

## Training for African Union Member States:

# “Hands-on Training on Tracking NDC Mitigation Commitments under the Paris Agreement”

31 July- 2 August 2024, Gaborone, Botswana

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### Background

The African Union Commission (AUC) in collaboration with the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP), is organizing a training workshop on the Enhanced Transparency Framework, focusing on the NDC tracking, from 31 July to 2 August 2024, in Gaborone, Botswana. The training is funded by the European Union through the AU Global Climate Change Alliance Plus Programme (GCCA+).

The Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), established under the Paris Agreement, requires all Parties to submit their Biennial Transparency Reports (BTR) by the end of 2024. The Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines (MPGs), formulated to implement transparency in reporting under the Paris Agreement, defined specific new requirements for reporting progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contribution (NDC) {Article 13.7(b)}. Each Party shall provide the information necessary to track progress in implementing and achieving its NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement. As such, all Parties (shall) undergo the facilitative multilateral consideration of progress with respect to efforts under Article 9, and its respective implementation and achievement of its NDCs {Article 13.11}. The results should be included in a specific chapter of the BTR (Chapter II). Additionally, all Parties must submit the common tabular formats (CTFs) to the UNFCCC as part of each country's BTR submission process.

Although many countries are aware of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, there is still limited understanding of the reporting requirements as spelt out in the MPGs. Most countries have not received specific training on the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and the mandatory elements of the MPGs of the Paris Agreement. Yet, the provision of clear and understandable data and information in the BTR and the NDC plays a crucial role in ensuring transparency under the ETF and supports achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

Therefore, this training aims to support selected African country teams in charge of reporting NDC mitigation commitments under the Paris Agreement in technical understanding of the goals, principles, and actions associated with the reporting process for NDC mitigation commitments under the Paris Agreement. This hands-on training is designed to equip the participants with the necessary skills to improve their contributions to the national reporting towards the ETF and information required under the MPGs in preparation for submitting the BTR.

## Objective

The training aims to provide a general overview of reporting requirements under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement. It focuses on key elements identified to fast-track BTR development, specifically on tracking progress in implementing and achieving its NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement. The training will ensure that countries are able to progressively track their NDC targets and conform to UNFCCC modalities, procedures and guidelines for reporting under the ETF. The specific objectives are.

- To enhance technical experts' understanding of reporting requirements under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement and provisions related to modalities, procedures, and guidelines (MPGs) for the enhanced transparency framework.
- To deepen the understanding of experts on reporting on the progress in implementing the NDC mitigation commitments under the Paris Agreement, including Common Tabular Formats (CTFs)
- To provide participants with an overview of specific arrangements and key components of a robust and sustainable institutional arrangement.

## Audience

This activity is intended for technical officers who track, and report NDC mitigation commitments and support needed and received. This includes government staff at the national and sectoral levels and staff from other institutions that are part of countries' institutional arrangements for reporting under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement (BTR). In addition, representatives from the African Regional Economic Communities (RECs) will participate to the training.

It's against this backdrop that the African Union Commission, in collaboration with the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP), is organising this **training for AU Member States from 31 July- 02 August 2024 in Gaborone, Botswana.**

## Stage III: In-person Event Date: 31<sup>th</sup> July-03<sup>rd</sup> August 2024

### AGENDA

Day One		31 July 2024	
Time		Session 1: Registration and Introduction	Moderator
08:00 – 08:30	30	Arrival and registration	
08:30 – 09:00	30	Opening remarks - CBIT-GSP - AUC - Representative from the Host Country <b>Followed by a Group photo</b>	AUC
09:00 – 09:10	10	Workshop objectives and housekeeping rules	AUC
09:10 – 09:30	20	Mentimeter quiz (Ice Breaker) Round of Introduction of the Participants	CBIT-GSP
		<b>Session 2: Introduction and Transitioning towards ETF</b>	
09:30 – 10:10	40	Overview of reporting requirements under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, including understanding the transition towards the ETF. - Provisions of the ETF & MPGs, including commonalities and differences between MRV arrangements under the Convention and ETF under the Paris Agreement, relevant timelines, and the latest outcomes from the intergovernmental process.	AUC CBIT-GSP
10:10 – 10:40	30	State of play: Selected Countries - BUR/NC status plans for preparation of BTR, implementation of the current NDC, and preparation for the next round of NDC. - Discussion: Country readiness to implement the ETF ( <i>based on guiding questions</i> )	Round table discussion in 3 groups
10:40 – 11:00	20	Health Break	
		<b>Session 3: Presentation of the key sections of the BTR</b>	
11:00 – 11:30	30	<b>Presentation:</b> Institutional Arrangements How to build robust Institutional arrangements under EFT	AUC CBIT-GSP
11:30 – 11:40	10	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
11:40 – 12:10	30	Introduction to the BTR outline.	CBIT-GSP
12:10 – 12:20	10	Q&A	CBIT-GSP
12:20 – 12:50	30	<b>Presentation:</b> Tracking NDC progress provisions in the MPGs	CBIT-GSP
12:50 – 13:00	10	Q&A	
13:00 – 14:00	60	Lunch	
14:00 – 14:10	10	Energizer: Speed networking through meet-and-greet game	AUC
14:10 – 14:40	30	<b>Presentation:</b> Definition of NDC indicators	CBIT-GSP
14:40– 15:40	60	<b>Exercise 1:</b> Definitions of SMART indicators	
15:40 – 16:00	20	<b>Presentations from exercise:</b> Definitions of SMART indicators	CBIT-GSP
16:00 – 16:30	30	Discussion	CBIT-GSP
16:30 – 17:00	30	Wrap-up and Refreshments for Day One	AUC CBIT-GSP

