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### **MRV Hub Direct Support to Member Countries – Update**

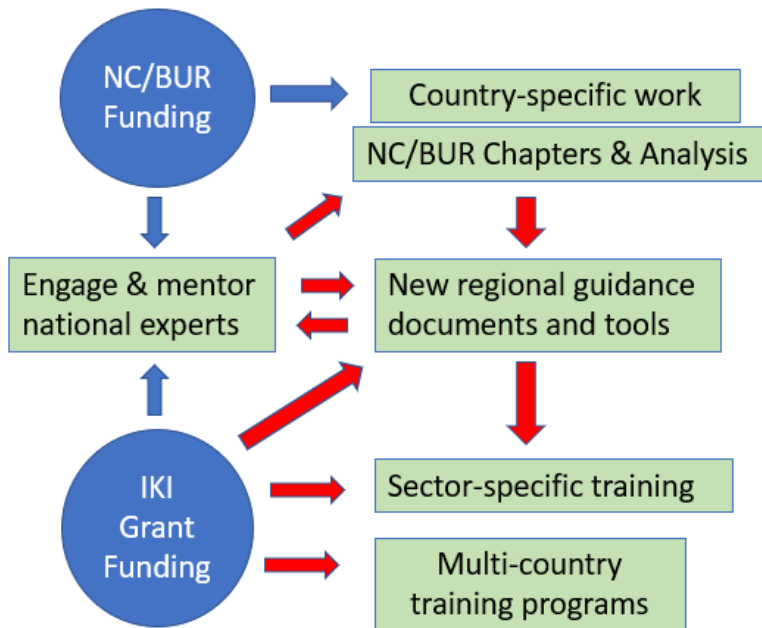
The MRV Hub started its work by conducting *MRV System Status Assessments* for all our member countries, informed by desktop analysis of reports and communications, followed by in-person and in-country interviews with MRV Hub focal points and local officials and stakeholders. These helped us understand how countries in the region are conducting their work and what their needs are. Based on that information we created *Capacity Building Reports* summarizing our findings.

The MRV Hub technical team analyzed the results of each country's CBR and established a prioritized list of actions that could yield immediate positive benefits individually and collectively. We formed work crews to tackle sector-specific problems and based on prioritized common needs.

We also continued to host multi-country engagements, such as last year's *Summer Academy*, and targeted webinars and training opportunities. The same member country focal points, while happy with the communal offerings of the MRV Hub, also told us they had specific needs based on national circumstances that required a more hands-on approach.

In response to this demand, and at the urging of our Steering Committee, the MRV Hub is now very involved in country-specific work, primarily assisting countries to produce national inventory reports and helping with creation of chapters for NCs and BURs.

Through all our projects helping countries comply with UN reporting requirements, we see time and time again the same issues and obstacles facing regional governments. We have also found that our country-specific work is helping the broader regional community through positive feedback to other programmatic activities, as illustrated below in **Figure 1**.



**Figure 1. MRV Hub Current Work Flow and Impact**

*Figure 1* depicts how the current work of the MRV Hub is driven by funding sources (blue arrows), with work products and activities shown in green boxes, and red arrows depicting the ways different aspects of our work have positive impacts and benefits to other sets of activities. We have found that the country-specific work of the MRV Hub is yielding better outputs and benefits to the wider region through this combination of programmatic activities.

More information on these projects will be shared future MRV Hub Newsletters. How are these projects impacting your work? Contact: [info@mrvhub.org](mailto:info@mrvhub.org)