

## CBIT EXCHANGE AND COLLABORATION IN AFRICA

### CONCEPT NOTE

#### **1.0 Introduction**

The Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) under the Paris Agreement is aimed at strengthening the institutional and technical capacity of developing countries to conform to the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) requirements of the Paris Agreement. A number of countries are currently implementing the first phase of the GEF-funded CBIT projects through UNEP and other entities. The projects focus on various outputs, all aimed at strengthening the capacity to report to the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement and inform individual policies as well as Nationally Determined Contributions and are at various stages of implementation.

Peer-to-peer learning among CBIT project members in Africa can be a highly effective approach to enhancing skills, sharing knowledge, and fostering collaboration. Transparency and reporting are crucial elements to enhance understanding, tracking progress, and promoting accountability in the global efforts to combat climate change.

The CBIT projects in Africa are at different implementation levels, have met different challenges during implementation, and provide success stories worthy of sharing. The CBIT project coordinators have never met in one space to share what is happening in their countries regarding the development of Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) systems under the ETF of the Paris Agreement. Experience sharing or peer-to-peer learning is a strategy that could help the projects achieve more through collaboration that entails sharing ideas, diverse perspectives, and skills, fostering innovation and creativity, and identifying opportunities for further strengthening country capacities in transparency.

With recent discussions among CBIT members from (**Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Eswatini, and Malawi**) all being funded by the GEF with UNEP acting as the GEF Implementing Agency, the members have unanimously agreed to convene for **peer learning, experience sharing, and collaboration** to discuss our common interests, inherent challenges and explore more opportunities to assist our countries within and beyond the first and current phase of CBIT. It is against this background that a 3-day Peer learning, exchange, and collaboration workshop is being proposed and organized for the 5 Anglophone African countries implementing the CBIT projects through UNEP.

#### **2.0 Objectives of the workshop**

The workshop aims to share best practices, technical insights, challenges, and constraints in CBIT project implementation and develop mitigation measures across Africa CBIT projects. The Specific objectives are:

1. Share best practices and technical insights on the functionality, of GHGI and how the inventories can be operationalized in institutions of Africa CBIT projects.
2. Share challenges and constraints in CBIT project implementation and develop mitigation measures.

3. Identify opportunities to strengthen further in-country capacities to implement the provisions of ETF under the Paris Agreement
4. Develop and strengthen collaboration synergies among African countries in ETF and share expertise across countries.
5. Strengthen collaboration between CBIT and other initiatives such as BTRs and National Communications

### 3.0 Expected Outputs

1. A list of identified opportunities to strengthen further in-country capacities to implement the provisions of ETF under the Paris Agreement and collaboration between CBIT and other initiatives such as BTRs and National Communications
2. A road map for strengthening strategies for achieving improved implementation of national CBIT projects and enhancing capacities in ETF among African countries.

### 4.0 Participants

The workshop will be attended by about 20 participants made up of at least 3 people from each country (depending on the budget availability), as well as representatives from UNEP-CCC (leading the Global CBIT Program) and (the GEF Implementing Agency). It should comprise the team implementing the CBIT project and should include the following or individuals with similar roles:

- (i) CBIT Project Technical Coordinators
- (ii) Finance and Administration Officer for CBIT
- (iii) CBIT National Focal Point
- (iv) CBIT National Project Directors
- (v) CBIT GSP
- (vi) UNEP representatives

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## 5.0 Workshop content

Prior to the peer learning date, each country identified a specific topic or area of expertise that participants will cover and share for learning during the workshop. A 3-day workshop program was developed, ensuring that these topics align with the overall objectives of the peer learning. Among others, the topics for learning include:

- Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and Modalities, Procedures, and Guidelines (MPGs) under the Paris Agreement. (CBIT-GSP)
- Share best practices and technical insights on the functionality of GHGI and how South Africa was able to operationalize the GHG inventory process in institutions.
- Share best practices and technical insights on the development of the online MRV system in Malawi.
- Transparency institutional arrangements, examples, and lessons learned from Zimbabwe.
- Share challenges and constraints in the implementation of the CBIT national project. Lessons learned on institutional arrangements from Eswatini.
- Available opportunities to strengthen further in-country capacities to implement the provisions of ETF under the Paris Agreement (CBIT-GSP)

## 6.0 Funding

Each national CBIT country project is responsible for funding its participants within its global engagement, exchange, or any relevant budget line. Zimbabwe, which is the host country, will cover the conference costs and send invitation letters to all participants to facilitate the obtainment of visas.

