

WORKSHOP AGENDA

Hands on training workshop for the Pacific region on
“Transitioning to the ETF and tracking of progress in implementing and achieving NDCs”

28-30 August - 2023 | Fiji

28 August 2023, Monday: Transitioning towards the ETF		
8.30	30	Registration
9:00	15	Welcome remarks by organizers (Iris Cordelia Rotzoll, NDC Hub and Tugba Icmeli, UNFCCC)
	10	Introduction to the workshop: Introduction of the workshop objectives and agenda (Sumeet Betancourt, UNFCCC)
	30	Family photo and ice breaker exercise
10:00	20	Coffee break
10:20	20	1.0. Overview of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (Tugba Icmeli, UNFCCC) The presentation will introduce the key elements of the ETF, important timelines and benefits of transparency.
	15	1.1. Key ETF outcomes from negotiations (Sumeet Betancourt, UNFCCC) This presentation will focus on the latest outcomes from negotiations, highlighting relevant decisions regarding the ETF.
	20	Question and answer session on the presentations (moderated by Juhi Bansal, RCC Asia and the Pacific)
	45	1.2 Moderated Discussion (facilitated by UNFCCC, RCC) This session will focus discussions on ETF agenda items currently under negotiations. The informal note prepared by the co-facilitators during SB 58 will inform the discussions. Guiding Questions: <i>i.</i> What are some of the main challenges in your country and what specific support would be necessary to address the issues faced for sustainable ETF implementation? (i.e., technical support, institutional arrangements, capacity building, systems, tools, etc.) <i>ii.</i> Based on the ongoing discussions on challenges and potential solutions, what further solutions could be captured?
12.00	60	Lunch break
13:00	20	1.3. Presentation: Institutional arrangements to support implementation of the ETF (Ravneeth Dewan, CBIT/GSP) Presentation will introduce the key components of institutional arrangements and how these arrangements can sustainably support implementation of the ETF, preparation of BTRs and tracking progress made in implementing nationally determined contributions.
	30	1.4. Case presentations by participants (moderated by CBIT/GSP) Selected country representatives will present on their current institutional arrangements and how they are preparing to implement the ETF.
	20	Question and answer session on presentations (moderated by CBIT/GSP)
14:10	20	Coffee break
14:30	60	1.5. Group work: Exchange on institutional arrangements for ETF implementation (facilitation by RCC, UNFCCC and CBIT-GSP) The approach to the exercise will be introduced by the UNFCCC and the objective of this exercise is to foster knowledge exchange among participants by sharing their current country circumstances as it relates to implementing the ETF, focusing on areas of improvement and exploring potential solutions to establish sustainable institutional arrangements based on the experiences of other countries.
	45	Plenary discussion: Report back from the group discussions Participants will reconvene in a plenary session where each group will present a summary of their discussions, sharing the main challenges, commonalities, and potential solutions identified for successful implementation of the ETF. This will allow for cross-learning and exchange of experiences among participants.
16:15	15	Wrap-up of day 1

