

Planning and Development of Countries' First BTR in the Anglophone Caribbean Transparency Network

Webinar Series 2024

Time: **10:00 – 11:30 AST** | Date: **Wednesday, March 6, 2024** | Format: **Virtual**

Background

The Paris Agreement, adopted in 2015, introduced an Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) with the aim of promoting trust and clarity among Parties and tracking progress towards achieving the goals of the Agreement. The modalities, procedures, and guidelines (MPGs) for the ETF as contained in decision 18/CMA.1 and the guidance for operationalizing the MPGs as contained in decision 5/CMA.3 apply to all Parties but consider their differing capacities. With the launch of the strengthened transparency framework of the Paris Agreement, all countries are called upon to submit their first biennial transparency report (BTR) by December 2024. In recognition of their national circumstances, LDCs/ SIDS are offered additional discretion in reporting, where they can choose to submit the information in their Biennial Transparency Reports (BTR) at their discretion.

2024 is therefore crucial for countries to develop and report their first BTRs. This information gathered through the BTRs will feed into the global stock take, assessing collective progress toward long term climate goals. The transition to BTRs and MPGs will involve increasing the quantity, detail, and rigor of information to be submitted, mainly for developing countries. For this reason, it is of the utmost importance that countries begin to internalize the new requirements for timely, transparent, and quality reporting to the UNFCCC as soon as possible.

To this end, CBIT-GSP intends to support the countries in this important process by bringing national experts together on key reporting areas of BTR, reviewing the GHG inventories, and providing a platform for sharing best practices and lessons learned on ETF.

Objective

By the end of this webinar, participants will gain insights into the transition process of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) planning and development using the BTR Roadmap Tool developed by PATPA and FAO.

Participants will have the opportunity to exchange experiences and lessons learned among experts from the Anglophone Caribbean Transparency Network.

Target Audience

The webinar convenes CBIT-GSP focal points and thematic experts from the Climate Transparency Network countries and other stakeholders in planning, developing, and submitting countries’ BTRs and other climate transparency reports to the UNFCCC, including experts dealing with data collection and greenhouse gas inventory, adaptation and impacts, climate finance and NDC tracking.

Agenda

Length of Webinar: 1 hour and 30 minutes

| Time | Session |
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| 10 min (incl. a short buffer for people to arrive) | Opening and Welcoming Remarks & Group Photo Speaker: Fatima-Zahra Taibi, Senior Advisor, CBIT-GSP Global Coordinator |
| 20 min | Overview of ETF Transition and BTR planning and development process & Preview of Regional Priorities Brittany Meighan Rancharan, Anglophone Caribbean Network Coordinator, CBIT-GSP |
| 15 min | Interaction and Q&A |
| 15 min | Experience-sharing from Countries: Planning/setting up coordination teams and developing BTRs from the countries – Antigua and Barbuda’s experience Speaker: Representative from Antigua & Barbuda |
| 15 min | Discussion and Q&A from Countries |
| 5 min | Mentimeter Survey |
| 5 min | Wrap-up and Closing Remarks |

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Belize: **8:00 am**

The Bahamas/Jamaica: **9:00 am**

Antigua & Barbuda/Barbados/Dominica/Grenada/Guyana/Saint Lucia/St. Kitts and Nevis/St. Vincent & The Grenadines/Trinidad & Tobago: **10:00 am**

Suriname: **11:00 am**