

# GEF Support for the Enhanced Transparency Framework

The Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) is the backbone of the Paris Agreement. Defined in its Article 13, the ETF is designed to build mutual trust and promote effective implementation of the Paris Agreement, tracking the progress of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

The GEF supports developing country Parties in building their institutional and technical capacities to meet the requirements of the ETF through the following modalities:

## How Does the GEF Support the ETF?



### Reporting

Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) and National Communications (NCs) preparation



### Capacity Building

Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)



### Global Support

CBIT Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP) and thematic support

*Integrated Support to Countries for Article 13 of Paris Agreement*

## Reporting

Since its inception, the GEF has supported various types of climate change-related enabling activities. They fulfill essential communication requirements under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and provide information to enable policy and decision-making.

As of October 31, 2024, **106** countries have been supported by the GEF to prepare **150 BTRs** for a total of **\$102.2 million**.

Resources available for reporting over the current replenishment period, GEF-8 (2022-2026), increased to \$145 million, compared to \$110 million in the previous cycle.

### Support modalities to prepare BTRs and NCs:

Stand-alone BTR	Up to \$600,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Available since Jan. 2021</li><li>Country must not have ongoing BUR support</li><li>Ongoing NC is acceptable</li></ul>
Combined BTR/NC	Up to \$633,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Available since Jan. 2021</li><li>Country must not have ongoing NC or BUR support</li></ul>
Additional financing (top-up)	Up to \$250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Available for countries that, as of Jan. 1, 2023, have an ongoing BUR or NC</li><li>This option is only intended for the first BTR</li></ul>

Countries can request support for two BTRs, one combined with an NC (as applicable), as part of the same enabling activity project.

Information Note GEF/C.62/Inf.15 provides detailed information about the support modalities.



## Capacity Building

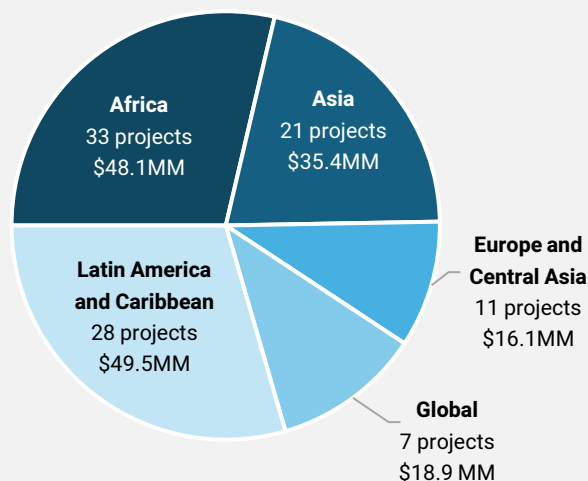
The CBIT supports developing countries Parties that have ratified the Paris Agreement to build institutional and technical capacities to meet ETF provisions as defined in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.

As of October 31, 2024, the CBIT portfolio comprises **100 projects** covering **90 countries**, for a total of **\$168 million**.

All developing country Parties that have ratified the Paris Agreement can access CBIT support. In addition, once countries have completed the first stage of their CBIT projects, they can request subsequent CBIT support.

## CBIT Projects by Region

(as of October 31, 2024)



## Global Support

Global support is provided through the CBIT global projects. It can be divided into two:

1. The CBIT Global Support Program (CBIT-GSP) implemented by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
2. Thematic global support, currently provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to assist countries in preparing their Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU) sector for the ETF requirements.

### CBIT Global Support Program (CBIT-GSP)

The CBIT-GSP builds on the Global Support Program and the CBIT Global Coordination Platform (GCP).

It supports countries' transition to the ETF via ten Regional and Linguistic-based Transparency Networks, including two led by Climate Promise of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), promoting targeted support and fostering knowledge exchange among countries.

In June 2023, CBIT-GSP launched the **Climate Transparency Platform**, a one-stop shop for the global climate transparency community to access support from several providers.

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