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MANDATED EVENT:

Regional online workshops on support available to developing country Parties
for preparing their biennial transparency reports and enhancing sustainable institutional capacity and national reporting systems within their governments for implementing the ETF, and in providing guidance on the application process for transparency-related projects

15–18 April 2024

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Programme

15 min

WELCOME REMARKS

Mr. Nabeel Munir, SBI chair
Mr. Shahin Shahyarov, Incoming Presidency
Mr. Donald Cooper, UNFCCC Secretariat

10 min

OPENING:

Scene setting presentation by UNFCCC secretariat

60 min

SESSION 1:

Support available to developing country Parties:

- *Presentations by support providers*
- *Moderated Q & A session*

15 min Health break

80 min

SESSION 2:

Moderated discussion on the application process for transparency-related projects:

- *PART A: Perspective by country representatives*
- *PART B: Perspective by support providers*

10 min

KEY TAKEAWAYS AND CLOSING



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Housekeeping rules



Microphones muted

Participants are kindly asked to keep the microphone muted unless given the floor to speak.



Use of cameras

The moderator and speakers will use a camera. Participants are not required to use cameras.



Asking for the floor

to join discussions and to raise questions, participants are kindly asked to ask for the floor by raising hand function.



Giving the floor

The moderator will give the floor to participants, based on the lineup.



Using the chat function

Participants can use the chat function to ask questions, to contact the moderator or other participants.



Plenary discussions

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Welcome Remarks



Amb. Nabeel
Munir, SBI
Chair



Shahin
Shahyarov,
Incoming
COP
Presidency



Donald
Cooper,
Director,
UNFCCC

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Scene setting presentation

Dubai outcome on provision of financial and technical support for ETF

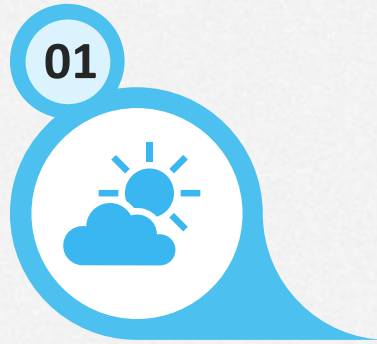
Jigme, Manager, UNFCCC secretariat

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Dubai outcome



Awareness

Raise awareness of opportunities for support for reporting under the Paris Agreement



Delivery

Ensure that technical support and training is made available to developing country Parties for reporting under the Paris Agreement



Collaboration

Facilitate regional cooperation for promoting exchange of experience, lessons learned and best practices and networking among Parties



Coordination

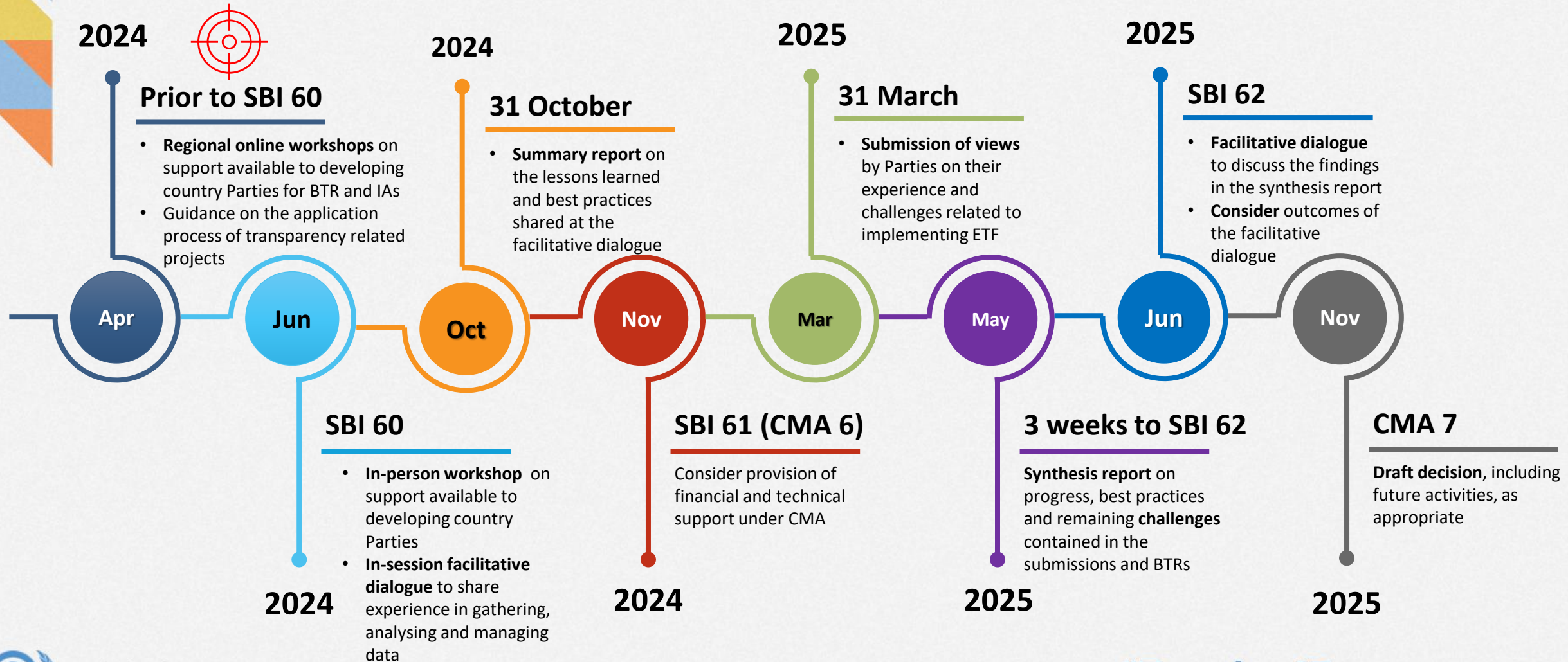
Promote better coordination of information on channels of support for implementation of the enhanced transparency framework



