



Draft Agenda

Hands-on training workshop on enhancing institutional arrangements and effective implementation of the enhanced transparency framework

23-25 January 2024

Male, Maldives

Background

The enhanced transparency framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement builds on and enhances the existing measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) arrangements under the Convention. With the adoption of the modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs) for the ETF by COP 24 and the corresponding common reporting tables, common tabular formats and outlines by COP 26, developing country Parties are already taking steps to implement the ETF.¹

While reporting under the Convention through national communications (NCs) will continue, biennial update reports (BURs) and international consultation and analysis (ICA) process under the Convention will eventually be superseded by biennial transparency reports (BTRs), for those Convention Parties that are also Parties to the Paris Agreement, technical expert review (TER) and facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress (FMCP) processes under the Paris Agreement. The final BURs will be those that are submitted no later than 31 December 2024; and Parties shall submit their first BTRs and national inventory reports, if submitted as a stand-alone report, at the latest by 31 December 2024.²

Despite the flexibility provisions enshrined in the Paris Agreement and detailed in the MPGs, developing country Parties expect the efforts for the transition to be considerable. The enhanced depth, scope and frequency of reporting under the ETF would place a significant challenge to the resources and efforts of developing country Parties required to respond to the reporting requirements.

In that context, Parties need to familiarize themselves with the MPGs, the common tabular formats and the common reporting tables³ to prepare and report information on climate action and support in the first BTRs.

Objectives and expected results

The hands-on training workshop aims at enhancing the technical capacities of national experts from Maldives who are involved in the preparation of national reports under the

¹ As of February 2023, 65 countries submitted project proposals to the GEF for preparation of their BTRs.

² Least developed country Parties and small island developing States may submit the information referred to in Article 13, paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 10, of the Paris Agreement at their discretion.

³ Decision 5/CMA.3 available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2021_10a2_adv.pdf

UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, including NCs, NDCs and BURs/BTRs. Specifically, the event aims to achieve the following learning objectives:

- Familiarize participants with the MRV arrangements under the Convention and the ETF under the Paris Agreement, with a view to ensure smooth transition to the implementation of the ETF;
- Promoting the understanding of provisions related to modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs) for the enhanced transparency framework;
- Provide an overview of the key elements and characteristics of robust institutional arrangements which support the implementation of the ETF;
- Present some of the tools available for facilitation of the ETF implementation, based on national context and circumstances.

Target Audience

Targeted participants are the government officials from line Ministries, other stakeholders and experts who are involved in reporting and/or consolidating or coordinating preparation of national communication, biennial update report and biennial transparency report, NDC or long-term low-carbon development strategy. It is expected that around 30 nominated participants from Maldives will attend the hands-on training workshop.

Provisional Agenda

Note: All the exercises and discussions will be based on the information included in national reports of Maldives, e.g. NDC, BUR, NC.

Time	Activity	Facilitator(s)
Day 1 (23/01/2024)		
Session 1	Registration and Introduction	
08:15 - 09:00	Registration and Breakfast	Maldives
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome and opening remarks	Maldives, UNFCCC and UNEP CCC
09:15 - 09:20	Objectives and expectations from the workshop	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
09:20 - 09:35	Getting to know each other – introduction of the participants followed by a Mentimeter quiz	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
Session 2	Introduction to MRV and Transitioning from MRV towards ETF	
09:35 - 10:00	Presentation: Provisions of the ETF & MPGs including commonalities and differences between MRV arrangements under the Convention and ETF under the Paris Agreement, relevant timelines and latest outcomes from the intergovernmental process	UNFCCC
10:00 - 10:10	Q&A	UNFCCC
10:10 - 10:40	Country Presentation: BUR/NC status, plans for preparation of BTR as well as implementation of the current NDC, and preparation for the next round of NDC	Maldives
10:40 - 11:00	Discussion: Country readiness to implementation of the ETF (based on guiding questions)	UNEP CCC
Session 3	Introduction of the BTR outline and the tracking of progress of NDCs	
11:00 - 11:30	Presentation: Introduction to the BTR outline and reporting tools, with a focus on NDC tracking	UNEP CCC
11:30 - 11:40	Q&A	UNEP CCC
11:40 - 12:00	Presentation: Definition of NDC indicators	UNEP CCC
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break	
13:00 - 13:45	Exercise: Definitions of SMART indicators	UNEP CCC
13:45 - 14:00	Reporting in plenary	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
Session 4	Reporting on the progress in implementing the NDC: Common Tabular Formats	
14:00 - 14:30	Presentation: An overview of the common tabular formats for reporting on the progress in	UNEP CCC

