

UN Climate Change Conference (COP-28): Nov 30 – Dec 12, 2023, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Lessons Learned from Reporting on Article 13 within the MLP programme in Eurasia, Central Asia and the Caucasus

-- Side-Event--

Date: December 4, 2023 | **Time:** 13:00 – 14:15 (1 hour 15 min) | **Venue:** Azerbaijan Pavilion

Background

The **Mutual Learning Programme (MLP) for Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF)**, supported by the Ministry of Environment of Japan and implemented by *IGES, Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting* in close collaboration with the *Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency – Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP)*, aims to support the countries in their understanding how to apply the reporting guidance under Article 6 and 13, explore improvement areas of the climate reporting under the UNFCCC as well as to strengthen a network of institutions and individuals working on Article 6 and 13.

In 2023-2024, two pairs **Azerbaijan** and **Uzbekistan** from the CBIT-GSP Central Asia & the Caucasus Transparency Network, **Georgia** and **Moldova** from the CBIT-GSP Eurasia Transparency Network in addition to **Japan** participate in the MLP. The countries selected the **Energy Sector** for enhancing their knowledge on new reporting requirements under the Article 13 of the Paris Agreement. In 2023, all participating countries learned how to fill in the required CTFs and pursue methodological assessment and description, to peer-review each other's assignments and to exchange on improvements to get better prepared for the reporting under the first BTRs.

The team of Azerbaijan in MLP is represented by the Azerbaijan Branch of the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus (RECC), which is a member of the CBIT-GSP Regional Network and executing agency of the UNEP/GEF projects on "Capacity Building for Azerbaijan to Meet the Paris Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework" and the "Azerbaijan: Enabling Activities for the Preparation of the Third Biennial Update Report (BUR3) under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)". The main project beneficiary is the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (MENR).

The Republic of Azerbaijan secured the national pavilion at the premises of the Conference of the Parties COP-28, which will be held from November 30th until December 12th 2023 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and intends to provide a platform for communication, outreach and knowledge sharing on climate actions and climate transparency. Most countries participating in the MLP have already well progressed in their transparency reporting, and a side-event is jointly organized by CBIT-GSP and the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus (RECC) to gather the international and national stakeholders to share lessons and discuss future perspectives on reporting under the Article 13.

Objective

The main objective of this side-event is to **share lessons learned** from the Mutual Learning Programme for Enhanced Transparency Frameworks (MLP ETF) on Article 13 of the Paris Agreement by countries of Eurasia, Central Asia and the Caucasus, and to explore the opportunities for further collaboration.

Target Audience and Language

This side event is targeted towards all transparency practitioners from all developing countries worldwide, especially staff from the relevant ministries in countries coordinating national transparency efforts and the preparation of National Communications and Biennial Update/Transparency Reports.

The side-event will be held in **English**.

Proposed Agenda

Time	Session
13:00 – 13:15	<p>Opening of the Event and Welcoming:</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Yashar Karimov on behalf of RECC Azerbaijan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ms. Umayra Taghiyeva</i>, Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan - <i>Ms. Ruth Couto</i>, OIC, Chief, Energy & Climate Branch, Economy Division, UNEP
13:15 – 13:50	<p>Country Presentations: Lessons learned from MLP in the countries of Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus</p> <p>Proposed speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ms. Temuulen Murun</i>, Policy Researcher, IGES - <i>Mr. Kakhaberi Mdivani</i>, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia - <i>Mr. Takashi Morimoto</i>, MURC, on behalf of Japan - <i>Mr. Toghrul Feyziyev</i>, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan - <i>Mr. Ibrat Karimov</i>, Deputy Director General of Uzhydromet, on behalf of Uzbekistan <p>Discussion</p>
13:50 – 14:10	<p>Panel Session: Perspectives for future collaboration</p> <p>Proposed Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi</i>, CBIT-GSP - <i>Ms. Chisa Umemiya</i>, IGES <p>Discussion</p>
14:10 – 14:15	<p>Closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Yutaka Matsuzawa</i>, Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Environment of Japan