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Dubai outcome



Coordination and collaboration in delivering support for ETF



Bilateral agencies



GEF and its implementing agencies



Parties



Constituted Bodies



Multilateral agencies, programmes, initiatives, etc.



UN agencies

Raising awareness on transparency and benefits of ETF implementation

Generating a global momentum for Parties to prepare and submit BTRs in a timely manner

Operationalizing and leveraging support for developing country Parties

Offering technical support and training

Promoting exchange of experience, lessons learned, best practices and success stories



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Session 1:

Support available to developing country Parties

Presentations by support providers

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Global Environment Facility

Mr. Esteban Bermúdez Forn

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Support provided by the GEF to the ETF

The GEF is strongly committed to supporting the Paris Agreement's implementation and its ETF



Report

BTR and NC preparation

- 138 BTRs in 99 countries, totaling \$94.8M *
- \$145M available during GEF-8 (2022-2026)
- Modalities: stand-alone, combined BTR/NC, top-up



Capacity

Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)

- 96 projects in 88 countries, totaling \$159.6M *
- \$75M available during GEF-8
- Countries can request subsequent support

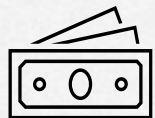


Global Support

CBIT Global Support Program
Thematic CBIT global projects

- CBIT-GSP
- CBIT-Forest 2 started implementation in 2024
- CBIT-AFOLU+ was technically cleared *

Key considerations and lessons learned



Increased resources. \$220 million for ETF in GEF-8 (up from \$165 million in GEF-7)



Updated cost structure. Indicative cost structure of BTRs updated from July 1, 2022 ([Information note GEF/C.62/Inf.15](#))



Bundled Reports. Countries can access two BTRs and one NC (as applicable) as part of the same EA project



Growing demand. Growing demand for BTRs towards 2024 deadline as well as CBIT2 projects



Synergies. Interlinkages and alignment between BTR, CBIT projects, and NDC 3.0



Sharing of lessons learned and best practices during ETF workshop, SB58, 2023a



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More information at:

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<https://climate-transparency-platform.org/>

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United Nations Development Programme **UNDP Climate Promise**

Ms. Thania Eloina Felix Canedo

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Overview of Support Initiatives, Activities, Tools

Access to GEF funds: Quality assurance of the project design development and implementation oversight services for NC, BTR and CBIT projects

How? Send request to respective UNDP Country Office

Technical In-country and Regional Support: for lusophone and francophone developing countries

- **Technical Support to improve MRV and transparency systems:** institutional arrangements, data collection, digital transparency systems
- **Trainings for GHG Inventories and tools:** IPCC, LEAP, GACMO, and other ETF reporting tools
- **Quality review for the GHG Inventories, NC and BUR reports**
- **Support to Technical Expert Review and FMCPs:** Assist countries in responding to comments
- **Capacity development and knowledge exchange:** National and regional trainings and South/South exchanges, support to COP and SB delegations

How? Contact respective UNDP CO, Transparency network coordinator, Submit [Transparency-helpdesk-concept-note](#)

Achievements:

- **47 countries** supported via **CC Enabling Activities**, including **30 BTR1**, 20 BTR2 already approved
- **24 CBIT** national projects
- **23 countries** have received in-country targeted trainings
- **6 regional workshops** delivered in partnership with #T4T
- **1 COP clinic:** 3 technical workshops + 23 “clinics”
- **1 Digital Public Good for NDC Tracking**
- Pioneering **L&D reporting** with real case study
- Support to **Climate Scanner tool (INTOSAI)**
- Key partner of #T4T: UNEP GSP, PATPA, UNFCCC, GEF, ICAT

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Key considerations and lessons learned



Considerations

- **Access to GEF resources:** ongoing basis, based on GEF eligibility criteria, GEF programming directions and available modalities, UNDP-GEF programming policies, including capacity assessment and selection of appropriate implementation modality.
- **Technical support:** ongoing basis, Lusophone and Francophone network countries prioritized, other countries supported based on availability, considering commitment and ambition of the Government, as reflected in the NDCs, quick assessment of delivery risks/lack of ongoing bilateral and multilateral portfolio in the UNDP CO and Govt, alignment with country priorities, synergies and no duplication with other support.



