of the current capacity building framework. The 3rd On-Site Inspection (OSI) surrogate inspector training brought together three trainees from different signatory states on an informal platform. This opportunity birthed an exchange of ideas about the verification regime beyond the OSI pillar. Reflecting on their own diverse needs, particularly on matters pertaining to the relative competencies of NDCs, led to the development of simple and workable solutions for expanding capacity building. The proposed framework introduces two additional mechanisms, mentorship and partnership, in a cooperative environment, to preserve and expand NDC capabilities. The framework can provide tailored solutions according to each member state needs. This presentation will put forward the framework.

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