

# The Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme

**Capacity Assessment on Transparency: key findings, gaps  
and perspectives for Central Asia and the Caucasus**

Inception Workshop

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## Objectives and methodology

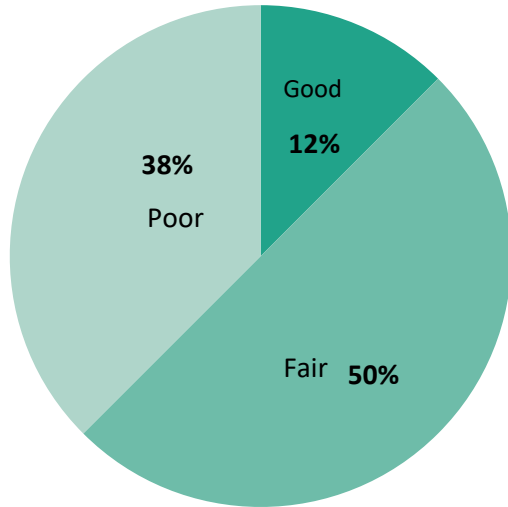
- **Objective:**
  - To assess the transparency systems and related capacity needs of the countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus to comply with the reporting requirements of the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement.
- **Methodology and approach:**
  - Online questionnaire, referential check and desk-top study and interviews with the country focal points
  - (i) GHG Inventory; (ii) NDC tracking; (iii) Adaptation and Impacts, incl. loss and damage issues; (iv) Support needed and received.
  - Gender mainstreaming, existing BTR support and other support, provided within other international initiatives on climate actions transparency
- **Countries:**
  - ALL seven countries (100%) of the regional network: ***Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan***

## Engagement of the regional network with the CBIT-GSP

- **ALL countries** have appointed their project focal points and respective experts
  - Climate Policy Department of the Ministry of Environment (Armenia)
  - REC under the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (Azerbaijan)
  - JSC Zhasyl Damu of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (Kazakhstan)
  - Climate Finance Centre of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision (Kyrgyz Republic)
  - Climate Change Centre and Ozone Layer of the Agency on Hydrometeorology (Tajikistan)
  - Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection (Turkmenistan)
  - Centre of Hydrometeorological Services or Uzhydromet (Uzbekistan)
- **Most of the countries re-confirmed their in-country request support** (*Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan*). Remaining countries are welcome to confirm their needs in support => **FORM**

# Overall transparency system and status of reporting

Overall transparency system and reporting in Central Asia and the Caucasus

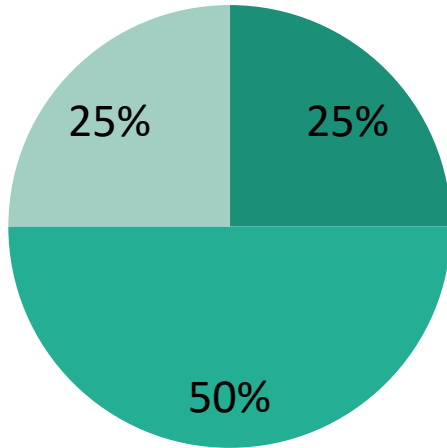


Country	NC	BUR
Armenia	4NCs	3 BURs
Azerbaijan	4NCs	2BUR (3BUR ongoing)
Kazakhstan (reports as Annex 1)	7 NCs (8NC ongoing)	4BR (5BR ongoing)
Kyrgyzstan	3NCs (4NC ongoing)	1BUR
Tajikistan	4NCs	1BUR
Turkmenistan	3NCs (4NC ongoing)	1BUR ongoing
Uzbekistan	3NCs (4NC ongoing)	1BUR

