Annual Network Meeting for the Asia Transparency Network: Achievements and plans for 2024

-- Virtual Meeting --

Time: 15:00 - 17:00 Bangkok Time | Date: January 22, 2024 | Format: Online

Organized by the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP)

Background

In 2023, the CBIT-GSP Transparency Network for Asia hosted a variety of events focused on capacity-building for transparency. These events included regional and country-based training and learning sessions, webinars, and exchange meetings. As the 2023 annual work plan draws to a close, it is important to reflect on the key results and achievements. This is an opportunity for countries to provide feedback and evaluate the effectiveness of the Network activities and if and how they have assisted countries in improving their reporting process under the Paris Agreement. Additionally, it is valuable to consider the lessons learned from the support provided by CBIT-GSP and the collaboration with other partner organizations. This Network Meeting will serve to discuss and prioritize the activities that will be implemented in the crucial year of 2024. Additionally, it is essential to engage in discussions regarding the areas of support that are aligned with the current needs of Asian countries.

The year 2024 represents an important year for the ETF with the submission deadline for the first BTRs by latest December 2024. Countries are stepping therefore into the active phase of reporting on their GHG Inventory, NDC Progress Tracking, Adaptation and Loss & Damage as well as Support Needed and Received. CBIT-GSP will support the countries in this important process by capacitating the national experts on key reporting areas of the BTR.

Objective

The primary goal of the meeting is to provide a space for countries to openly discuss and assess the activities undertaken in 2023 in the Asia Transparency Network. Additionally, the meeting will involve a discussion on the **future activities and support in the Asia Transparency Network in 2024**.

The network members are expected to discuss and share their experiences and lessons learned from the CBIT-GSP support. They will also provide feedback on its effectiveness and suggest areas for improvement. Additionally, they will discuss the support that will be needed for 2024.

Duration and Registration

It is expected that the workshop will last **2 hours** with sufficient timing dedicated to discussion and Q&A sessions. The exact time of the webinar in your country can be seen below:

Countries	Time (24 hour)
Denmark	09:00 - 11:00
Iran	11:30 - 13:30
Afghanistan	12:30 - 14:30
Maldives, Pakistan	13:00 - 15:00
India, Sri Lanka	13:30 - 15:30
Nepal	13:45 - 15:45
Bangladesh, Bhutan	14:00 - 16:00
Myanmar	14:30 - 16:30
Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Thailand, Vietnam	15:00 - 17:00
Brunei Darussalam, China, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore	16:00 - 18:00

Agenda

Time (Bangkok Time)	Session
15:00 - 15:10	**Opening session and welcoming remarks** **Moderator:** Mr. Jaypalsinh Chauhan, Asia Network Coordinator **Speakers:** Ms. Fatima Zahra Taibi, CBIT-GSP Global Coordinator **Group Photo**
15:10 - 15:25	**Key activities and outcomes of the CBIT-GSP Asia Transparency Network in 2023** **Speaker:** Mr. Jaypalsinh Chauhan, Asia Network Coordinator
15:25 - 15:35	**Mentimeter survey**
15:35 - 15:55	**Interventions from the countries** **Guiding questions:** 1. How do you evaluate the Asia Transparency Network activities and the support provided in 2023 with regard to your country's readiness for the BTR? What worked well? What did not work well? 2. What are the areas of improvement for the Asia Transparency Network support activities in 2024? **Key speakers:** - **Ms. Undarmaa Khurelbaatar,** Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Mongolia

	- **Mr. Ajay Raghava,** Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India - **Ms. Ambika Tennakoon,** Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka - **Mr. Rajan Thapa,** CBIT Project Manager, WWF Nepal
15:55 - 16:15	**Discussion on country's transparency actions in 2024:** - What is the status of your country's readiness for its first BTR? - Are you able to submit your BTR by the end of 2024? - What degree of flexibility do you want to employ for your first BTR? - What is/are the greatest challenge(s) for your country in meeting the deadline? - What crucial support does your country require in order to meet the deadline? - Is your country planning to develop a roadmap for its first BTR? - Do you have any transparency practices that are worth sharing with other countries? **Mentimeter survey and discussion by countries**
16:15 - 16:30	**Presentation of the annual work plan for the Asia Transparency Network for 2024** - Mr. Jaypalsinh Chauhan, Asia Network Coordinator
16:30 - 16:50	**Discussion and interventions from the countries** **Guiding questions:** *1. To what extent do the proposed activities for 2024 align with the priorities of your country?* *2. Are there any needs and gaps that remain unaddressed in the 2024 Network workplan?* Key speakers: - **Ms. Nur Hazirah,** Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change, Malaysia - **Mr. Albert Magalang,** Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines - **Ms. Daovinh,** Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Laos - **Ms. Liliek Sofitri,** Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia - **Mr. Mohamed Inaz,** CBIT Project Manager, Maldives
16:50 - 17:00	**Wrap-up and closing remarks** **Mentimeter**

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