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5 February 2024  
Bonn (Hybrid event)



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**09:35**

## WELCOME REMARKS

Mr. Xiang Gao, CGE Chair / Mr. Nabeel Munir, SBI chair /  
Mr. Donald Cooper, UNFCCC secretariat

**09:50**

## SESSION 1:

SCENE SETTING PRESENTATION BY THE CGE

**10:00**

## SESSION 2:

FOCUSED DISCUSSION ON GAPS AND NEEDS

20 min Break

**11:00**

## SESSION 3:

BRAINSTORMING SESSION WITH SUPPORT PROVIDERS

10 min Q & A Session

**11:50**

## SUMMARY OF KEY TAKEAWAYS AND CLOSING



## Microphones muted

Participants are kindly asked to keep the microphone muted unless given the floor to speak.



## Use of cameras

The moderator and speakers will use a camera. Participants are not required to use cameras.



## Asking for the floor

to join discussions and to raise questions, participants are kindly asked to ask for the floor by raising hand function.



## Giving the floor

The moderator will give the floor to participants, based on the lineup.



## Using the chat function

Participants can use the chat function to ask questions, to contact the moderator or other participants.



## Plenary discussions

Mentimeter will be used to collect feedback and responses

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## Welcoming Remarks



*Moderator:*  
**Mr. Xiang  
Gao, CGE  
Chair**



**Mr.  
Nabeel  
Munir, SBI  
Chair**



**Mr. Donald  
Cooper,  
Director,  
UNFCCC**



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Session 1 – Scene setting  
presentation

Ms. Sandra Boitumelo  
Motshwanedi, CGE member



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# The Consultative Group of Experts (CGE)

was established under the Convention and continues to operate under the Paris Agreement, with the primary mandate **to provide technical assistance and advice to developing countries on the process and the preparation of climate change reports.**



# CGE – Activity areas



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Knowledge  
Products



Knowledge  
Delivery



Collaboration  
and  
engagement



Capacity-  
building  
needs  
assessment



Address the  
challenges  
and needs



Support for  
preparing  
the reports



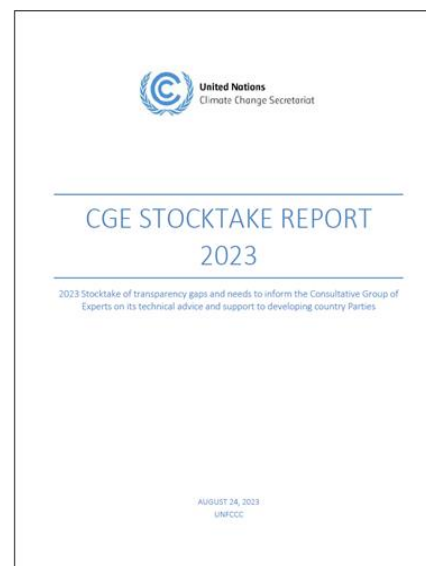
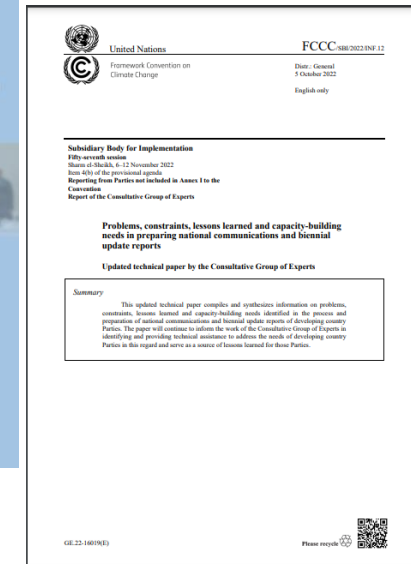
# Capacity Building Needs Assessment



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Transparency needs assessment is conducted annually. In total 59 TASR were published as at 30 June 2023, and the CGE reflected

**152 NCs and  
90 BURs from  
152 Parties.**



## CGE Stocktake Report 2023

was published biennially, containing the key results of transparency gaps and needs from 23 Parties.

Click the reports to download !



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fit for purpose.







