

ANGLOPHONE CARIBBEAN NETWORK MEETING – REPORT

Date: 25 October 2023 | **Time:** 09:00 – 10:30 (1.5 hours) | **Venue:** Panama City

BACKGROUND

The Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency – Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP) is a global transparency support project, funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), implemented by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and executed by the UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre (UNEP-CCC).

The aim of the CBIT-GSP is to support developing countries in responding to the reporting provisions of the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement. The main support modality of the project is its ten Transparency Networks through which country support is provided. One of the Transparency Networks is the Anglophone Caribbean Network which was launched in February 2023 and has implemented activities under the guidance of a dedicated Network Coordinator. To ensure ongoing relevance and effectiveness, the CBIT-GSP Transparency Networks convene on an annual basis to review progress and plan for the ensuing year.

OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the meeting was to engage with member countries of the Anglophone Caribbean network, discussing and confirming their country-specific needs and priorities for the year 2024. The meeting also served as a platform to acquaint network member countries with the menu of support offered by the CBIT-GSP.

This report provides an overview of the key discussions and outcomes of the meeting. For detailed information on specific presentations or discussions, please refer to the full agenda and presentation documents annexed to this report.

Attendees:

The meeting was attended by government representatives from eleven countries from the network, a representative from the Caribbean MRV hub and CBIT-GSP project team members.

Overview of key points discussed:

- CBIT- GSP - The meeting began with an overview of the CBIT-GSP project, highlighting its main objectives, including support modalities, the climate transparency platform, status of transparency networks detailing their support modalities and collaborative effort with other partners. The meeting also covered the direct country support provided by CBIT-GSP.

- Needs Assessment and Workplan: Results from the needs assessment conducted in the region were presented and discussed.
- The network workplan was presented, outlining the activities planned for regional and country-level support.

The meeting concluded with a discussion session, allowing attendees to share insights and feedback on the needs assessment and associated workplan for 2024. The overall focus was on validating the needs identified in the region and the prioritized activities forming the workplan. The network members reaffirmed their needs and priorities as identified in the needs assessment and requested the CBIT-GSP team to prioritize activities that will support the countries through their development of BTRs.

Key point to note

- Countries mentioned that beyond the key critical technical challenges identified by the needs assessment, in the Caribbean the major challenge is the availability and retention of human resources.
- Countries appreciated the training on NDC tracking, however requested that UNEP CCC should consider making an online video or developing handbook or manual on filling the tables
- Countries requested continued exchange on filling out CTF tables, this could include one-on-one sessions with countries or virtual sessions where countries come to exchange on burning questions they are facing . This was further suggested that countries can work in groups depending on where they are in the process to foster mutual learning.
- Several countries including Suriname, St' Kitts and Nevis, Jamaica and the Bahamas confirm their needs for support on modelling tools.
- Belize, Barbados and Jamaica requested support on the development of a BTR roadmap

Agenda

Time	Session	Facilitator
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome and Introductions	CBIT-GSP
09:05 – 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review CTF – Tables – Open Discussions 	Network members
09:30 – 09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief overview of the CBIT-GSP project • Caribbean needs assessment results • Workplan 	CBIT-GSP
09:45 – 10:20	Open Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country Reporting Status • Needs and Priorities for 2024 	Network members
10:20 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks 	CBIT-GSP



Attendance

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