# Implementing ETF and preparation for the BTR

**Familiarity with ETF and BTR provisions in Central Asia and the Caucasus**

■ Very familiar ■ Familiar ■ Not very familiar



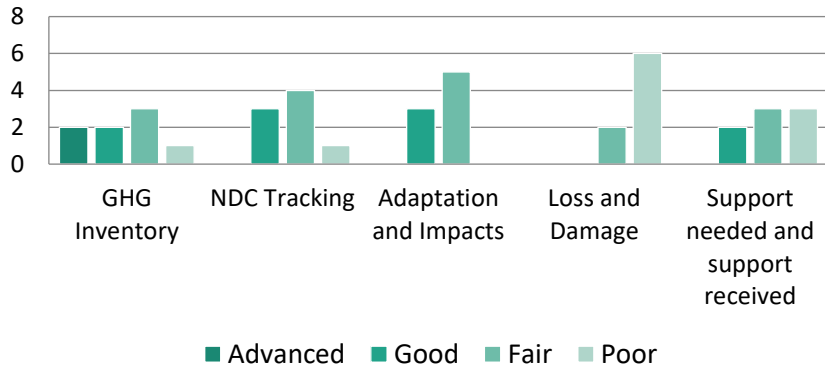
Country	Steps towards first BTR	Comments
Armenia	Yes	Support requested
Azerbaijan	No	
Kazakhstan	No	
Kyrgyzstan	Yes	Support requested
Tajikistan	Yes	Support requested
Turkmenistan	No	
Uzbekistan	Yes	Support requested

## Support for transparency and reporting

- **GEF through UNEP and UNDP – NCs and BURs – all countries**
- **ICAT/CAREC Initiative on establishing the Regional Climate Actions Transparency Hub (ReCATH):** *Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan*
- **UNDP Climate Promise Project** (NDC enhancement, MRV establishment): *Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Armenia and Azerbaijan*
- **UNDP EU4Climate Project** (NDC enhancement, MRV establishment): *Armenia and Azerbaijan*
- **GCF Readiness Projects on development of NAPs:** *Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Armenia and Azerbaijan*
- **GEF CBIT Project:** Armenia (*UNDP implemented*) and Azerbaijan (*UNEP implemented*). Tajikistan (*FAO Implemented: Prodoc submitted*), Uzbekistan (*FAO implemented: Project started*) and Turkmenistan (*FAO initiated: PIF submitted*)
- Other partners – **UNFCCC and GEF (UNDP/UNEP GSP)** – capacity building on transparency (GHG inventories in particular)

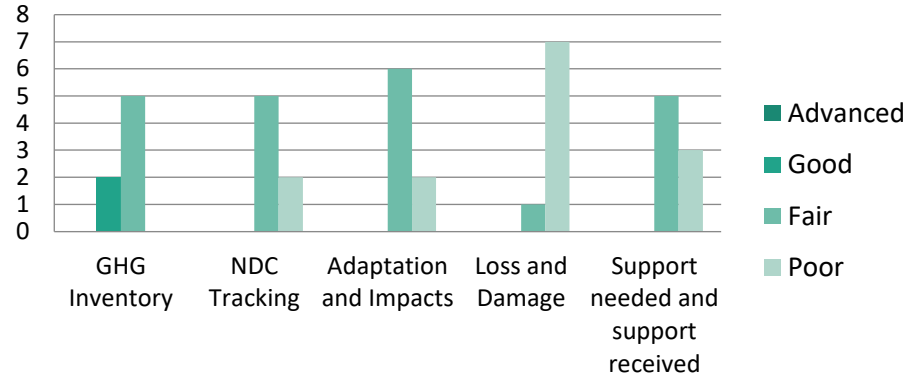
# Capacity assessment related to four ETF reporting areas

**Institutional arrangements for each of four ETF areas**



- Limited institutional capacity and set-up, including absence of legal and normative documents on ETF and transparency
- Lack of coordination between the responsible governmental bodies
- Lack of technical capacities of the various groups (policy makers, experts) on transparency issues