## 7.0 Timeline

Preparatory meeting (Virtual): December 2023  
 Workshop (face to face): **February 26-29, 2024.**

## 8.0 Proposed Venue

Zimbabwe  
 Venue: Victoria Falls

## Agenda

Time	Activity	Responsible
<b>Day1: 26 February 2024</b>		
08:30 – 09:00	Participant Registration and room setup	The Host CBIT-Zimbabwe
09:00 – 09:10	Self-introduction	All
09:10 – 09:20	Welcome and Opening remarks	Representative from Zimbabwe UNEP, CBIT GSP
09:20 – 09:30	Presentation: Objectives of the peer learning	UNEP
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Presentation:</b> Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and Modalities, Procedures, and Guidelines (MPGs) under the Paris Agreement	CBIT-GSP
<b>10:00- 10:20</b>	<i>Interaction and Q&amp;A session</i>	
<b>10:20- 10:30</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	<b>All</b>
10:30 – 11:30	<b>Presentation:</b> Share best practices and technical insights on the functionality of GHGI and how South Africa was able to operationalize the GHG inventory process in institutions.	South Africa
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Interaction and Q&amp;A session</i>	
12:00 – 12:40	<b>Presentation:</b> Share best practices and technical insights on the development of the online MRV system in Malawi.	Malawi

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12:40 – 13:00	<i>Interaction and Q&amp;A session</i>	
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	All
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Presentation:</b> Transparency institutional arrangements, examples, and lessons learned from Zimbabwe.	Milward G Kuona Zimbabwe
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Interaction and Q&amp;A session</i>	All
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Presentation:</b> Lessons learned on institutional arrangements from other countries	CBIT-GSP
<b>Day 2: 27 February 2024</b>		
09:00 – 10:00	Summary of key learning points	CBIT-GSP
9:15 – 09:45	<b>Presentation:</b> Share challenges and constraints in the implementation of the CBIT national project	Eswatini and Sierra Leone
10:00 – 10:20	<i>Interaction and Q&amp;A session</i>	All
<b>10:20- 10:40</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	<b>All</b>
10:40 – 11:30	<b>Presentation:</b> Available opportunities to strengthen further in-country capacities to implement the provisions of ETF under the Paris Agreement	UNEP
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Fishbowl presentation:</b> on the opportunities in-country capacities to implement the provisions of ETF under the Paris Agreement	All
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>All</b>
14:00 – 15:00	<b>Presentation:</b> Support to developing countries through the CBIT Global Support Programme and Q&A	CBIT-GSP

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15:00 – 17:00	<b>Exposure Visit:</b> Participating countries will have an opportunity to visit the site in Zimbabwe	All
<b>Day 3: 28 February 2024</b>		
09:00 – 10:00	Reflections on the two days: Key lessons and take ways for each country	All
<b>10:00- 10:30</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	<b>All</b>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Presentation:</b> Sharing experiences on how CBIT projects are synergizing with other UNFCCC processes, NDCs, NAPs, and NCs.	Malawi
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Interaction and Q&amp;A session</i>	All
11:20 – 12:30	<b>Presentation:</b> The role of institutional arrangements under the ETF, examples, and lessons learned from other countries.	CBIT-GSP
12:30 – 13:00	<i>Interaction and Q&amp;A session</i>	All
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>All</b>
14:00 – 15:00	<b>Group work:</b> Developing a road map for strengthening collaboration synergies and sharing expertise among African countries in ETF.	<b>All</b>
15:00 – 16:00	Presentation and discussion of the road map for strengthening collaboration synergies and sharing expertise	<b>All</b>
16:00 – 16:30	Closing Remarks	<b>UNEP</b>