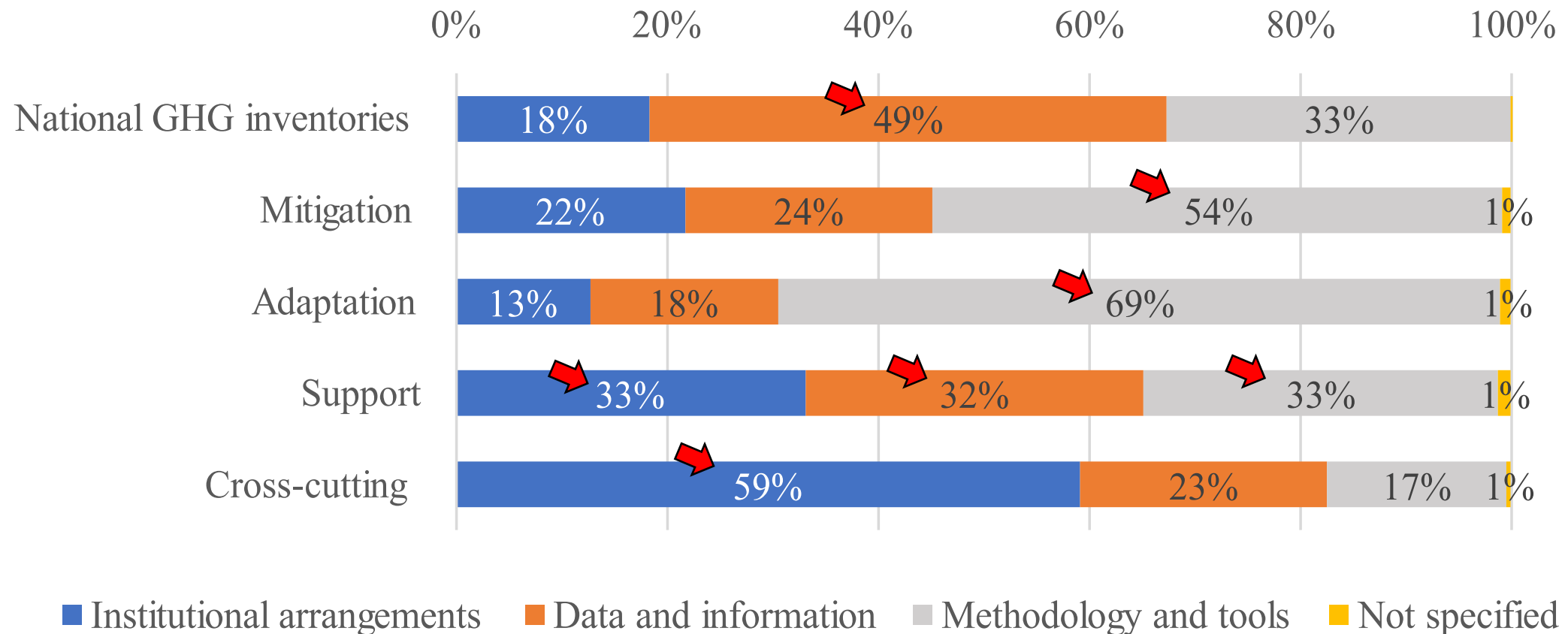
## How are the needs and gaps assessed ?

Here is the analytical framework for the compilation and synthesis of challenges and needs.





