

Data Quality Record for Long-Term Performance Goals

Long-Term Performance Goal Text: By September 30, 2026, implement at least 40 international climate engagements that result in an individual partner commitment or action to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, adapt to climate change, or improve resilience in a manner that promotes equity.

Corresponding Annual Performance Goal: Number of climate engagements that result in an individual partner commitment or action to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, adapt to climate change, or improve resilience in a manner that promotes equity.

Goal Number/Objective: Goal 1/Objective 1.3

NPM Lead: Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA)

1a. Purpose of Long-Term Performance Goal:

This long-term performance goal (LTPG) measures EPA's international efforts to leverage opportunities to reduce GHG emissions, adapt to climate change, and improve resilience, particularly in vulnerable and underserved communities. EPA will show how effective the engagement was to help the partner country to better address their climate change law, policy, and enforcement gaps, reduce climate emissions, and be resilient to climate change impacts. A positive result trend of several years would indicate that EPA's international assistance leads to results in addressing climate change within a partner country.

1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:

Engagements: A commitment by senior level EPA officials (defined as e.g., EPA Administrator or Assistant Administrator or their designees) for international collaboration that provide tools that when utilized can result in partner actions to equitably reduce GHG emissions, adapt to climate change, or improve resilience.

Individual partner commitment or action: Examples of such individual commitments include a capacity-building program that enables an international partner or country to take action that effectively reduces GHG emissions, improves climate resilience or undertakes these activities in a manner that addresses the needs of vulnerable and underserved communities, which might be embodied in a public joint-statements or press releases, an action plan, agreement or accord for technical or financial assistance. Partners inter-alia include international organizations engaged in capacity building such as the UN, multilateral development banks, foreign governments, sub-national governments, international NGOs, and others.

1c. Unit of Measure:

The number of international climate engagements.

2a. Data Source:

- OITA will receive source data from the relevant project managers in OITA and from the international coordinators in other EPA program offices. Source data will also be gathered through secondary

sources such as press releases, joint statements, trip reports, grant or contract reports, or other written documents attributing to the commitment of the country to collaborate or actions undertaken that reduce GHG emissions, adapt to climate change, or improve resilience.

- The frequency at which primary data are collected is every quarter.

2b. Data needed for interpretation of (calculated) Performance Result:

The baseline is zero at the start of FY 2022. The universe is defined by EPA’s role in the international policy arena as well as EPA’s reach with other countries and stakeholders through bilateral, trilateral, or multilateral engagements, consultations, meetings, or negotiations. EPA represents the U.S. Government in climate-related multilateral meetings and treaty negotiations, such as the Montreal Protocol, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and G7 and G20 Environment Ministers meetings. EPA also works directly with other countries and stakeholders through bilateral agreements and work plans to share technical expertise, implement capacity building, and help countries address their climate gaps.

3. Calculation Methodology:

The aggregation of the total number of engagements as provided to OITA every quarter by the relevant project managers in OITA and by the international coordinators in the relevant EPA program offices. OITA will initiate the solicitation for data via email and/or meetings. The technical contact in OITA will analyze the incoming data for accuracy and consistency with performance measure definitions, then add and track the data on a shared electronic platform, such as SharePoint.

4. Quality Assurance/Quality Controls:

OITA will have the responsibility to verify the accuracy of the engagements with the relevant project managers and/or international coordinators. This review will be completed every six months and will involve direct communication with the relevant project managers, international coordinators, and OITA.

5. Data Limitations/Qualifications:

It is assumed that each project manager of an international activity will have the capacity to provide the data. It is also assumed that the global COVID-19 pandemic would be abated to allow for safe international travel needed to provide technical assistance to partners. Sources of error may come from the partner country reporting to the EPA project manager and/or an incomplete project description that does not clearly state the role of the partner country to provide regular and timely reporting that explains how the engagement resulted in a domestic action that effectively reduces GHG emissions or improves climate resilience.

6. Technical Contact:

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7. Certification Statement/Signature:

I certify the information in this DQR is complete and accurate.

DAA Signature Original signed by Rafael DeLeon Date 5/13/2022