

Supporting the countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus in BTR roadmap development

-- Webinar --

Time: **14:00 – 15:40 (Tashkent)** | Date: **November 21st, 2023** | Format: online

Background

The Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) is the backbone of the implementation of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, as defined in its Article 13, and it is the internationally-agreed mechanism to monitor the progress of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The provision of clear and understandable data and information in the BTR and the NDC play a crucial role in ensuring the transparency under the Enhanced Transparency Frameworks (ETF) and support achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement. Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) must be submitted by 31 December 2024 and the countries are making every effort to start the BTR development. However, for the process to be smooth and effective, there are tools and approaches which can ease it and capacitate the national team of experts to more thoughtfully plan preparatory activities and focus on strategic milestones.

The [Biennial Transparency Report \(BTR\) Guidance and Roadmap Tool](#), jointly developed by the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) guides developing countries in planning the preparation process of their first BTR as well as preparing a roadmap for implementing it. The tool is available [in Russian](#) and other languages with its original version to be in English. CBIT-GSP complemented the BTR road map development process by using the tool and expanding on the information collected behind, i.e. engaging with stakeholders, discussing and explaining what data and information is needed for an accurate development of the country's BTR road map, how and what activities to plan or skip, and what steps need to undertake well in advance in order to have the first BTR ready on time, by the 31st of December 2024.

Responding to needs expressed by countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus in learning about available tools and approaches for BTR roadmap development in Russian, the CBIT-GSP project in close collaboration with PATPA and FAO organizes a virtual webinar on BTR road map development **in Russian**.

Objective

The main objective of the webinar is to **guide** the countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus on available BTR guidance and roadmap tool **in Russian**, and to inform the participants about **support which can be rendered by CBIT-GSP** in using an *expanded approach* by applying the tool and by engaging with the key stakeholders to develop an accurate BTR roadmap for proper planning and development of the countries' first BTRs.

The countries will have an opportunity to test the tool in Russian and raise the questions, which relate both – to the technical issues of the tool and content-based structure. Upon the completion of the webinar, the countries are expected to discuss internally about their needs for this particular available support on BTR roadmap development and in case, needed, will come back with their queries directly to CBIT-GSP via its regional network coordinator.

Target Audience and Language

The webinar will bring together Coordinators of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports/ Biennial Transparency Reports, senior experts from the national agencies dealing with climate policy and MRV/ETF and experts dealing with greenhouse gas inventory, adaptation and impacts, climate finance and NDC tracking. On the other hand, lead transparency partners in the face of FAO, PATPA, UNEP-CCC, CAREC, UNDP will be also invited and in case needed, contribute to the discussion and O&A session.

The webinar will be held **in Russian**.

Duration and Registration

It is expected that the workshop will last **1 hour 40 min.** with sufficient timing dedicated to discussion and Q&A sessions.

Proposed Agenda

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14:00 – 14:05	Opening session and technical guidance Moderator/speakers: - Ms. Nailia Timerkhanova, Network Coordinator
14:05 – 14:10	Group Photo
14:10 – 14:50	Walking through the PATPA and FAO’s BTR guidance and roadmap tool - Ms. Nailia Timerkhanova, Network Coordinator
14:50 – 15:00	Discussion and Q&A
15:00 – 15:15	Expanded support in assisting the network countries to develop BTR roadmap - Ms. Nailia Timerkhanova, Network Coordinator
15:15 – 15:25	Discussion and Q&A
15:25 – 15:30	<i>Mentimeter survey</i>
15:30 – 15:40	Wrap-up and closing