## Breakdown of areas in which challenges and needs were identified by developing country Parties, by theme

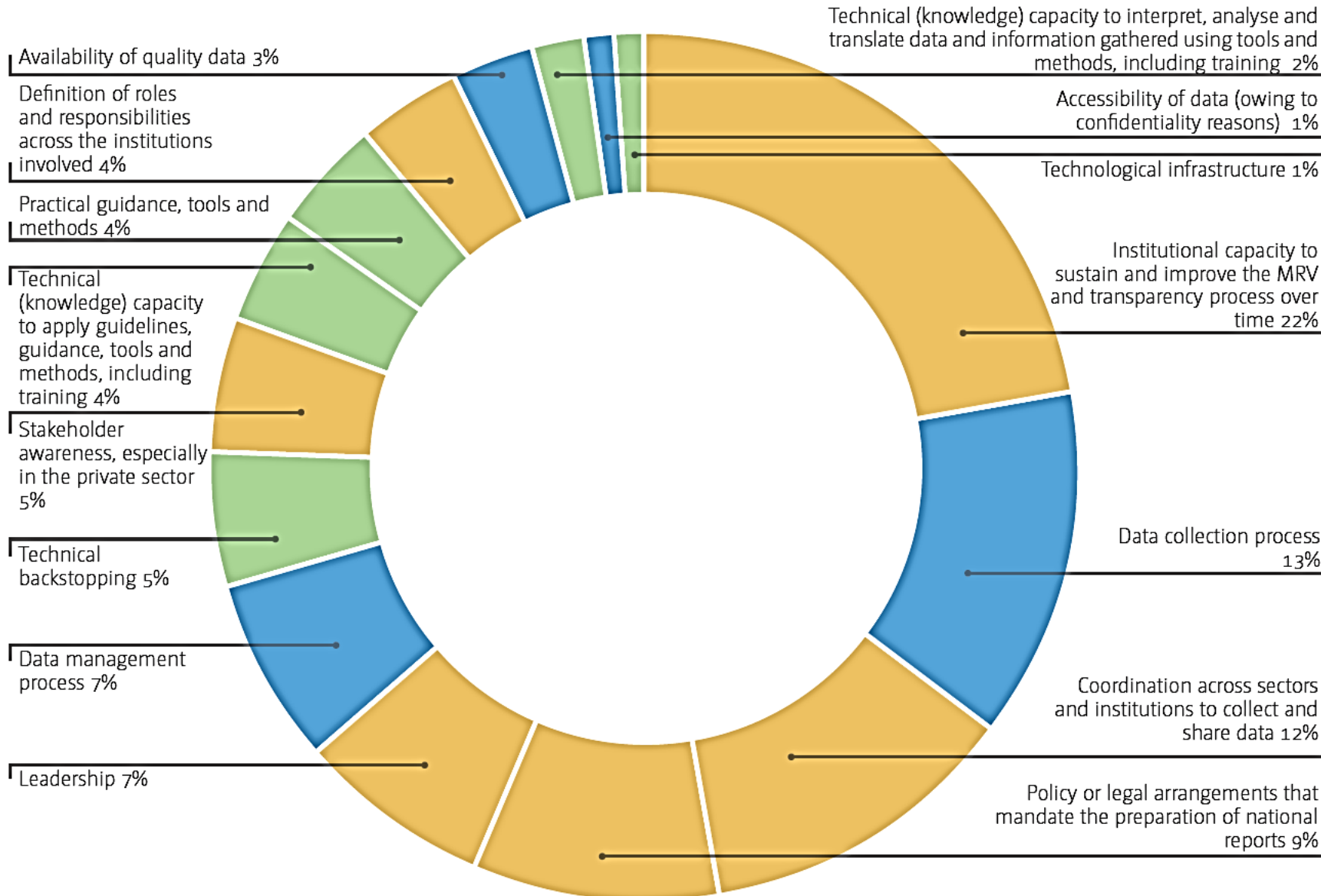




# 2023 Capacity Building Needs Assessment - Results



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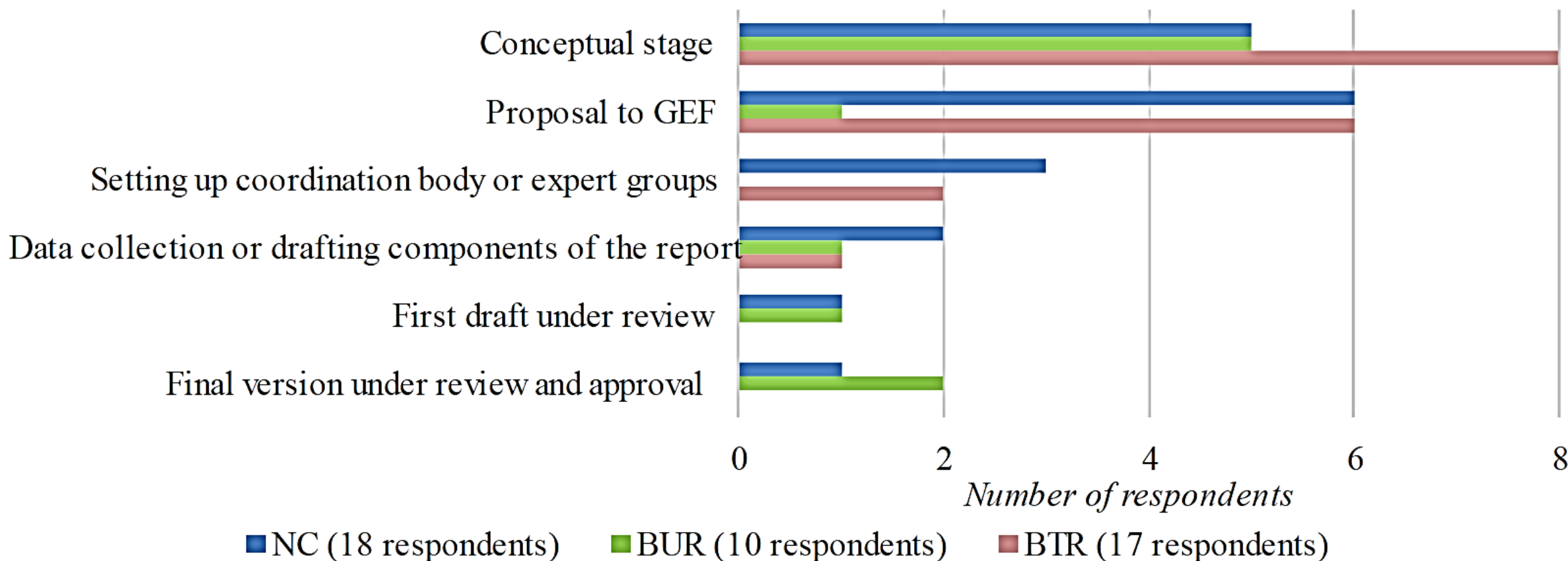


**59%** of the cross-cutting issues are associated with institutional arrangements

- Issues associated with institutional arrangements
- Issues associated with data and information
- Issues associated with methodology and tools
- Area of issues not specified

