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# COP26 CATALYST 4 CLIMATE ACTION

UNLOCKING CAPACITY BUILDING TO ENABLE ENHANCED AMBITION AND INCREASED ACTION

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Capacity-building Hub COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Day

**#Data4BetterClimateAction**

**The value of transparency to advance national priorities while fulfilling  
climate reporting**

### Concept Note

#### Background:

To meet their commitments under the Paris Agreement, Parties need to have sound data and information systems in place. These help design and implement strong, evidence-based policies and actions to address climate change. Strong transparency frameworks enable national ownership and the integration of relevant stakeholders, and ensure accountability at the national and international level.

By being able to demonstrate the impact of climate policies on a country's sustainable development, transparency frameworks allow for climate policy to be integrated into national planning processes and facilitate the mobilization of finance. Transparency is the backbone of the Paris Agreement, and the Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) establishes core obligations for both developed and developing countries.





## Objectives:

- To raise awareness among national government policymakers, (senior and technical) government officials, and subnational and non-state actors (including national experts) of the broader value of climate transparency beyond reporting.

## Format:

Venue: 3<sup>rd</sup> Capacity-building Hub within COP26 (Blue zone)

Location: Glasgow, UK

Date: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Tuesday

Length: 75 minutes

Language: English

A Mix of keynotes and speeches, fireside chats, audience voices, polling, panel discussion and Q&A.

## General Structure:

Duration	What	Who	Presence
3 mins	Welcome and intro	James Harries Principal Technical Consultant Ricardo Energy and Environment	Physical
3 mins	Backbone of the Paris Agreement: Opening remarks by COP26 Presidency	Rt Hon Amanda Milling MP Minister for Asia, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) UK Government	Physical
5 mins	Doubling down on data: The Bahamas leading the way	Rt. Hon Philip Davis Prime Minister and Minister of Finance	Physical
5 mins	Doubling down on data: Sao Tomé and Príncipe leading the way	Minister Osvaldo Abreu Minister for Infrastructure and Natural Resources	Physical





15 mins	Getting the job done: A fireside chat  <i>This session will take a deeper look at how countries can enhance their transparency frameworks. By drawing on some common challenges which require high level support (e.g. institutional arrangements, stakeholder participation etc.), the fireside chat will share knowledge on how to navigate these issues as well as inspire the audience to pursue bold action.</i>	Dr. Sunimal Jayathunga  Director Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources	Physical
5 mins	Doubling down on data: <b>Country 3</b> leading the way	<b>Ministerial Speaker 3</b>	Physical
20 mins	Collaboration and knowledge sharing: Where to begin  <i>This session will explore the different types of support available, the structured approaches involved and how countries can begin/strengthen their transparency efforts.</i>	Zitouni Ould-Dada Deputy Director, Climate Change, FAO  Inger Andersen Executive Director, UNEP  Carlos Manuel Rodriguez CEO and Chairperson, GEF Secretariat  Frank Rijsberman Director General, GGGI	Physical  Physical  Physical  Physical
3 mins	Wrap-up	Moderator	Physical

**Voices from campaign partners and supporters**

8 mins	Jeanette Mani, Climate Change Mitigation Specialist, Climate Change and International Cooperation Division, Ministry of Economy, Fiji  Susanne Pedersen, Director, UNEP DTU Partnership  Esther Wang'ombe, Ministry of Energy, Kenya  Henning Wuester, Director, ICAT	Virtual  Physical (Confirmed)  Virtual  Physical (confirmed)
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**Outcomes:**

Through attendance participants should be inspired to take the necessary next steps, both politically and practically, to further enhance their country's transparency frameworks in a targeted manner advancing key policy priorities.

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