

Institutional Arrangements for Transparency: Best Practices and Lessons Learnt from Liberia and Zimbabwe

Time: 13:00 PM-14:00 PM EAT | **Date:** May 11, 2023, | **Format:** Virtual

1.1 Background

Institutional arrangements are of critical importance for fully functioning national transparency systems and data collection in particular. Institutional arrangements for transparency include various elements from clearly defined roles and responsibilities for all actors in the transparency system, such as line ministries, data-sharing agreements and legal arrangements. Institutions at all levels need to build on what already exists and learn from experience, while at the same time working towards more streamlined data flows to be able to comply with the requirements of the Enhanced Transparency Framework. Appropriate arrangements must consider all relevant levels of government and the private sector in an approach that manages competing priorities and demand for resources.

Institutional arrangements promote strong coordination and collaboration among multiple decision-making levels, involving stakeholders and sectors in order to create buy-in into the transparency system and ensure effective data flow.

Establishing such an institutional structure domestically requires time and effort and usually involves multi-stakeholder task forces and expert working groups. It also requires dedicated capacity development and communication strategies.

1.2 Objective

The main objective of the virtual exchange is to share best practices and lessons learnt from establishing institutional arrangements for transparency in Zimbabwe with other members of the Regional Transparency Network of the Anglophone Africa Region.

Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage & exchange with each other.

1.3 Target Audience

The Virtual Exchange will gather relevant national transparency stakeholders including coordinators of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports, senior experts from the Ministries and national agencies dealing with climate reporting. Team of experts that support in-country implementation National Enhanced Transparency Frameworks and personnel dealing with data collection on greenhouse gas inventory, adaptation and impacts, climate finance and NDC tracking.

Agenda

Time: EAT	Session
13:00 - 13:10	<p>Opening session and welcoming remarks</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Sheila Kiconco, Network Coordinator</p> <p>Speakers: Ms Susanne Konrad, CBIT-GSP Global Coordinator</p> <p>Mentimeter & Group Photo</p>
13:10 - 13:15	<p>Key Components and Importance of Institutional Arrangements</p> <p>Speaker: Ms Sheila Kiconco, Network Coordinator</p>
13:15 - 13:25	<p>Institutional Arrangements for Transparency Systems: best practices and lessons learnt from Zimbabwe</p> <p>Speaker: Mr Milward Kuona, the CBIT Zimbabwe Technical Coordinator</p>
13:25 – 13:30	Short Q&A
13:30 - 13:40	<p>Institutional Arrangements for Transparency Systems: best practices and lessons learnt from Liberia</p> <p>Speaker: Mr Arthur R.M. Becker, Project Officer, Department of Multilateral Agreements (MEAs), Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia</p>
13:40 - 13:55	Q&A and exchange among countries
13:55 - 14:00	<p>Wrap-up and closing remarks</p> <p>Mentimeter</p>