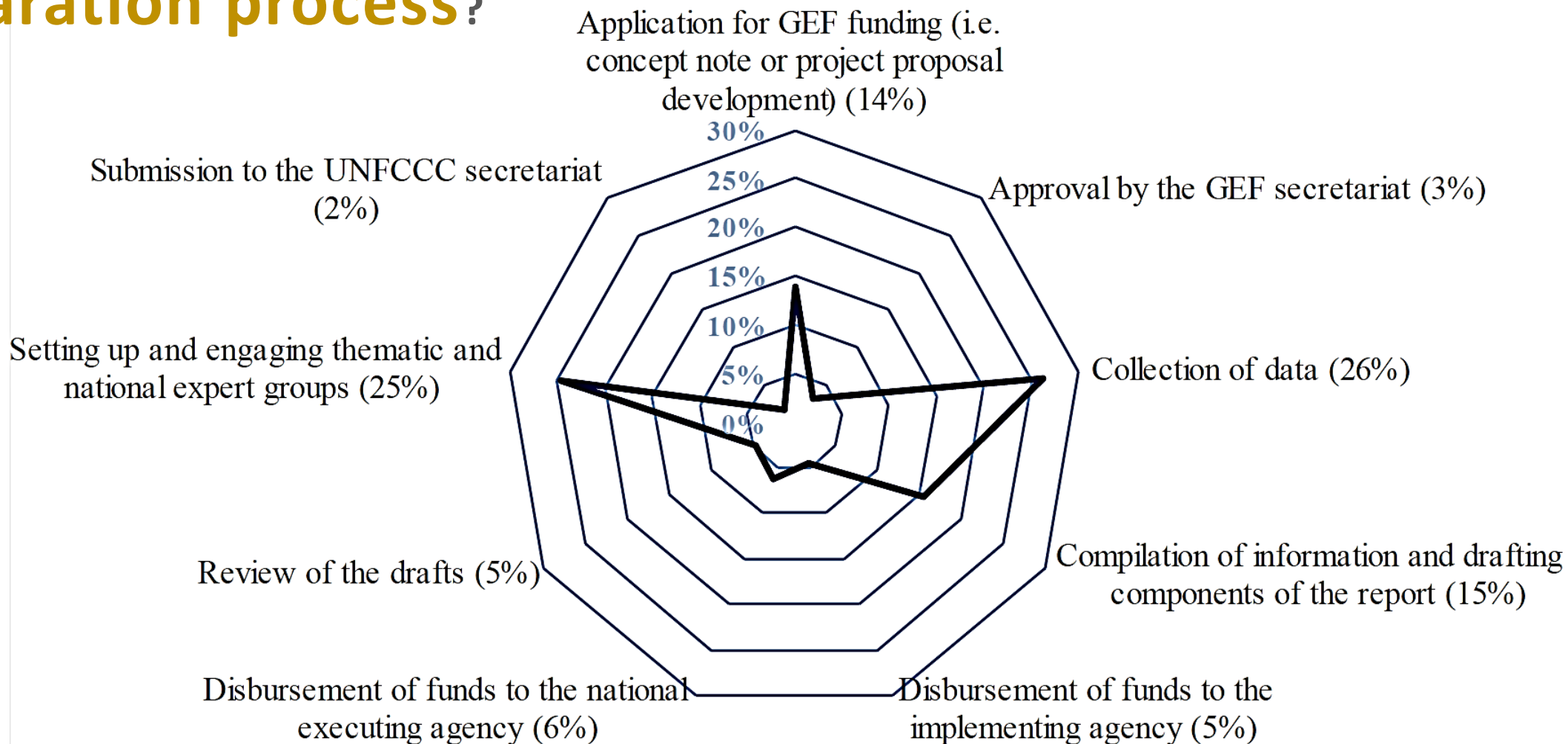


## Which process are the Parties' facing now to prepare the national report?





## What are the **most challenging phases** in the **national report preparation process**?





