

Mutual Learning Programme (MLP) for Enhanced Transparency (MLP): Reporting of mitigation actions in the Energy Sector under Art.13 (Armenia – Japan – Kazakhstan)

-- Kick-off virtual meeting --

Time: **13:00 – 15:00 (Yerevan time) 14:00 – 16:00 (Astana time)** | Date: **May 10th, 2024**

Background

Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) are at the heart of the Paris Agreement and the achievement of its long-term goals. NDCs embody efforts by each country to reduce national emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. The Paris Agreement requires each Party to prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions (NDCs) that it intends to achieve. Parties shall pursue domestic mitigation measures, with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions. Tracking NDCs is a requirement under the Paris Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF). It requires transparent quantitative and qualitative information on the implementation and achievement of the NDC, including indicators comparing current or projected emissions, and information that helps better understand the NDC target and its impacts.

The **Mutual Learning Programme (MLP)**, which was initiated by IGES and MURC with the support of the Government of Japan, provides support to the countries in improving the understanding of developing countries on how to apply the reporting guidance under Article 13 and explore improvement areas of next reporting to UNFCCC.

In 2023-2024, the collaboration of CBIT-GSP and IGES resulted in a good MLP experience with participation of Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan and Japan as one country set, and Moldova, Georgia and Japan as another one. In 2024, the CBIT-GSP and IGES decided to extend its support to other new countries of the region and foresee learning exercises on reporting of mitigation actions under the Article 13 of the Paris Agreement for Armenia and Kazakhstan, with contribution from Japan, particularly selecting the Energy Sector.

Objective

The main objective of the kick-off meeting is to (a) **discuss the objectives, process, and schedule of the MLP 2024**, including how to conduct the first exercise (i.e., filling a common tabular format (CTF) for reporting mitigation actions in the Energy Sector), (b) to **share the**



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country status of a national system for tracking the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), that includes mitigation actions in each sector, and to (c) to discuss how the **MLP can be designed and implemented** in the way that best matches with the interests and needs of participants.

Target Audience and Language

The kick-off meeting will gather Coordinators and Experts of National Communications and Biennial Transparency Reports, senior experts from the national agencies dealing with GHG inventory and mitigation actions, as well as those specialists, who work in Energy at the domestic level.

The event will be held **in Russian and English** with simultaneous translation provided in both languages.

Duration and Registration

It is expected that the meeting will last up to **2 hours** with sufficient timing dedicated to discussion and Q&A sessions.

Proposed Agenda

Time (Yerevan)	Session
13:00 – 13:15	Opening session and introduction to MLP Moderator: Ms. Nailia Timerkhanova, Network Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fatima-Zahra Taibi, CBIT-GSP Global Coordinator - Yuka Okajima, Office of Director for International Cooperation for Transition to Decarbonization and Sustainable Infrastructure, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment Japan
13:15 – 13:30	Self-introduction of the participants and country members of the MLP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants from Armenia - Participants from Kazakhstan - Participants from Japan - CBIT-GSP and UNEP-CCC
13:30 – 13:35	Group photo
13:35 – 13:55	Introduction of the Mutual Learning Program (MLP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of the MLP and its objectives and process (10 min): <i>Temuulen Murun, IGES Researcher</i> - Overview of the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the enhanced transparency framework and its linkage to the MLP (10 min): <i>Aiymgul Kerimray, UNEP-CCC</i> - Q&A and Discussion
13:55 – 14:35	Country status of a national system for tracking the implementation of NDCs <i>(See the presentation guidance below)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diana Harutyunyan, Armenia (10 min) - Rustam Nassirkhan, Kazakhstan (10 min) - Takashi Morimoto, on behalf of Japan (10 min) - QA and Discussion (10 min)
14:35 - 14:50	Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explanation of 1st exercise: Filling a common tabular format (CTF) for reporting mitigation actions in the energy sector: <i>Aiymgul and Nailia</i> - Free discussion and feedback
14:50 – 14:55	<i>Mentimeter</i>
14:55 - 15:00	Wrap-up and closing remarks