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CONCEPT NOTE

Seminar on readiness for the implementation of the enhanced transparency framework of action and support under the Paris Agreement for African countries

Context and Background

The Paris Agreement established the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) for transparency of action and support. It is aimed towards building mutual trust and confidence and promote effective implementation of the Paris Agreement. It entails a set of modalities, procedures, and guidelines (MPGs) contained in decisions 18/CMA.1 and 5/CMA.3, that countries are to follow to report their actions, and in the case of developing countries, support needed and received for climate action. In addition to the reporting element, the MPGs further detail technical expert reviews and facilitative multilateral consideration of progress activities that will be conducted following the submission of biennial transparency reports under the ETF.

Compared to the existing measurement, reporting and verification arrangements under the Convention, the ETF represents a significant enhancement for developing countries. Therefore, it is widely recognized that developing countries will need to further improve their technical capacity and institutional arrangements to implement the ETF, including tracking the progress of climate actions and support at the national level.

To facilitate a successful transitioning from the existing MRV arrangements and achieving universal participation in the ETF, political momentum is needed to mobilize all necessary resources and support generate political buy-in and enhance the visibility of transparency. Broad stakeholder engagement plays a fundamental role in mobilizing necessary support resources, facilitating more ambitious climate actions, and helping achieve the national climate targets and the Paris Agreement's goals. In parallel, targeted, and adapted capacity-building is essential in order to support developing countries to build and advance the institutional arrangements needed to implement the Paris Agreement, all the while advancing national sustainable development priorities.

Noting that the Regional Climate Weeks are organized as a forum to promote strong regional collaboration in various regions around the world, bringing together participants for lively and productive discussions on advancing climate action, the UNFCCC secretariat together with relevant partners such as the Africa NDC Hub, the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) and UNDP, are joining forces to offer a regional platform for policy dialogue, peer-to-peer engagement and capacity building on the ETF and climate transparency.

Objective

The AfDB, UNEP, WWF, the Commonwealth secretariat under the framework of the Africa NDC Hub and UNFCCC supported by its RCC for West and Central (WAC) Africa and RCC for East and Southern Africa will hold a workshop to identify the challenges, needs and priorities of African countries relating to their readiness for ETF implementation.

The workshop will have threefold objectives:

- 1) Promote understanding of the ETF and its MPGs, and their implications nationally;
- 2) Identify challenges, needs and priorities of African countries, relating to their readiness for the implementation of their ETF commitments under the Paris Agreement;
- 3) Discuss what steps the Africa NDC Hub partners (AfDB, UNEP, WWF, the Commonwealth Secretariat and the UNFCCC) would take to help address the identified challenges, needs and priorities in coordination with other partners working in the region.

This workshop will ensure the avoidance of duplication with ongoing or planned work under the UNFCCC process and complement ongoing and planned efforts.



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Participants:

- National coordinator of the biennial transparency report preparation for all African countries (33).
- International and regional development partners involved in providing support for the implementation of the ETF.
- Regional representation of the panelist.

Duration, venue, and timeline:

The workshop will run for three days: on Tuesday 5 (9 to 17.30), Wednesday 6 (9.30 to 17.00) and Thursday 7. To further enhance the synergies between the workshop and the ETF Dialogue, the closing of the workshop has been integrated into the ETF Dialogue policy day.

Venue: Sarova Stanley **Nairobi Hotel**

Next steps:

This seminar will inform 2023 and 2024 plans by the Africa NDC Hub partners for providing support to African countries to address their challenges, needs and priorities under the ETF in the lead-up to the submission of their first BTRs.