Good Practices

- **Early request, regular communication and proper understanding of UNDP-GEF policies and requirements** for programming are key for timely access to GEF resources.
- Use of **Bundled (2 BTRs + 1 NC) modality to avoid gap** between reporting and sustain capacity/teams.
- **CBIT portfolio to enhance capacities for ETF and complement reporting** with robust Institutional arrangements and NDC tracking systems.
- Align **BTR with NDC revision cycle.**
- Through technical support, countries are **unlocking bottlenecks in accessing GEF funds and implementing NCs, BTRs, BUR projects**
- Through technical support on **the GHG Inventories, quality reviews of BURs, NIR, REDD+ Annex, support in responding to the comments and recommendations** in TA/ICA and TER/FMCPs, countries unlock and submit their reports without further delays.
- Through in-country technical trainings, **countries establish national expertise, and the trained experts multiply trainings at national and local level.**
- Through technical support to climate negotiators for SBs and COPs, developing **countries become more vocal and empowered in representing their priorities at country and regional level**



Key considerations and lessons learned



Key lessons in [Enhancing climate change transparency](#)

1. The common **strengthening and use of information** leads to quality and efficiency.
2. The **ability to sustain qualified national human capacity** plays a significant role in the magnitude of enhanced transparency that is achieved.
3. **Regional programs and networks** make a difference when it comes to enhanced transparency outcomes.
4. **Digital systems and tools** are significantly increasing efficiency and their use is growing.
5. **Collaboration and coordination of activities save resources** that can be used for greater transparency enhancement.
6. **Collaboration among national stakeholders** allows for continued capacity.
7. **Knowledge sharing** is paying dividends.
8. **International knowledge** and skills are still needed to advance enhanced transparency.
9. **Gender and youth inclusion** drives enhanced transparency and climate action.
10. Interoperable **capacity-building** increases the quality and efficiency of enhanced transparency.

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UNEP - UN Environment Programme

Support on Reporting and Capacity Building Under the
UNFCCC & PA.

Ms. Suzanne Lekoyiet

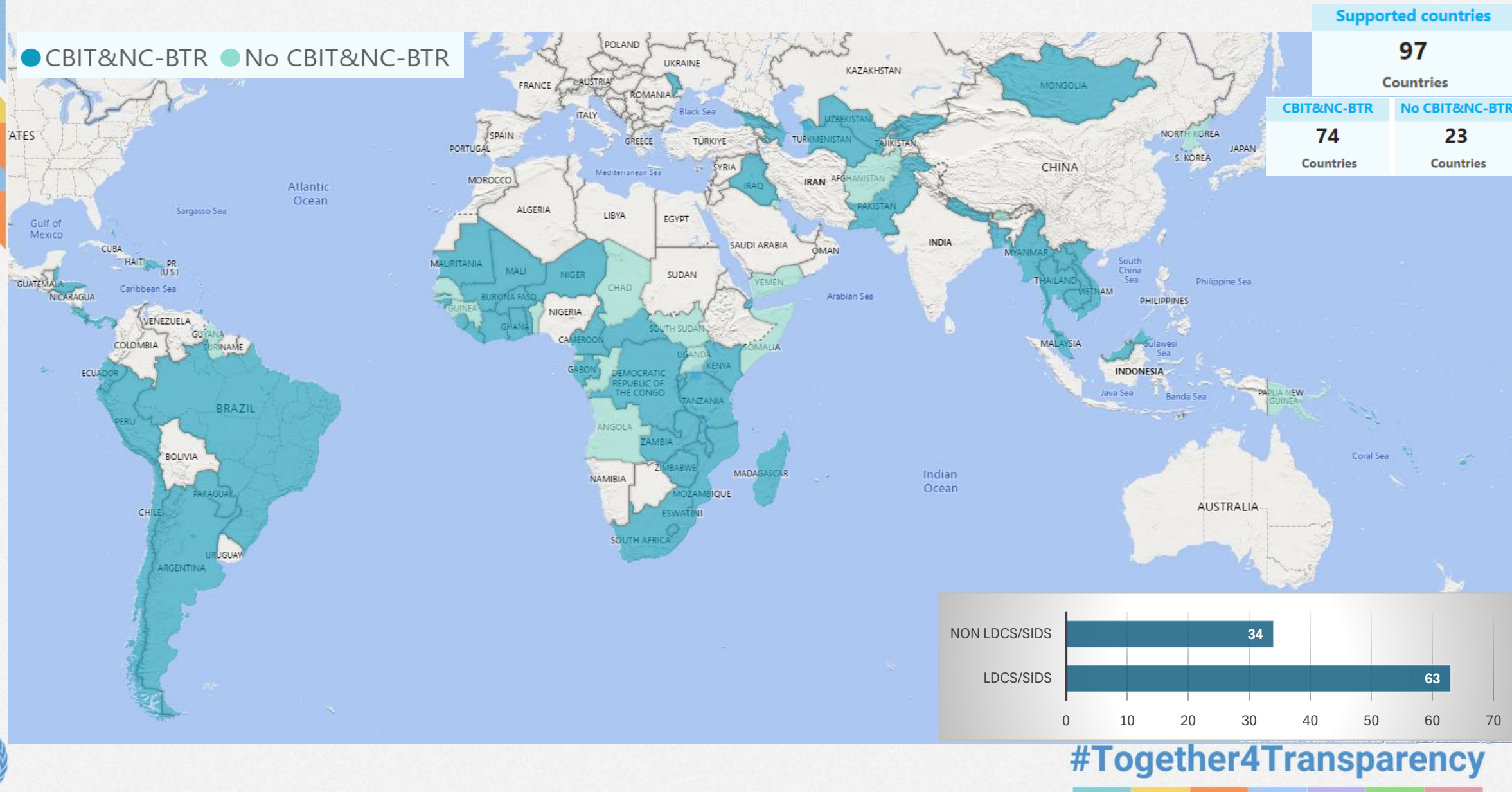
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Overview of Support Initiatives: - **UNEP's Support to National Governments on Transparency**

The Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP) Initiative through UNEP-CCC to be presented



Overview of Support Initiatives: - Regional Distribution. CBIT&NC-BTR and NC&BUR

Latin America and the Caribbean

19 CBIT&NC-BTR

Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada
Argentina	Honduras
Bahamas	Panama
Belize	Paraguay
Brazil	Peru
Chile	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Costa Rica	Saint Lucia
Dominica	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Dominican Republic	
Ecuador	Trinidad and Tobago

1 NC-BUR

Haiti

Europe

3 CBIT&BTR

Georgia
Moldova
Azerbaijan

Africa

32 CBIT&NC-BTR

Burkina Faso	Malawi
Burundi	Mali
Cameroon	Mauritania
Central African Republic	Mauritius
Comoros	Mozambique
Cote d'Ivoire	Niger
Dem. Republic of the Congo	Rwanda
Djibouti	Seychelles
Eswatini	Sierra Leone
Gabon	South Africa
Ghana	Sao Tome and Principe
Guinea-Bissau	Tanzania
Kenya	The Gambia
Lesotho	Togo
Liberia	Zambia
Madagascar	Zimbabwe

10 NC&BUR

Angola	Senegal
Benin	Somalia
Chad	South Sudan
Equatorial Guinea	Uganda
Guinea	
Republic of the Congo	

Asia and Pacific

21 CBIT&NC-BTR

Bangladesh	Nepal
Cambodia	Pakistan
Fiji	Qatar
Iraq	Solomon Islands
Kiribati	Thailand
Kyrgyzstan	Turkmenistan
Laos	Tuvalu
Malaysia	Uzbekistan
Maldives	Vanuatu
Mongolia	Vietnam
Myanmar	

10 NC&BUR

Afghanistan	Nauru
Bahrain	Niue
Bhutan	Palau
Korea DPR	Papua New Guinea
Kuwait	Yemen

Key considerations and lessons learned

GEF Funding Request and Approval Process

- ❑ Diverse country needs/circumstances. UNEP adopts diff. approaches. E.g. on BTRs funding modalities;
- Bundled/Top-ups, BTRs, NC/BTR combined etc
- ❑ No Project Preparation Grants for Enabling Activities. Countries encouraged to set-aside some funds to support the dev. of subsequent project proposals
- ❑ Eliminating potential funding gaps btwn reports. (Submission of reports to the UNFCCC&GEF funding approval). UNEP appreciates the flexibility granted by the GEF in a previous submission
- ❑ Enabling Activities - Administratively heavy portfolio for IAs –(smaller projects, IA Fee). Ongoing discussions with GEF.

UNEP's Processes: - From Project Concept & Planning

- ❑ Simplified processes/templates (internal proposal reviews/project plans
- ❑ Increase in No. of UNEP personnel to support different Regions/language preference
- ❑ Govt/personnel changes. Continuous training and support to establish climate coordination Units/CBIT

National Govt. Project implementation to submission to UNFCCC

- ❑ Strengthen complementary of Reporting & CBIT and other ETF Initiatives
- ❑ Active participation in Regional networks/peer exchange - through GSP/CBIT/UNFCCC
- ❑ Actively seek and participate in relevant trainings organized by various partners, using project funds
- ❑ **Political involvement, goodwill, endorsement and update of outputs**



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Webpage: Climate Transparency page
on the UNEP website
(<https://www.unep.org/topics/climate-action/climate-transparency>)

Web page Capacity-building Initiative for
Transparency – Global Support
Programme (CBIT-GSP) and executed by
UNEP-CCC. : <https://climate-transparency-platform.org/>

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Consultative Group of Experts (CGE)

Ms. Jenny Mager, CGE Chair

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Vision

To comprehensively achieve its mandate of assisting developing country Parties improve their capacities to implement the MRV&ETF, in a timely and sustainable manner.

Mission

“

Providing targeted technical support and advice, consistent with its mandate, to developing country Parties that responds to their technical assistance needs to implement, in a timely manner, MRV&ETF, including putting in place sustainable institutional arrangements and data management systems.

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Activity areas



Knowledge Products



Capacity-building
needs assessment



Knowledge Delivery



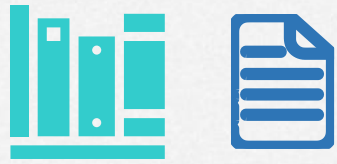
Collaboration and
engagement



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Technical support provided by the CGE (2022-2023)



Knowledge products

- CGE toolbox on institutional arrangements
- CGE annual CBNA reports (2022 and 2023)
- CGE Stocktake Survey Report 2023
- ETF technical handbook (2nd ed)
- CGE training material on adaptation reporting under ETF
- CGE training material on mitigation and NDCs under ETF



18
events
1377
experts

Training workshops, webinars

- 6 x CGE regional workshops reaching out to 297 experts from 102 developing countries (2022: ETF & NDC tracking; 2023: adaptation reporting in BTRs)
- 6 x CGE webinars reaching out to 352 experts (2022: benefits of ETF; 2023: introducing CGE training materials)
- CGE eLearning courses (343 registered trainees)



Collaboration, outreach

- CGE side-events (4)
- CGE Informal Forums (2)
- Collaboration with other IOs and CBs:
 - UNEP, UNDP, WMO
 - AC, ExCom, LEG, LCCIP, PCCB, PAICC,...



