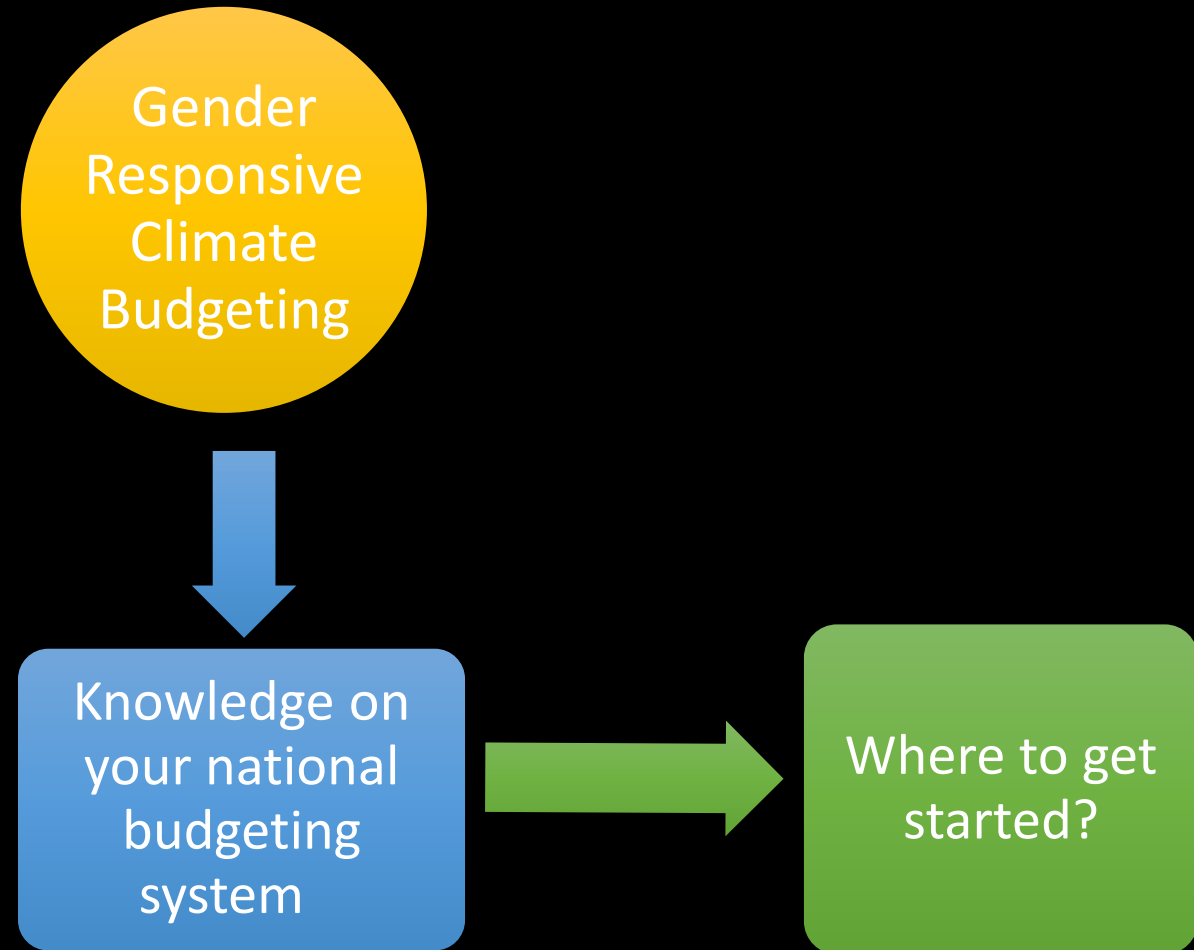


# UNFCCC GRB Workshop Breakout Group - English 2

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What do you need  
to know about your  
national budgeting  
system to get  
started on Gender  
Responsive Climate  
Budgeting ?



What do you know about your national budgeting system?

When is the financial year?

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- Trinidad and Tobago starts/ends: October 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Zimbabwe starts/ends: January – December
  - Botswana starts/ends: April - March
  - Canada also starts/ends: April to March

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- Ministry of finance, budget division (Trinidad & Tobago)
    - Treasury leads the process (Zimbabwe)
  - Ministry of Finance (Botswana)
  - Canada – for international aid it would be Global Affairs Canada

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- Workshop style process
  - Consultation style process
  - Discussions ongoing to make it more a participatory process
    - Consultative involving implementing partners

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- August to September (Trinidad & Tobago)
  - May – November (Zimbabwe)
  - Required by law to end 30 days before the start of the fiscal year

In Trinidad & Tobago, the constitution has sections that states the Minister of Finance should seek to prepare and present before the parliament the budget and this should happen 30 days before the start of the new financial year. The budget process occurs from August to September. The budgeting division within the Ministry of Finance, leads the process of creating the budget and this involves meeting with various ministerial divisions and agencies to obtain feedback and proposals to meet the needs of these institutions. This process takes on a workshop type of style

In Zimbabwe, the budget development starts in May. The Treasury leads the process and conducts consultations with key stakeholders. In November, the Minister of Finance will present the budget at parliament where it then goes for debate and approval. After which, the budget is announced the next financial year. The budget implementation cycle occurs from January to December (the financial year) and during this process there will be various literature reviews and projects being implemented by various government agencies.

In Canada, the budget for international Climate assistance passes through gender mechanisms where commitments/ allocations are ranked, rated and tagged for gender and gender considerations. This is handled by Global Affairs Canada. This is guided by the Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP)



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<p>Who leads the budgeting process?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of finance, budget division (Trinidad &amp; Tobago)</li> <li>• Treasury leads the process (Zimbabwe)</li> <li>• Ministry of Finance (Botswana)</li> <li>• Global Affairs Canada (Canada/International Aid)</li> </ul>	<p>We can get started by demystifying gender budgeting among units via information packages and or training among units that contribute to budget development</p>
<p>What is the budgeting process?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop style process</li> <li>• Consultation style process</li> <li>• Discussions ongoing to make it more a participatory process</li> <li>• Consultative internally and externally</li> </ul>	<p>Ensure there is transparency and accountability</p>
<p>When is the budgeting process?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- August to September</li> <li>- May – November</li> <li>- Needs to end 30 days before the start of the fiscal year</li> </ul>	<p>Link business case and added value of GRCB</p>