

Deep-dive into tracking NDC mitigation commitments under the Paris Agreement

-- Training Workshop for the countries of Eurasia, Central Asia and the Caucasus--

25th-27th of July 2023, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

Co-organized by The Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP) and The Regional Climate Action Transparency Hub for Central Asia (RECATH) and hosted by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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Background

Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) are at the heart of the Paris Agreement and the achievement of its long-term goals. NDCs embody efforts by each country to reduce national emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. The Paris Agreement requires each Party to prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions (NDCs) that it intends to achieve. Parties shall pursue domestic mitigation measures, with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions.

Tracking NDCs is a requirement under the Paris Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF). It requires transparent quantitative and qualitative information on the implementation and achievement of the NDC, including indicators comparing current or projected emissions, and information that helps better understand the NDC target and its impacts.

The objective of the **CBIT-GSP** is to provide streamlined support and capacity-building at the national, regional, and global level to assist developing countries in responding to the reporting provisions under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework, and ultimately increase ambition for climate action. The CBIT-GSP is planning to achieve this through multiple support modalities, including the establishment and work of 10 Regional Networks across the globe to foster south-south collaboration, knowledge-sharing and learning among countries. The regional network for Eurasian and the regional network for Central Asia and the Caucasus are invited to participate in a joint training exercise on NDC tracking, which was assessed as one of the priorities on capacity building for transparency in both regional networks.

Objective

The main objective of the workshop is to **support country teams** in charge of reporting NDC mitigation commitments under the Paris Agreement in **technical understanding of the goals, principles, and actions associated with the reporting process for NDC mitigation commitments under the Paris Agreement**.

- Provide these national mitigation teams with useful information and experiences to facilitate their reporting to the UNFCCC under the Paris Agreement, preparing them to use the ETF's common tabular format.
- Learn from international experiences how to use support tools to improve the technical assessment, tracking and the mitigation report.
- Participate putting into practice concrete situations of mitigation assessment, tracking and report, having in mind reporting under the ETF.
- Exchange experiences and lessons learned, corresponding to the application of tools and systems for mitigation assessment, tracking and reporting.
- Identify common challenges and opportunities for collaboration among country teams on mitigation assessment, tracking and reporting.

Approach

It is considered to include 4 different consecutive stages. Firstly, an introductory webinar that mainly sets the approach and provides instructions to the participants of the other parts of the training workshop (Stage I). Second, a phase dedicated to the collection of information in each country. Said information will be arranged in templates that will be provided by the organizers and will be useful for the exercises to be carried out in a face-to-face training (Stage II). And a third phase (Stage III) that consists of a face-to-face event where, through practical exercises and presentations, it will be possible to acquire knowledge for the assessment, tracking and reporting of mitigation under the ETF. And a final follow-up phase (Stage IV), aimed at providing feedback to the participants on the exercises and results produced by the country representatives during the face-to-face training.



Audience

This activity is intended for technical officers who coordinate the tracking and reporting of NDC mitigation commitments in the countries of Eurasia, Central Asia and the Caucasus. This includes government staff at the national and sectoral levels, and staff from other institutions that are part of countries' institutional arrangements for reporting under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement (BTR).

Language

Both the webinar and the training workshop in Almaty will be in Russian and English with simultaneous and consecutive translation provided in both languages.

Proposed agenda for the Stage I: Introductory Webinar (120 minutes), Date: Tuesday 6th of July, 2023, 15:00 hrs (Almaty time)

Time (GMT)	Activities	Presenter
10:00-10:05	Opening and welcome	CBIT-GSP Other organizers
10:05-10:15	Explanation of the whole stages of the training workshop: objectives, content, and format	Fatima-Zahra Taibi UNEP-CCC
10:15-10:25	Presentation #1: Introduction to ETF reporting requirements	UNFCCC or Fatima-Zahra Taibi
10:25-10:35	Q&A	
10:35-10:55	Presentation #2: Mitigation tracking in the context of UNFCCC, data compilation, UNFCCC templates. Existing tools for BTR preparation, NDC tracking, indicators and projections	Fernando Farias UNEP-CCC
10:55-11:05	Q&A	
11:05-11:20	Presentation #3: Practical case on NDC tracking (CTF tables for NDC tracking)	Aiyngul Kerimray UNEP-CCC
11:20-11:30	Q&A	
11:30-11:45	Instructions for following stages: Data needs for following stages II and III of the Workshop. Presentation of templates to be filled as a part of the workshop	Fernando Farias UNEP-CCC
11:45-11:55	Q&A	
11:55-12:00	Closing	CBIT-GSP