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Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency – The Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP)

Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi

15 April 2024

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Overview of Support Initiatives, Activities, Tools

Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency- Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP)

CBIT-GSP Objectives

Support developing countries **in the transition to the BTRs**, and with the submission of NCs and last BURs

Provide the global transparency community with a **one-stop shop for transparency** (Climate Transparency Platform)

Help countries with **mainstreaming gender considerations** in climate transparency

Funded by: Implemented by: Executed by:

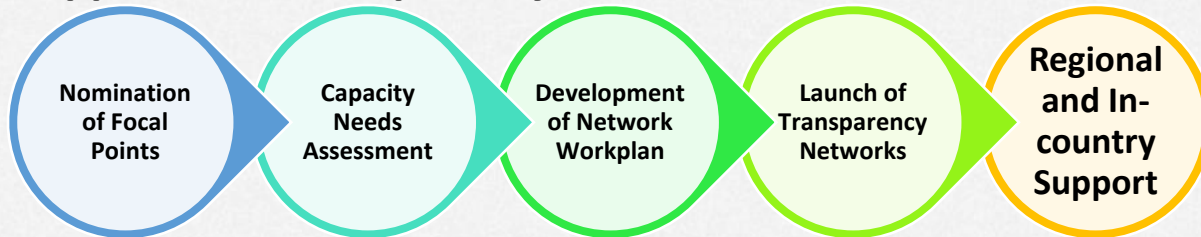


copenhagen climate centre

Budget: 9M USD

Duration: 2022-2026

Approach in Transparency Networks



- Countries nominated Focal Points for the project and the different ETF areas (e.g., adaptation, GHG inventory)

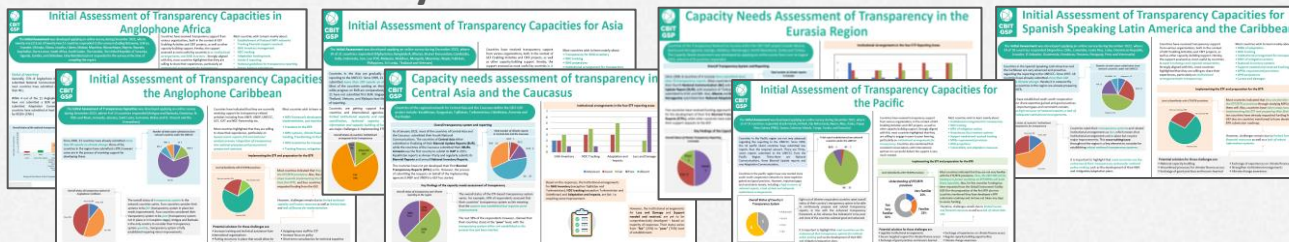
- Comprehensive survey with all countries to determine their needs and priorities

- Development of the workplan based on capacity needs assessment

- Launch of the Network with countries and collecting feedback on work plan

- Implementation of activities, both at regional and national activities, according to work plan and incoming support requests by countries

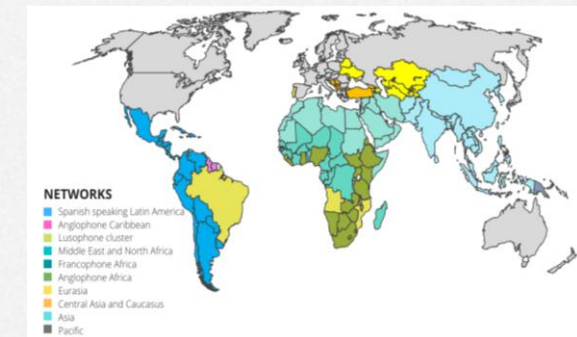
Capacity Needs Assessment Flyer



Main Modalities of Support



Transparency Networks



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All Capacity Needs Assessment Flyers and Full Reports can be found on the [Climate Transparency Platform](#)

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Overview of Support Initiatives, Activities, Tools

Two network in LAC: Spanish Speaking LAC and Anglophone Caribbean

Activities to date:



3 In-person Network Trainings/Workshops on NDC tracking/CTF tables and synergies between reporting adaptation and mitigation under the ETF



8 Technical Webinars/virtual workshops on M&E of adaptation; MPGs for supports; NDC tracking; and MPGs for NIR, BTR financing, etc..



12 Experience-sharing Webinars

In various areas, based on countries' interest: institutional arrangement, NIR, country-specific emissions factors, support needed & received etc..



10 In-Country Support

Numerous in-country support activities. Focus on BTR Roadmap development, GHG Inventory system, technical analysis simulation and reviews of NC/BURs



Reviews

On-demand quality review of countries' transparency reports



Knowledge Products

Capacity needs assessment reports for the 10 transparency networks, Good Practice Leaflets

Plans for 2024:



3 In-person Network Trainings/Workshops with focus on GHG inventory and compilation of the NID



11 Technical Webinars/virtual workshops on MPGs for adaptation; climate finance reporting; loss and damages; article 6 reporting requirements; NIR reporting; MRV for mitigation co-benefits of adaptation actions, BTR preparation, Support needed & received etc..



11 Experience-sharing Webinars

on BTR development status, GHG projections; adaptation reports; transitional lands; IPCC Wetland Supplement, data collection etc..