	implementing the NDC, including an example of filled common tabular formats	
14:30 - 14:45	Coffee break	
14:45 - 15:30	Exercise to fill main reporting tables based on the Maldives NDC: Table 1 and 2	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
15:30 - 16:00	Exercise to fill main reporting tables based on the Maldives NDC: Table 4	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
16:00 - 16:45	Exercise to fill main reporting tables based on the Maldives NDC: Table 5	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
16:45 - 17:00	Results and comments on the three exercises	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
17:00 - 17:15	Wrap up of day 1 – Key take aways	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC

Time	Activity	Facilitator(s)
Day 2 (24/01/2024)		
Session 1	Reporting on Support needed and received – methodologies and common tabular formats	
08:15 - 09:10	Breakfast	Maldives
09:10 - 09:15	Presentation of the agenda of the day	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
09:15 - 09:45	Presentation: Reporting requirements on support needed and received in accordance with the MPGs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonalities and differences from NC and BUR requirements • Overview of information to be reported in the common tabular formats for FTC needed and received • Discussion and Q&A session 	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
09:45 - 10:00	Presentation: Experience of the Maldives in tracking and reporting on support needed and received	Maldives
10:00 - 10:20	Presentation: Support received, where to start when you do not have data	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
10:20 - 11:00	Exercise: Filling data (OECD Database) on support received using common tabular formats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion: what info was missing? 	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
11:00 - 11:20	Presentation: Processes and approaches for identifying support needed for NDC implementation	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC

11:20 - 11:45	Exercise: NDC costing and defining support needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion: what info was missing? 	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
11:45 - 12:00	Results and comments from the two previous exercises	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
12:00 - 13:15	Lunch break	
Session 2	Reporting on climate change impacts and adaptation, including loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change	
13:15 - 13:40	Presentation: Reporting on climate change impacts and adaptation, including loss and Damage, following the Chapter 3 of the BTR outline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A session 	Sladjana, CBIT GSP (Virtual Participation)
13:40 - 14:00	Presentation: Experience of the Maldives on current practices, challenges and lessons learned for preparing information and reporting on climate change impacts and adaptation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A session 	Maldives
14:00 - 14:15	Coffee break	
Session 3	Climate change impacts and adaptation planning	
14:15 - 14:45	Presentation: Analysis of climate change impacts, vulnerability, and risks; assessment frameworks; planning and implementation	Sladjana, CBIT GSP (Virtual Participation)
14:45 - 15:15	Exercise on conducting assessments of climate change impacts, risks and vulnerabilities. Interactive moderated discussion	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
Session 4	Overview of a robust Institutional arrangement	
15:15 - 15:35	Presentation: Key components of a robust and sustainable institutional arrangement which supports the implementation of the ETF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and Q&A session 	UNFCCC
15:35 - 15:55	Presentation: Maldives current institutional arrangements for transparency - gaps, good practices and opportunities for improvement	Maldives
15:55 - 16:15	Open discussion: ETF, Institutional arrangements, Capacity building, Data management and coordination (based on guiding questions)	
16:15 - 16:20	Wrap up of day 2	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC

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Day 3 (25/01/2024)		
Session 1	Overview of a robust Institutional arrangement	
08:15 - 09:10	Breakfast	Maldives
09:10 - 09:15	Presentation of the agenda of the day	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
Session 2	Roadmap towards the BTR	
09:15 - 09:45	Presentation BTR Planning - walk through on the BTR roadmap tool	UNEP CCC
09:45 - 10:45	Practical Exercise - generating the BTR roadmap	UNEP CCC
10:45 - 11:30	Presentation of the Maldives BTR Roadmap and Discussions on Readiness of the Maldives for the BTR	Maldives, UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
11:30 - 12:00	Transparency Outlook: Technical Expert Reviewer Trainings, electronic reporting tools and other capacity building opportunities	UNFCCC
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break	
13:00 - 13:15	Presentation: Climate Transparency Platform	UNEP CCC
13:15 - 13:20	Mentimeter and workshop satisfaction survey	UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
13:20 - 13:30	Concluding remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee break and networking 	Maldives, UNEP CCC and UNFCCC