Day Two		01 August 2024	
Time			
08:30 - 09:00	30	Arrivals and registration	
09:00 - 09:20	20	Reflection on Day One: Quiz Session	AUC CBIT-GSP
		<b>Session 4: Reporting on the progress in implementing the NDC: Common Tabular Formats</b>	
09:20 - 09:50	30	<b>Presentation:</b> An overview of the common tabular formats for reporting on the progress in implementing the NDC, including an example of filled common tabular formats.	
09:50 - 10:00	10	<b>Followed by a Q&amp;A session</b>	
10:00 - 10:10	10	Introducing the exercise on filling Appendix and Table 1	CBIT-GSP
10:10 - 11:00	50	<b>Exercise 2:</b> Fill Appendix and Table 1	
11:00 - 11:30	30	Health break	
11:30 - 11:50	20	Feedback from working groups on Fill Appendix and Table 1	
11:50 - 12:10	20	<b>Introduction to the exercise 3:</b> How to fill CTF Tables Structured Summary	CBIT-GSP
12:10 - 13:00	50	<b>Exercise 3:</b> Fill structured summary reporting tables based on the Country NDC: Tables 2 and 3.	CBIT-GSP
13:00 - 14:00		Lunch	
14:00 - 14:10	15	<b>Energizer:</b> Speed networking through meet-and-greet game	AUC
14:10 - 14:20	10	Reflection on the exercise and open discussions	
14:20 - 14:40	20	<b>Presentation: Introduction to Exercise 4:</b> Filing Structured Summary: Tracking progress made in the implementation and achieving the NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement <b>Table 4.</b>	CBIT-GSP
14:40 - 15:10	30	<b>Exercise 4 - Filling Structured Summary Table 4:</b> Tracking progress made in the implementation and achieving the NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement.	Participants
15:10 - 15:40	30	<b>Reflection on the exercises and open discussions</b>	All
15:40 - 16:10	30	<b>Presentation:</b> Tracking progress of NDC: Mitigation assessment and elements of mitigation tracking	CBIT-GSP
16:10 - 16:30	20	Q&A	All
16:30 - 17:00	30	Wrap-up and Refreshments of Day 2	

Day Three		02 August 2024	
Time		Session	
08:30 – 09:00	30	Arrivals and registration	
09:00 – 09:30	30	Quiz	AUC
09:30 – 10:00	30	<b>Presentation:</b> Introduction and explanation of table and exercise: Filling CTF Table 5: Mitigation policies and measures, actions, and plans	CBIT-GSP SP
10:00 – 10:50	50	<b>Exercise 5:</b> Filling CTF Table 5: Mitigation policies, measures, actions, and plans.	Participants
10:50-11:20	30	Health break	
11:20-11:30	10	<b>Energizer:</b> Speed networking through meet-and-greet game	
11:30-12:00	30	<b>Reflection on the exercises and open discussions:</b> Participants will be invited to share views and share key insights on exercises and ask questions.	AUC CBIT-GSP
12:00-12:30	30	<b>Presentation:</b> Elements on Projections of GHG emissions and removals	CBIT-GSP
12:30-13:00	30	Q&A and sharing of opinions	CBIT-GSP
13:00 - 14:00	60	Lunch	
14:00-14:10	10	<b>Energizer:</b> Speed networking through meet-and-greet game	
14:10 -14:40	30	<b>Presentation:</b> Introduction and explanation of Tables 6 to 9: GHG emissions and removals, Projections with WM, WEM, WAM Scenarios	
14:40 -15:10	20	<b>Exercise 5:</b> Filling CTF Table 7	
15:10-15:40	20	<b>Presentation:</b> Introduction and explanation of Tables 10, 11 12: Q&A and comments	
15:40-16:10	20	<b>Exercise 5:</b> Filling CTF Tables 10 and 11	CBIT-GSP
16:10-16:30	20	<b>Presentation:</b> Missing data   What to do in case of missing data	
16:30- 16:40	10	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
16:40-17:00	20	Mentimeter satisfaction survey.	CBIT-GSP
17:00-17:20	20	Closing remarks and the way forward.	AUC
17:20-17:40	20	Refreshments	