Stage II: Submission by country representatives of collected information to use during the workshop in Almaty:

Possible timeframe: 2 weeks after the webinar

This stage consists of the distribution of templates to be filled in by country representatives, with data useful for a real monitoring of the advances of their mitigation actions, policies and measures included in their specific NDC. The focus will be mostly on the identification and characterization of indicators included in the countries' NDCs, if they are included. If not, some indicator proposals based on countries' NDC commitments can be proposed for countries to locally identify data to report their own progress. This information must be provided by the country representatives attending the event and must be made available before the next stage (Stage III). The organizers will be available to answer any possible questions arising from the countries during this phase.

Deadline for submission: **21 July 2023**

Proposed agenda for the Stage III: Workshop: Deep-dive into tracking NDC mitigation commitments under the Paris Agreement

Date: 25 – 27 July 2023 | **Time:** 9:00 – 17:00 hrs | **Venue:** Best Western Atakent Hotel (Room: Khan Shatyr), Almaty, Kazakhstan

Time	Activities	Responsible: Nailia Timerkhanova / Fatima-Zahra Taibi
Day 1: NDC and Mitigation		
30' 08:30-09:00	Arrival and registration of participants Payment of DSA	Admin staff
15' 09:00-09:15	Ceremony: Opening of the event and welcome, greetings from the host and the organizers	
10' 09:15-09:25	Group picture	
10' 09:25-09:35	Purpose and intention for the next 3 days: Workshop objectives, brief outline of the 3-days agenda, housekeeping rules and instructions	Fatima-Zahra Taibi
20' 09:35-09:55	Icebreaker: Presentation of participants and expectations for the activity	Fatima-Zahra Taibi
25' 09:55-10:20	Presentation: Mitigation assessments and provisions of the ETF related to the tracking of NDC	Fernando Farias
10' 10:20-10:30	Q&A	
15' 10:30-10:45	Coffee Break	

20' 10:45-11:05	Presentation: NDC indicators	Fernando Farias
5' 11:05-11:10	Q&A	
40' 11:10-11:50	Exercise: Definition of SMART indicators <i>Plenary: Khan Shatyr Room</i>	Fernando Farias
60' 11:50-12:50	Panel discussion: Country presentations of NDC-mitigation section, and ongoing or planned implementation initiatives Country 1: Nebojsa Jablan, Montenegro Country 2: Rustam Nassirkhan, Kazakhstan Interactive session	Country representatives attending the workshop Moderator: Mirella Salvatore
60' 12:50-13:50	Lunch	
15' 13:50-14:05	Energizer: Card game	Moderator
25' 14:05-14:30	Presentation: Introduction to BTR contents and UNFCCC reporting tools	Fernando Farias & Aiymgul Kerimray
10' 14:30-14:40	Q&A	
60' 14:40-15:40	Exercise: Filling CTF Tables 1, 2 and Appendix <i>Room Khan Shatyr (Russian): Aiymgul Kerimray</i> <i>Room: Kumbel (English): Fernando Farias</i>	Fernando Farias & Aiymgul Kerimray
10' 15:40-15:50	Reporting in each of the break-out rooms and discussion	Moderator
15' 15:50-16:05	Coffee Break	
40' 16:05-16:45	Exercise: Filling CTF Tables 3 and 4 (1 st part: tables description) <i>Room Khan Shatyr (Russian): Aiymgul Kerimray</i> <i>Room: Kumbel (English): Fernando Farias</i>	Fernando Farias & Aiymgul Kerimray
10' 16:45-16:55	Summary of learning and take-aways from the day as well as outlook on day 2	Moderator and Fatima-Zahra Taibi
5' 16:55-17:00	Feedback from participants in plenary	Fatima-Zahra Taibi

