

-- Learning Exchange on the Planning and Development of Countries' First BTR in the Anglophone Africa Transparency Network –

Webinar Series 2024

Time: 14:00 – 16:00 EAT time | **Date:** Tuesday, February 20, 2024 | **Format:** Online

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 for developing and reporting their first BTRs. This information gathered through the BTRs will feed into the global stocktake, 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

Encourage the exchange of experiences and lessons learned among experts from the Anglophone Africa Transparency Network countries to support the planning, development, and timely submission of the first BTR to the UNFCCC.

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.

Agenda

Time	Session
14:00 – 14:10	Opening session and welcoming remarks Moderator: Ms. Sheila Kiconco, Network Coordinator
14:10 – 14:30	Overview of the BTR planning and development process Ms. Sheila Kiconco, Anglophone Africa Network Coordinator, CBIT-GSP Short Q&A Session
14:30 - 14:45	Experience-sharing from Countries: Planning/setting up coordination teams and developing BTRs from the countries – The example from Rwanda. Speaker: Representative from Rwanda. Short Q&A Session
14:45 - 14:50	Group Photo
14:50 - 15:05	Experience-sharing from Countries Planning/setting up coordination teams and development of BTR from the countries – The example from Nigeria. Speaker: Representative from Nigeria Short Q&A Session
15:05 - 15:15	Sharing and discussion by all countries
15:15 - 15:25	Mentimeter survey
15:25 - 15:30	Wrap-up and closing