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Focus on BTR Roadmap development, GHG Inventory system, technical analysis simulation, modelling tools, NDC tracking, Support needed & received, Institutional arrangements etc..



Reviews

On-demand quality review of countries' transparency reports



Knowledge Products

Guidance for NDC Tracking, Guidance on Adaptation Reporting, template of the NID under development, Good Practice Leaflets, Gender Toolkit...



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Key considerations and lessons learned

- **Availability and retention of human resources** identified as a major challenge.
- **Significant support** is required to understand and implement **ETF requirements for BTR** in 2024, including use of CTF tables for GHG inventories and NDC Tracking.
- Foundational challenges in **institutional arrangements** for consistent **data collection** remain a priority
- Majority of **countries have BTR plans underway**, but meeting submission deadlines remains highly challenging
- **Specifically tailored** support provided to each country is of crucial importance for meeting their specific needs in transparency. Support was based on priorities identified in the **capacity needs assessment** and further discussions with countries
- The **exchange of experience between the countries and networks** on their best practices on ETF was recognized as one of the best approaches in learning.
- **Practicality of the training** and ability to use domestic data in CTFs and CRTs was important to overcome stress in filling in the new required tables under the ETF/BTR.
- **Communication in network languages** and access to the materials/information in relevant languages.
- **Mentoring and high quality of the international experts** was recognized as an asset to learning sessions on NDC tracking in particular.
- **Collaboration with other transparency partners and complementarity of the efforts** on climate transparency added value to the trainings and helped to extend the agenda on some topics (e.g. GHG Inventory vs NDC Tracking).
- **Climate Transparency Platform** helped disseminate the events' materials and served as an entry point for accessing them.





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Initiative for Climate Action Transparency



Ms. Celeste Gonzales, 15 April 2024

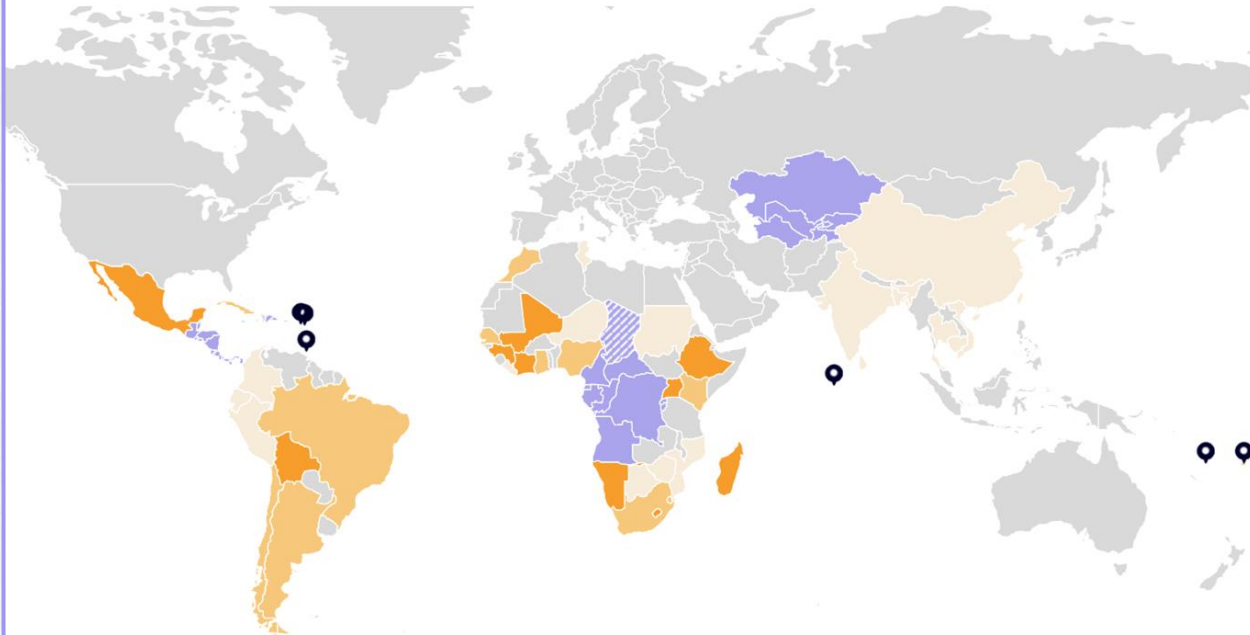
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Overview of ICAT's support



ICAT provides support to 50+ partner countries



Status

- Country project(s) in progress
- Country project(s) completed
- Country project(s) completed with new project(s) in progress

Regional Hubs

- Country belonging to a Regional Hub
- Country belonging to a Regional Hub with separate ICAT country project(s) completed or in progress

Direct country support

Hands-on support tailored to a country's needs and priorities

Support through regional hubs

Build capacity through a peer-to-peer network and a centre of expertise in the region