	End of Day 1	
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Time	Activities	Responsible: Sladjana Bundalo
Day 2: Projections and NDC Tracking		
10' 09:00-09:10	Summary of lessons learned from previous day and presentation of the agenda of today	Fatima-Zahra Taibi
10' 09:10-09:20	Energizer: What have you learned about Kazakhstan	Moderator
30' 09:20-09:50	Exercise: Continuation filling CTF Tables 3 and 4 (2 nd part: filling tables) <i>Room Khan Shatyr (Russian): Aiymgul Kerimray</i> <i>Room: Kumbel (English): Fernando Farias</i>	Fernando Farias & Aiymgul Kerimray
20' 09:50-10:10	Presentation: Elements on mitigation tracking	Fernando Farias
10' 10:10-10:20	Q&A	
15' 10:20-10:35	Coffee Break	
75' 10:35-11:50	Exercise: Filling CTF Table 5 (using data from countries and exercises) Feedback to the plenary and discussion <i>All participants stay in the Khan Shatyr Room</i>	Aiymgul Kerimray, supported by Fernando and Nailia Timerkhanova
15' 11:50-12:05	Presentation: Elements on Projections	Fernando Farias
40' 12:05-12:45	Exercise: Filling CTF Tables 6 to 11 (1 st part) <i>All participants stay in the Khan Shatyr Room</i>	Fernando Farias, supported by Aiymgul
60' 12:45-13:45	Lunch	
10' 13:45-13:55	Energizer: Do what I say not what I do	Fatima-Zahra Taibi
30' 13:55-14:25	Exercise: Continuation Filling CTF Tables 6 to 11 (2nd part) Feedback to the plenary <i>All participants stay in the Khan Shatyr Room</i>	Fernando Farias, supported by Aiymgul

40' 14:25-15:05	Presentation: Supporting tools to develop economy wide GHG emissions projections (GACMO and LEAP) and linking tables and software	Aiyngul Kerimray
10' 15:05-15:15	Q&A	
15' 15:15-15:30	Coffee Break	
30' 15:30-16:00	Presentation: Practical cases of Projections from other countries	Aiyngul Kerimray
15' 16:00-16:15	Presentation: Summary of Filling CTF Reporting Tables using GACMO and LEAP	Aiyngul Kerimray
30' 16:15-16:45	Exercise: Filling CTF Table 12 <i>All participants stay in the Khan Shatyr Room</i>	Fernando Farias
10' 16:45-16:55	Summary of learning and take-aways from the day as well as outlook on Day 3	Moderator and Mirella
5' 16:55-17:00	Survey, Feedback from participants	Fatima-Zahra Taibi
	End of Day 2	

Time	Activities	Responsible: Nailia Timerkhanova
Day 3: Mitigation Tracking and Reporting		
10' 09:00-09:10	Summary of lessons learned from previous day and presentation of the agenda of today	Fatima-Zahra Taibi
10' 09:10-09:20	Energizer: Network common elements	Fatima-Zahra Taibi
15' 09:20-09:35	Presentation: Data needs and how to gather or estimate missing data	Fernando Farias
10' 09:35-09:45	Q&A	
30' 09:45-10:15	Presentation: Example of a reporting tool: FAO reporting tool	FAO: Mirella Salvatore
10' 10:15-10:25	Q&A	

15' 10:25-10:40	Coffee Break	
60' 10:40-11:40	Exercise: using FAO reporting Tool	FAO: Mirella Salvatore
10' 11:40-11:50	Feedback to the plenary	Moderator
40' 11:50- 12:30	Panel discussion: Country presentations of ongoing or planned tracking of mitigation initiatives and on national challenges to report and implement tracking systems and how to address them. Country 3: Tigran Sekoyan, Armenia Country 4: Mihai Tirsu, Moldova	country representatives attending the workshop Moderator
60' 12:30-13:30	Lunch	
60' 13:30-14:30	Group discussion: Country readiness to the ETF reporting <i>Room Khan Shatyr (Russian): Nailia Timerkhanova</i> <i>Room: Kumbel (English): Sladjana Bundalo</i>	Sladjana Bundalo & Nailia Timerkhanova
15' 14:30-14:45	Coffee Break	
35' 14:45-15:20	Presentation: News about the CBIT GSP project, the specific networks and presentation of the CBIT-Platform website	Fatima-Zahra Taibi
20' 15:20-15:40	Main learnings and evaluation of the Event	Moderator and Fatima-Zahra Taibi
20' 15:40-16:00	Closing of the event	Closing by the host country and Organisers