16:30	30	Kava Session
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29 August 2023, Tuesday: Building readiness for BTRs, including tracking progress of NDCs		
9:00	30	<p>2.1 Introduction of the provisions on preparation of BTRs and reporting information on tracking progress of NDCs (Tugba Icmeli, UNFCCC)</p> <p><i>This session will provide a brief overview of the BTR outline and discuss the indicators for tracking NDC progress as well as the basic process for tracking those indicators over time to demonstrate progress in achieving an NDC.</i></p> <p>Q&A Session</p>
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	15	<p>2.2 Presentation on the regional status regarding NDCs and enhancing capacity for ETF (Juhi Bansal, RCC Asia and the Pacific)</p> <p><i>This session will provide insight into the current status of the region in regard to NDCs and implementation of transparency arrangements (MRV and ETF).</i></p>
10:00	20	Coffee break
10:20	30	<p>2.3 Case presentations: Status on NDC implementation (Moderated by RCC)</p> <p><i>Selected participants will share their status on NDC implementation, present their plans and efforts in setting up the necessary systems and arrangements to monitor implementation of their NDCs, and how these arrangements will inform national policy making as well as raising ambition of the next round of NDCs.</i></p> <p>Q&A Session</p>
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	60	<p>2.4 Hands-on exercise in break-out groups: Identifying NDC indicators (facilitation by RCC, UNFCCC and CBIT-GSP)</p> <p><i>Participants will form small groups and select an NDC from the region to review and select appropriate indicators used for tracking progress of the NDC goals. The idea is to promote practical discussions among participants to identify what information is needed for NDC tracking as well as the stakeholders and organizations that need to be involved in the process.</i></p>
12:00	60	Lunch break
13:00	30	<p>2.5. Plenary discussion: Report back from the group discussions</p> <p><i>Participants will reconvene in a plenary session where each group will present a summary of their discussions; and those key actions and information needs identified for NDC tracking.</i></p>
	30	<p>Q&A and plenary discussion on the plans for tracking NDCs (Moderated by RCC)</p>
	15	<p>2.6. Presentation: Stakeholder engagement to support the implementation of ETF (Sumeet Betancourt, UNFCCC)</p> <p><i>This presentation will provide a brief overview of the role, importance and overall benefits of engaging and involving stakeholders throughout the transparency arrangements to ensure effective implementation of the ETF.</i></p>
	10	<p>Q&A Session</p>
14:25	20	Coffee break
14:45	60	<p>2.7. Group exercise - Role Play: Stakeholder Engagement (facilitation by RCC, UNFCCC and CBIT-GSP)</p> <p><i>Based on the knowledge and understanding gained from the previous presentations and case studies, participants will take on various stakeholder roles to collaboratively develop an inclusive and effective NDC implementation plan. Through negotiations, resource allocation and decision-making, participants will work together to address the needs and priorities of different stakeholders, with a view to draft an NDC implementation and monitoring plan.</i></p>
	30	<p>2.8. Plenary discussion: Report back from the group discussions</p> <p><i>Participants will reconvene in a plenary session where each group will present the outcome of the exercise and a brief summary of their discussions. Each participant will also be invited to share their individual reflections on the exercise.</i></p>
16:15	15	Wrap-up of day 2
16:30	90	2.9 Session to discuss OCT related matters regarding the ETF and NDCs

30 August 2023, Wednesday: Identifying needs and challenges; exploring support opportunities		
9:00	30	<p>3.1 Case presentations and discussion (moderated by UNFCCC)</p> <p><i>In this session, selected participants will present their experience with the existing MRV arrangements, provide information on identified areas of improvement, discuss how the needs and areas of improvement from the current MRV system can be adapted or enhanced to support the implementation of the ETF with a view to address the needs and gaps for transparency.</i></p>
	45	<p>3.2 Group work: Identifying financial and technical support needs for implementing the ETF (facilitation by RCC, UNFCCC and CBIT-GSP)</p> <p><i>Participants will form small groups and deep dive into their support needs, including overarching challenges and gaps and the type of support needed for successful implementation of the ETF and establishing the necessary institutional arrangements (i.e., technical support, capacity building, tools, equipment).</i></p>
10:15	20	Coffee break
10:35	30	<p>3.3 Exchange session with technical support providers</p> <p><i>Support providers will present the types of support that are available to assist the countries in the region in their efforts regarding preparation of BTRs and enhancing capacities to implement the ETF, as well as how this support can be accessed)</i></p> <p><i>Presentations by (10 minutes each):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tugba Icmeli, UNFCCC • Iris Cordelia Rotzoll, Regional Pacific NDC Hub • Ravneeth Dewan, CBIT-GSP
	30	Moderated Q&A session
11:35	25	<p>Feedback on the training workshop and certificates</p> <p>Closing remarks by the organizers</p>
12:00		End of the workshop