

## The Latest State of Climate Change Negotiations - Reflections of what it means for Africa.

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**Time:** 13:30 PM -15:00 PM EAT | **Date:** 24 August 2023 | **Format:** Virtual

### About

The Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency – Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP) is pleased to invite you to attend the webinar “**The Latest State of Climate Change Negotiations - Reflections on what it means for Africa**” on **Thursday 24 August 2023 at 13:30 PM -15:00 PM EAT**.

Through a reflection on the “*latest state of climate change negotiations and what means for Africa*”, this webinar will provide an overview of UNFCCC negotiations, experiences of Africa participating in decisions, review progress, and other actions in the UNFCCC negotiations. You will have the opportunity to hear from African negotiators represented by **Malawi**, and **Kenya** as well as other African Countries, who will share their insights and experiences.

The UN General Assembly formally launched negotiations on a framework convention on climate change by its resolution 45/212 in December of 1990. The Conference of Parties (COP) is the highest decision-making body of the UNFCCC and meets annually to adopt decisions, review progress, and consider further action. The UNFCCC negotiations provide a political forum in which all countries advance their interests through negotiations and decisions, countries may openly communicate their interests and challenges regarding enhancing climate actions.

In the UNFCCC negotiations process, only governments can negotiate and take decisions. However, government delegates are also joined by observers (non-state actors), including non-governmental organizations (NGOs), UN agencies, international bodies, and indigenous people’s organizations. UN agencies, intergovernmental organizations, and sometimes governments organize side events to discuss key topics.

This webinar is part of a series of webinars that provide countries with the opportunity to share their lessons learned about climate change negotiations in relation to climate transparency reporting with other countries and the wider community.

Please see **the detailed agenda** of the webinar on the next page.

### Target Audience

This webinar gathers relevant national transparency stakeholders including representatives from the Africa Group of Negotiators, coordinators of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports, senior experts from the national agencies dealing with climate reporting who oversee the establishment of MRV and the National Enhanced Transparency Frameworks, and personnel dealing with data collection for transparency.

### Background

The CBIT-GSP is a global capacity-building project - funded by the Global Environment Facility, implemented by UNEP, and executed by the UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre - to support countries in the transition towards the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF). One of the key components of the programme is to strengthen knowledge-sharing and peer-to-peer exchange among countries and transparency projects, such as through these kinds of webinars.

## Agenda

Time	Session One
13:30 - 13:40	<p><b>Opening session and welcoming remarks</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Sheila Kiconco, Network Coordinator</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Ms. Khetsiwe Khumalo, CBIT-GSP Transparency Officer</p> <p>Mentimeter, Group Photo</p>
13:40 - 14:30	<p><b>The Latest State of Climate Change Negotiations - Reflections of what it Means for Africa</b></p> <p><b>Climate Change Negotiations</b> – Insights on how climate change negotiations for Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) Reporting inform decision-making for climate Actions in Africa.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Mr. Fredrick Ouma</p> <p><b>Climate Change Negotiations</b> –Perspective of Climate Change Negotiations in recognizing policy aspirations and strategies towards Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) in Africa</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Mr. Yamikani Idriss</p>
14:30 - 14:50	Q&A and exchange among countries
14:50 - 15:00	<p>Mentimeter</p> <p>Wrap-up and closing remarks.</p>