**Technical capacities to collect data and track progress in the four ETF areas**



- Frequent turnover of the national specialists within governmental institutions (e.g. CC Centres)
- Lack of data and information (incl. for GHG inventories, adaptation, finance)
- Lack of finance and initiatives (projects) on transparency

## Key take-away messages of the capacity assessment

- **ALL countries become more familiar about the transparency systems, MRV and transition towards ETF** but need more capacity building exercises on new templates, tabular forms and guidelines
- **Development of BTR** is absolutely needed, especially in capacitating the experts on forms, templates, guidelines
- GHG Inventory is not highly prioritized by most of the countries, for the exception of **Tajikistan and Turkmenistan**
- **NDC tracking** requires capacity building especially in determining indicators for tracking and projections/modeling, sound MRV systems for mitigation (P&M) – very important
- **Adaptation and Impacts** – highly prioritized by Central Asia, particular with **Loss and Damage** to be highly needed for ALL network countries (methodologies, tools)
- **Support needed and support received** – highly prioritized by ALL network, especially in terms of climate finance tracking systems
- **Gender aspects in climate reporting** is not prioritized based on the results of the survey but is advised by reporting requirements



## Priority support needs for Central Asia and the Caucasus

Section	Armenia	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
GHG Inventory							
NDC Tracking							
Adaptation and Impacts							
Loss and Damage							
Support needed and received							
BTR support							
Other	Online MRV systems	Institutional assessment for ETF (TBD)	Review of GHG Inventory	CF tracking systems	IPCC Software	Institutional assessment for ETF	NDC indicators

## CONCEPT NOTE REQUEST FOR SUPPORT ON CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY

### 1. Title

Please insert a title that summarises the specific topic of the support request.  
Click here to enter text.

### 2. Contact data

**Country** Click here to enter text.  
**Contact name** Click here to enter text.  
**Email** Click here to enter text.  
**Title/position** Click here to enter text.  
**Institution** Click here to enter text.

### 3. Support requested

**Area** Please choose the relevant area(s) of support that is being requested.

Institutional arrangements for transparency

GHG Inventory       NDC tracking       Mitigation actions

Adaptation and impacts       Loss and damage       Support needed/received

Report development (NC, BUR, BTR, NIR, etc.)       Other (please specify)

Click here to specify.

**Type** Please choose the type of support that is being requested.

Bilateral cooperation       Multilateral cooperation       Webinar

In-country workshop/training       Online workshop/training       Peer-review or simulation of ICA process

Hands-on expert support       Consultancy services       Other (please specify)

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**Objective** Please describe the objective of the support requested, e.g., improving institutional arrangements, developing specific technical capacities, etc. and how the requested support will address the country's needs in enhanced climate transparency?  
Click here to enter text.

**Expected outcome** Please describe the expected outcome of the support requested.  
Click here to enter text.

### 4. Current context and reason for requesting the support

Please shortly describe the current context of transparency in your country in which this support will come in and explain the reasons for requesting support in this specific area. Please also state if you have received or receiving similar support in this area (e.g., CBIT, GEF Enabling Activities, ICAT, UNDP, RedInGEI, GSP).  
Click here to enter text.

### 5. Proposed activities and estimated budget

Please provide a description of the proposed activities and the estimated budget for the requested support, including country's co-financing.  
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**Table 1.: Estimated budget for the requested support**

Item/activity	Amount	Cost (USD)	Subtotal (USD)
<b>CBIT-GSP financing</b>			
Item 1.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Item 2.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Item 3.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Item 4.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Item 5.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
<b>(1) Total CBIT-GSP financing</b>			<b>0,000.</b>
<b>Country Co-financing</b>			
Item 1.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Item 2.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Item 3.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Item 4.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
<b>(2) Total Country Co-financing</b>			<b>0,000.</b>
<b>(3) TOTAL (1)+(2)</b>			<b>0,000.</b>

Note: Table 1 can be completed with support from CBIT-GSP Regional Network Coordinator

# Thank you!

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