

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

-- Inception Workshop --

Time: **12:30 – 14:30 CET** | Date: **November 07, 2023** | Format: **Virtual**

Background

The Capacity -Building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP) aims 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.

The project provides multiple support through various modalities, notably its ten Regional Transparency Networks across the globe to foster south-south collaboration, knowledge-sharing and learning among countries and provide support closer to the needs.

Your country is a member of the Transparency Network for Eurasia that serves as a meeting point for the coordination and synergy of transparency activities in the region, sharing experiences and good practices avoiding duplication and overload for the participating countries.

A needs assessment of transparency capacities has been conducted by the CBIT-GSP team from May-August 2023, to identify gaps and needs, and to prioritize the next steps, which - implemented both at the national and regional level- will help strengthen the reporting capacities of the members of the Regional Transparency Network for Eurasia to comply with the ETF requirements

Objective

This event serves as the launch of the Regional Transparency Network for Eurasia under the CBIT-GSP and initiate the annual work plan of the network. One of the objectives 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 the Eurasia and **kick-off** the project work plan with *proposed activities for 2023/24*.

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 2023/24** to support them *building technical and individual capacities* on climate transparency and reporting in the Eurasia region.

Target Audience

The Inception Workshop will gather Coordinators of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports, national CBIT projects, experts from the national agencies overseeing the establishment of national transparency frameworks as well as thematic experts in the areas of data collection and GHG inventory, adaptation and impacts, and NDC and climate finance tracking. The meeting also invites representatives from international agencies who are dealing with climate change and transparency in the region, including UNFCCC, GEF, UNDP, FAO, UNEP, IGES, GIZ.

Duration and Language

It is expected that the meeting will last up to **2 hours** with sufficient timing dedicated to discussion and Q&A sessions. The meeting will be held in English language.

Proposed Agenda

Time	Session
12:30 – 12:40	Opening Session and Welcoming Remarks Moderator: Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi, CBIT-GSP Global Coordinator Speakers: -Mr. John Christensen, UNEP-CCC Director, - GEF (TBD)
12:40 – 12:45	Mentimeter & Group Photo
12:45 - 13:00	Introduction to the CBIT-GSP project: key objectives and expectations Speaker: Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi, CBIT-GSP Global Coordinator
13:00 - 13:10	<i>Interaction and Q&A session</i>
13:10 - 13:30	Capacity Assessment on Transparency: methodology, key findings, gaps and perspectives for the Eurasia Speaker: Ms. Sladjana Bundalo, Network Coordinator
13:30- 13:45	<i>Interaction and Q&A session</i>
13:45 - 14:00	Project Work Plan for 2023/24: setting priorities and scheduling project activities Speaker: Ms. Sladjana Bundalo, Network Coordinator
14:00 - 14:20	<i>Interaction and Q&A session</i>
14:20 - 14:30	Wrap-up and closing remarks