ICAT Toolbox

A suite of globally applicable tools and methodologies

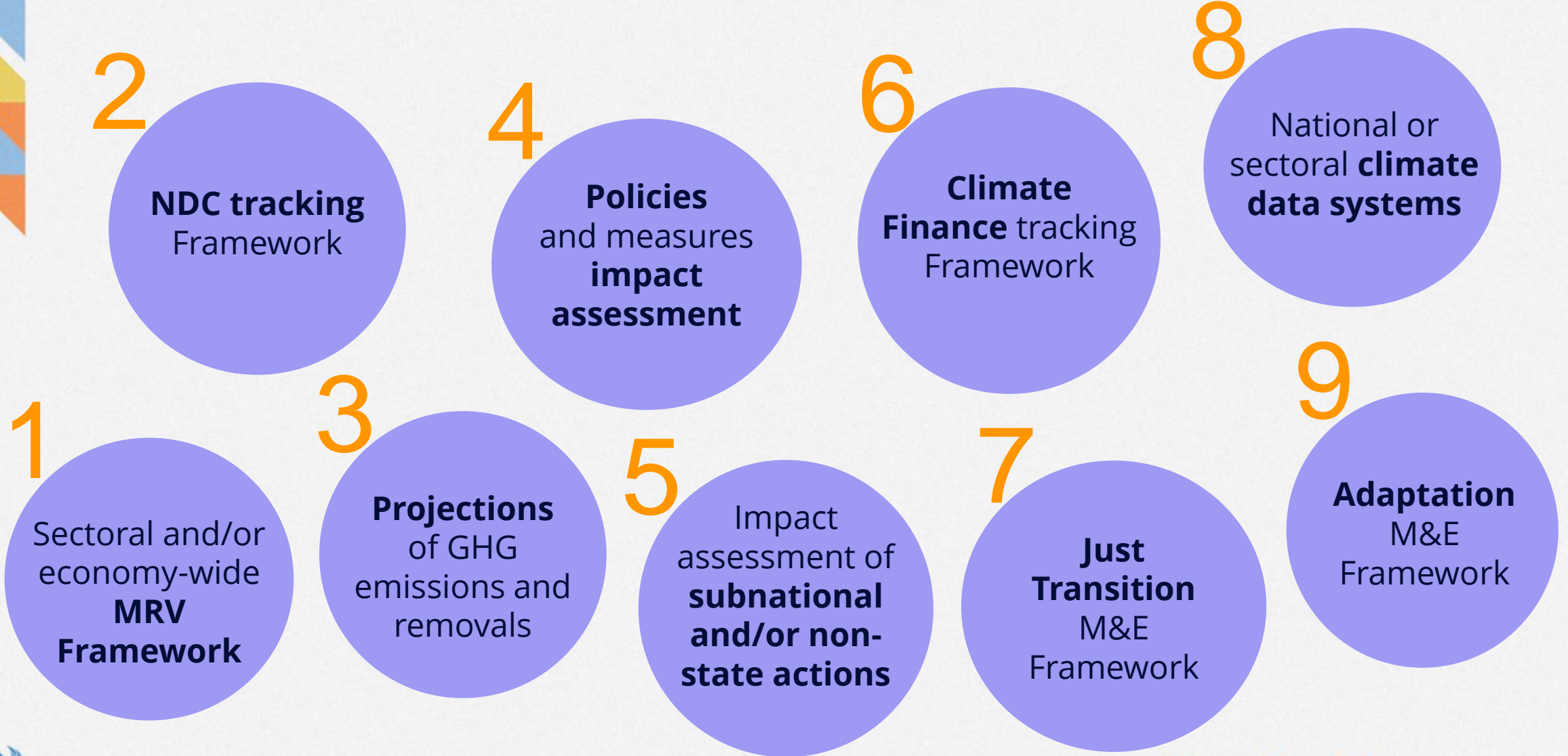
Knowledge exchange

Access to knowledge products to support a global community of practice



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ICAT's offer to countries: modules of support



How to receive ICAT support



1

Expression of Interest from an official national entity

2

Selection process
(2-3 months)

3

Preparation
(2-3 months)

4

Project implementation
(12-18 months)

Step-by-step on our website:



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Transparency Accelerator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

April 15, 2024



Transparency Accelerator

The **Paris Agreement Transparency Accelerator** is a capacity building initiative established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of State to help developing countries produce high-quality BTRs, transition to the *2006 IPCC Guidelines*, and develop sustainable GHG inventory management systems.

Motivation

- Many developing countries have identified challenges in meeting the reporting requirements of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement starting in 2024.
- A GHG inventory is an essential tool for understanding current emissions and trends, projecting future scenarios, and identifying cost-effective mitigation opportunities.

Approach

- EPA develops tools and works directly with national inventory and transparency teams to establish and improve sustainable GHG inventory management systems and produce high-quality BTRs on a regular basis.
- Through a learning-by-doing approach, the Transparency Accelerator helps improve the technical and institutional capacity of partner countries to meet Paris Agreement reporting requirements.