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**Thank you for your attention!**

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on gaps and needs

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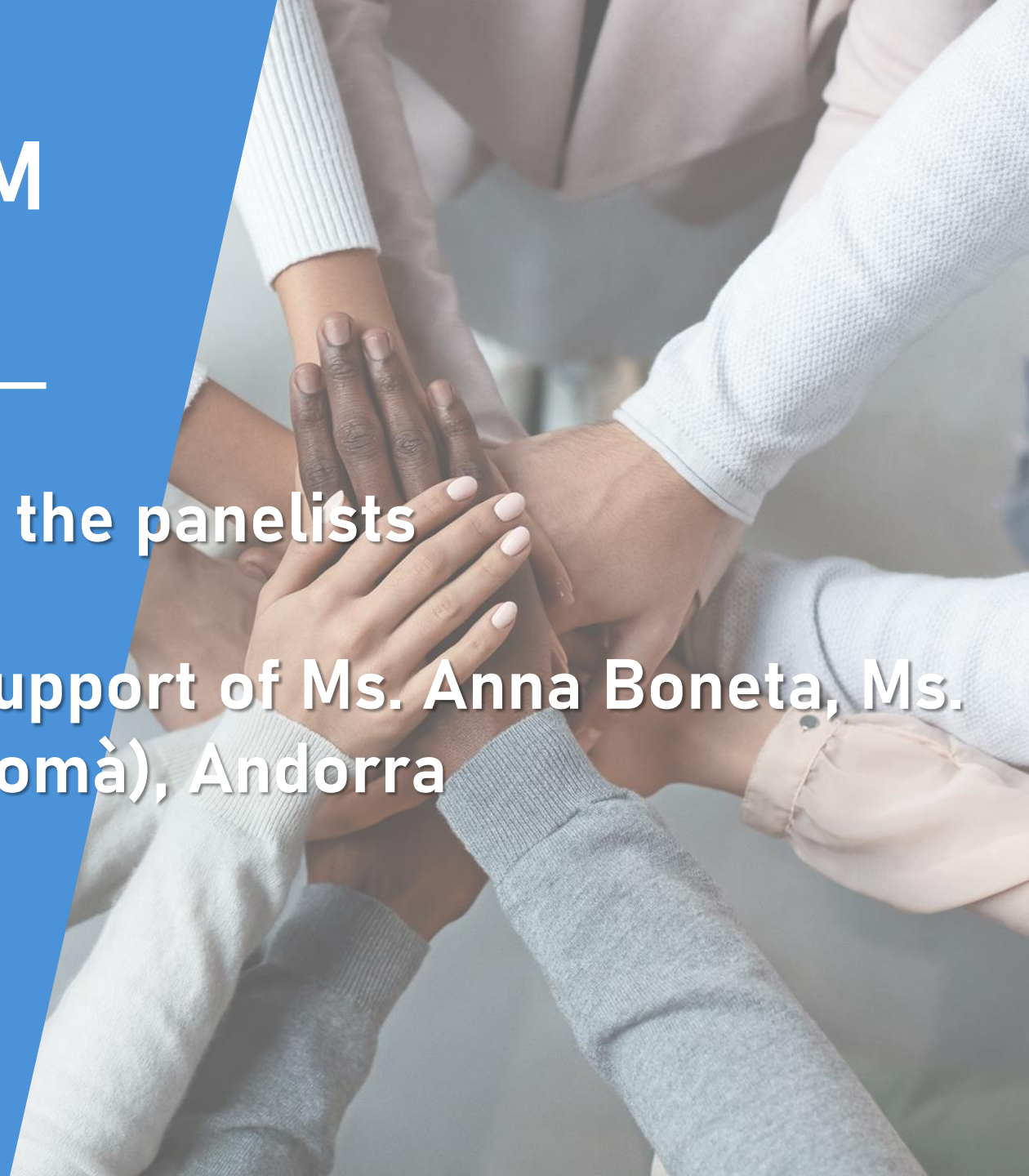
Session 2 – Presentations by the panelists

