Initiating the Global Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency – Global Support Programme in Asia

-- Inception Workshop --

Time: **7:00 – 9:00 GMT |** Date: **February 22, 2023 |** Format: **Online**

Background

In 2019 UNEP/ UNDP Global Support Programme (GSP) activated its work on technical support for the region of Asia. The **Regional Network for Asia on Transparency and MRV** was established in 2019 to maintain a dialogue on climate change reporting requirements under the UNFCCC and to proceed to the Enhanced Transparency Frameworks (ETF) by 2024.

In 2022, with the start of the new Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency – Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP), funded by Global Environment Facility (GEF), implemented by UNEP and executed by UNEP-Copenhagen Climate Centre (UNEP-CCC), the **Regional Network for Asia** is resuming its operation and intends to continue its cooperation and support on climate transparency, MRV and reporting.

A capacity needs assessment of transparency was undertaken in December 2022 – January 2023, to identify gaps and needs, and to prioritize next steps, which - implemented both at the national and regional level- will help strengthen the reporting capacities of the members of the network on GHG inventory, adaptation, climate finance and NDC tracking in the frameworks of their NCs, BURs and BTRs.

Objective

The main objective of the inception workshop is to **introduce** the *Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency – Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP)* to the members of the regional network of Asia and **kick-off** *the project work plan with proposed activities for 2023*.

It is expected that the participants will discuss the **key findings of the capacity needs assessment of transparency**, which has been recently conducted by the CBIT-GSP team and jointly agree on **proposed project activities for 2023** to support them *building technical and individual capacities* on climate transparency and reporting in the region.

Target Audience and Language

The Inception Workshop will gather Coordinators of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports, senior experts from the national agencies dealing with climate policy who oversee the establishment of MRV and the National Enhanced Transparency Frameworks and experts dealing with data collection and greenhouse gas inventory, adaptation and impacts, climate finance and NDC tracking. On the other hand, the meeting also awaits representatives from international agencies who are dealing with climate change and transparency in the region, including UNFCCC, FAO, PATPA, World Bank, IPCC-TFI and IGES.

The meeting will be held **in English**.

Duration and Registration

It is expected that the meeting will last up to **2 hours** with sufficient timing dedicated to discussion and Q&A sessions. A link to the registration to the event is https://forms.gle/XCWWrvgGorVCmdmk7

Proposed Agenda

Time (GMT)	Session
7:00 – 7:10	**Opening session and welcoming remarks** **Moderator:** Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi, CBIT-GSP Global Coordinator **Speakers:** John Christensen, UNEP-CCC Director and Miriam Hinostroza, UNEP Liaison
7:10 – 7:15	**Group Photo**
7:15 - 7:30	**Introduction to the CBIT-GSP project: key objectives and expectations** **Speaker:** Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi, CBIT-GSP Global Coordinator
7:30 - 7:40	*Interaction and Q&A session*
7:40 - 8:00	**Capacity Assessment on Transparency:** methodology, key findings, gaps and perspectives for Asia **Speaker:** Mr. Jaypalsinh Chauhan, Network Coordinator
8:00 - 8:15	*Interaction and Q&A session*
8:15 - 8:30	**Project Work Plan for 2023:** setting priorities and scheduling project activities **Speaker:** Mr. Jaypalsinh Chauhan, Network Coordinator
8:30 - 8:50	*Interaction and Q&A session*
8:50 - 9:00	**Wrap-up and closing remarks**