

## CONCEPT NOTE

### REQUEST FOR SUPPORT ON CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY

#### 1. Title

*Please insert a title that summarises the specific topic of the support request.*

Cook Islands in-country capability enhancement training workshop on national GHG inventory and BTR preparation in alignment with the Paris Agreement's transparency requirements.

#### 2. Contact data

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#### 3. Support requested

**Area** *Please choose the relevant area(s) of support that is being requested.*

☒ Institutional arrangements for transparency  
☒ GHG Inventory      ☒ NDC tracking      ☐ Mitigation actions  
☐ Adaptation and impacts      ☒ Loss and damage      ☐ Support needed/received  
☒ Report development (NC, BUR, BTR, NIR, etc.)      ☒ Other (please specify)  
 MRV systems

**Type** *Please choose the type of support that is being requested.*

☐ Bilateral cooperation      ☐ Multilateral cooperation      ☐ Webinar  
☒ In-country workshop/training      ☐ Online workshop/training      ☐ Peer-review or simulation of ICA process  
☒ Hands-on expert support      ☐ Consultancy services      ☐ Other (please specify)  
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<b>Objective</b>	<p><i>Please describe the objective of the support requested, e.g., improving institutional arrangements, developing specific technical capacities, etc. and how the requested support will address the country's needs in enhanced climate transparency?</i></p> <p>An in-country week-long (19 Aug -23 Aug 2024) training session will assist the relevant professional to understand and to inform the importance of transparently reporting of GHG information collection and calculation, inventory preparation and Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) preparation under the Paris Agreement reporting requirements in alignment with the Article 13 and relevant Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines (MPG). In addition, Cook Islands needs to provide a national inventory report (NIR), consisting of a national inventory document (NID) and common reporting tables (CRT) to the UNFCCC as part of BTR submission process. This in-country training workshop in Cook Islands will also enhance technical capabilities linking ETF in the local context.</p>
<b>Expected outcome</b>	<p><i>Please describe the expected outcome of the support requested.</i></p> <p>The training will build the capabilities of relevant professionals of Cook Islands to integrate ETF requirements in preparing NIR, NID and BTR. This will also strengthen collaboration and understanding amongst different agencies in Cook Islands national reporting as well as improve the quality of Cook Islands national reports. Increase awareness and understanding across the nation on the importance of credible reporting systems in meeting Cook Islands obligations to the UNFCCC.</p>

#### 4. Current context and reason for requesting the support

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*Please shortly describe the current context of transparency in your country in which this support will come in and explain the reasons for requiring support in this specific area. Please also state if you have received or receiving similar support in this area (e.g., CBIT, GEF Enabling Activities, ICAT, UNDP, RedINGEI, GSP).*

Transparency requirements in alignment with the Paris Agreement has not been mainstreamed into Cook Islands' government systems, especially in the context of preparing NIR. The main purpose for the request is to build understanding amongst relevant government agencies and professionals, to foster collaboration and building capabilities, to better promote and to mainstream into different government systems and agencies.

Considering the smallness of Cook Islands (total population just over 15,000 and a relatively small workforce with competing commitments and responsibilities), it is integral that designated personnel from the respective agencies are well trained with understanding how their engagement will contribute to the national reporting obligations such as BTR.

GEF Enabling Activities under the 4NC/BTR has some support to assist in this regard, as well as from UNDP 4NC/BTR. Support from CBIT GSP will complement existing supports in Cook Islands.

## 5. Proposed activities and estimated budget

*Please provide a description of the proposed activities and the estimated budget for the requested support, including country's co-financing.*

Output 1 – training workshop for the relevant professions and stakeholders focusing on new requirements for reporting GHG inventories, QA/QC.

Output 2 – hands-on training on Cook Islands' sector specific inventory preparation (land transport, electricity, agriculture and waste), reporting tools and systems.

Output 3 – training workshop on IPCC Software, CRTs and UNFCCC data portal.

Output 4 – training workshop on Cook Islands first BTR preparation and NDCs

Output 5 – training on connecting the dots of the requirements of ETFs MGPs

**Table 1.: Estimated budget for the requested support**

<i>Item/activity</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Cost (USD)</i>	<i>Subtotal (USD)</i>
<b>CBIT-GSP financing</b>			
Output 1 and 2			
Consultant	1	0,000.	0,000.
Resources			
Output 3 and 4			
Consultant	1	0,000.	0,000.
Resources			
<b>(1) Total CBIT-GSP financing</b>			<b>0,000.</b>
<b>Country Co-financing</b>			
Output 1 and 2			
Training stationery, printing, and equipment's (in-kind support)	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Training venue and catering	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Output 3 and 4			
Training stationery, printing, and equipment's (in-kind support)	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Training venue and catering	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
<b>(2) Total Country Co-financing</b>			<b>0,000.</b>
<b>(3) TOTAL (1) +(2)</b>			<b>0,000.</b>

*Note: Table 1 can be completed with support from CBIT-GSP Regional Network Coordinator*