Mr. Carles Miquel (with the support of Ms. Anna Boneta, Ms. Meritxell Cuyàs, Mr. Albert Gomà), Andorra

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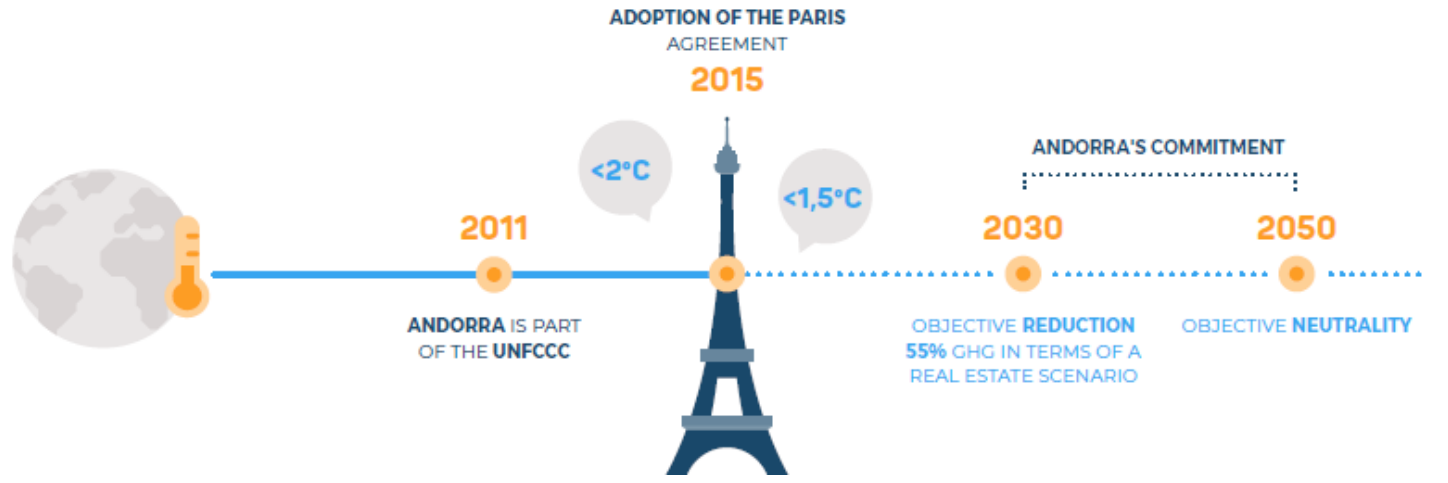
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# Primer Informe Bienal de Transparencia de Andorra

ante la Convención marco de las Naciones Unidas sobre el cambio climático



# Implementation of ETF

1

Institutional arrangements to maintain a **permanent work team** and internalise the communication tasks.



2

Trainings and workshops to use the ETF tools and to understand the MPGs.



3

Streamline reporting obligations

The latest **National Determined Contribution** of Andorra was submitted in 2022.



**Long-term energy and climate change Strategy 2050 (EENCC)** is the roadmap to achieve neutrality in 2050.



An aerial photograph of a vast green field, possibly a forest or a large agricultural plot. In the upper center, there is a distinct patch of different colors: a large yellow area on the left and a smaller blue area on the right, both appearing to be made of small, rounded objects like stones or pebbles. The rest of the field is a uniform, dense green.