Contact us: ghgi.transparency@epa.gov

GHG Inventories	NDC Tracking Progress	GHG Projections
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Supporting countries with cross-cutting national inventory management system support<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Toolkit for Building National GHG Inventory Systems➤ Provide support for all GHG inventory source and sink categories, including AFOLU, energy, IPPU, and waste sectors➤ The development and use of GHG emission estimation tools and activity data collection systems<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Agriculture and Land Use Greenhouse Gas Inventory (ALU) Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Supporting GHG inventory improvements for use as a progress indicator➤ Supporting identification of qualitative and quantitative indicators for tracking progress in meeting NDCs➤ Supporting tracking of the implementation of policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Scoping the capacity building needs for GHG emissions and removals projections development➤ Identifying appropriate projections modeling frameworks➤ Providing training on the use of projections tools
	<h3 data-bbox="886 1082 1893 1149">Other related USG Initiatives</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ NOAA Blue Carbon Inventory Project – NOAA➤ SilvaCarbon Forest Monitoring Systems – U.S. Forest Service	



For questions & more information, email:
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Toolkit for Building National GHG Inventory Systems

<https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/toolkit-building-national-ghg-inventory-systems>





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Mr. Ryan Deosaran

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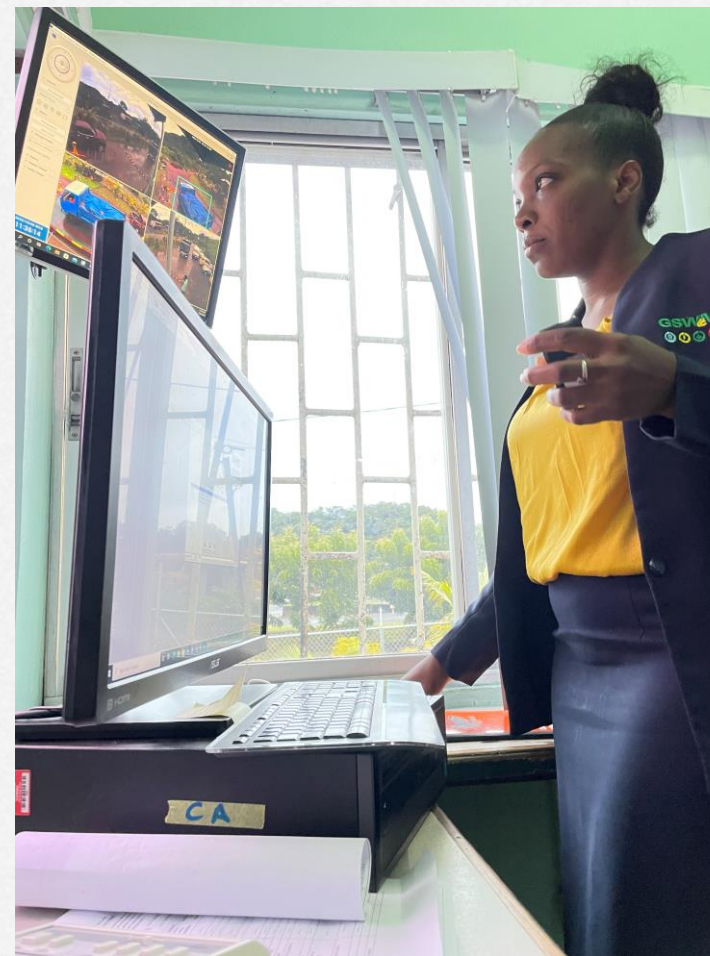
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Overview of Support Initiatives, Activities, Tools

Capacity Building and Technical Support

- **In-person and virtual GHG workshops** – GHG inventory, GHG mitigation assessment, NDC tracking, FTC, Article 6 and carbon markets/credits
- **Online courses** – IPCC guidelines, emission reduction projects, corporate accounting and verification
- **Applied GHG tool training** – tool selection, parameterization, interpretation of results (e.g. SAGE, IPCC, LEAP, GACMO, Google Earth Engine, Collect Earth, etc.)
- **MRV system development** - design, development, and management
- **Cooperative capacity building through “hubs”** – Caribbean Cooperative MRV Hub and ICAT Regional Climate Action Transparency Hubs



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Key considerations and lessons learned

Capacity building and technical support are procured with GHGMI through your resource availability under:

- BTR/NC project finance through your implementing agency
- Project finance (e.g. CBIT, NDCP, ICAT, PATPA, etc.)
- Coordinated through your hub membership and cooperation
- National climate or MRV budget allocation



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Part A: Perspective by the country representatives

- Ms. Ide Sosa, Belize
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Guiding Questions:

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- 2. What are key suggestions for improving the application process for transparency-related projects?**

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Key takeaways and closing

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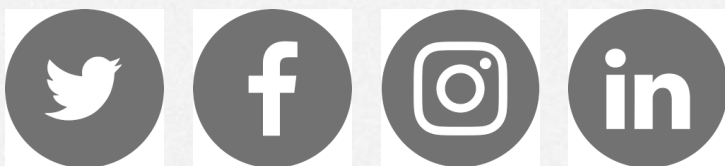
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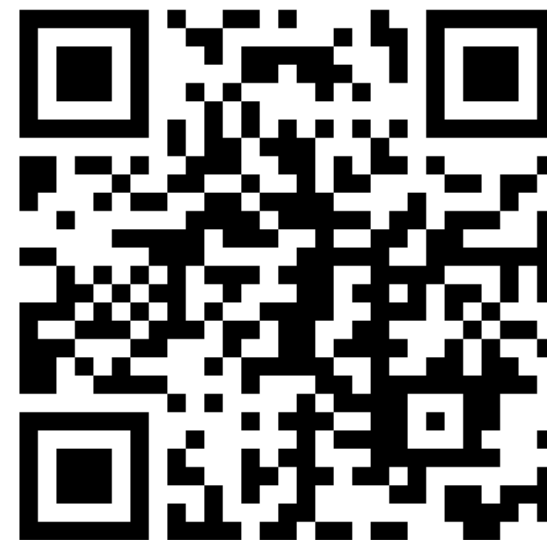


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