# ARMENIA: Ministry of Environment

## CHALLENGES IN PREPARING THE FIRST BIENNIAL TRANSPARENCY REPORT OF ARMENIA

*Ani Ghukasyan,  
Senior specialist at Climate Policy Department*

The 6th Informal Forum of the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE)

Date: 5 February 2024

# INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

**The Ministry of Environment** is responsible for coordinating the implementation of UNFCCC and related activities in the country, including the preparation of National Communications, Biennial Update Reports (BURs) and GHG Inventories.

**In 2017** after adoption of the Paris agreement, the country's responsibilities highlighted and clarified.

**In 2020** the Department of Climate Policy was established with the aim of emphasizing the role of climate policy in the country. The Prime Minister established Inter-agency Coordinating Council for the Implementation of the Requirements and Provisions of the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement. The Department of Climate Policy acts as secretariat to the Council.

**Since 2001**, under a cooperation agreement, UNDP has been supporting the Ministry of Environment in implementing the country's obligations under the Convention, including the preparation of national communications, BURs and GHG inventories. According to the developments under the Convention, the Ministry has undertaken the implementation of BTR in 2024.

**The last National Inventory was reported to the UNFCCC in 2023** for the period 1990-2019, financially supported by the GEF and implemented by UNDP. The "Hydrometeorology and Monitoring Center" SNCO by UNDP mentoring contributed to the report as an implementation partner.

**By the 191-L order (dated on June 2, 2023)** of the Minister of Environment, amendments and supplements were made to the Charter of "Hydrometeorology and Monitoring Center" SNCO and the function of implementing greenhouse gas inventory is stipulated in the Charter.

# POTENTIAL CHALLENGES

- imperfection of sectoral data collection mechanisms,
- untimely and insufficient quality performance of the duties of cooperating organizations,
- the limited number of the staff members of the Climate Policy Department (Ministry of Environment) is a limit to coordinate and carry out the work needed,
- deficiency of the indicator processing system.

**The Ministry** aims to make a gradual transition to developing an independent report with its own resources. Climate adaptation and mitigation policy development needs to be revised, making it smarter and in line with modern scientific achievements; current instruments, indicators must be properly revised and approved by the Government for well-organizing or at least well-conducting independent report without external sources and help. We need to invest precise climate adaptation indicators in our climate policy strategies for assessing climate adaptation and mitigation actions in more comprehensive and realistic way.

# CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

## We want to establish the best reporting procedures

to reflect the objective reality of emissions at the same time, without leaving out emissions from any sector. It is also important to find trade-offs and synergies between sectors for conducting the robust report, going deeper into the sectors. Despite the high risks, however, we expect to deliver our first BTR on time and are doing our best to ensure that our efforts are not in vain. According to the Action plan of the Government Program for 2021–2026 (Action 6.4, Decision No 1902-L, November 2021,) Armenia have to build a national transparency framework by 2024. Therefore, it is our obligation well-timed to submit our first BTR.

## Regarding preferred capacity-building activities:

**The preparation and implementation process of BTR** is led by **the Ministry of Environment**. **“Hydrometeorology and Monitoring Center” SNCO** is responsible for quality control - a set of current processes of a technical nature aimed at ensuring the reliability, accuracy and completeness of data at each stage of the inventory, determining the quality of the assessments carried out, identifying and correcting errors and omissions, documenting and recording all quality assurance activities.

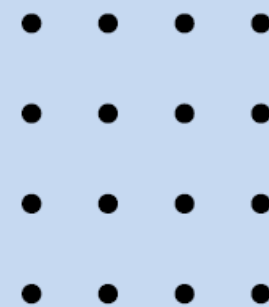
**The Ministry of Environment** implements and is responsible for quality assurance: the process of assessing, monitoring and continuously improving the quality of the greenhouse gas inventory to submit best possible assessments and information.

**The Implementing Body** (hereinafter “HMC” SNCO), collaborating with **the Authorized Body, the Ministry of Environment**, develops and submits to the approval of **the Authorized Body** the overall quality assurance program and the annual action plan with appropriate measures, schedule and responsible personnel, defining also the tools of review processes as necessary.

**Thus,** we need capacity-building trainings for **climate-policy makers and national team of GHG emissions inventory.**

**Thank you**





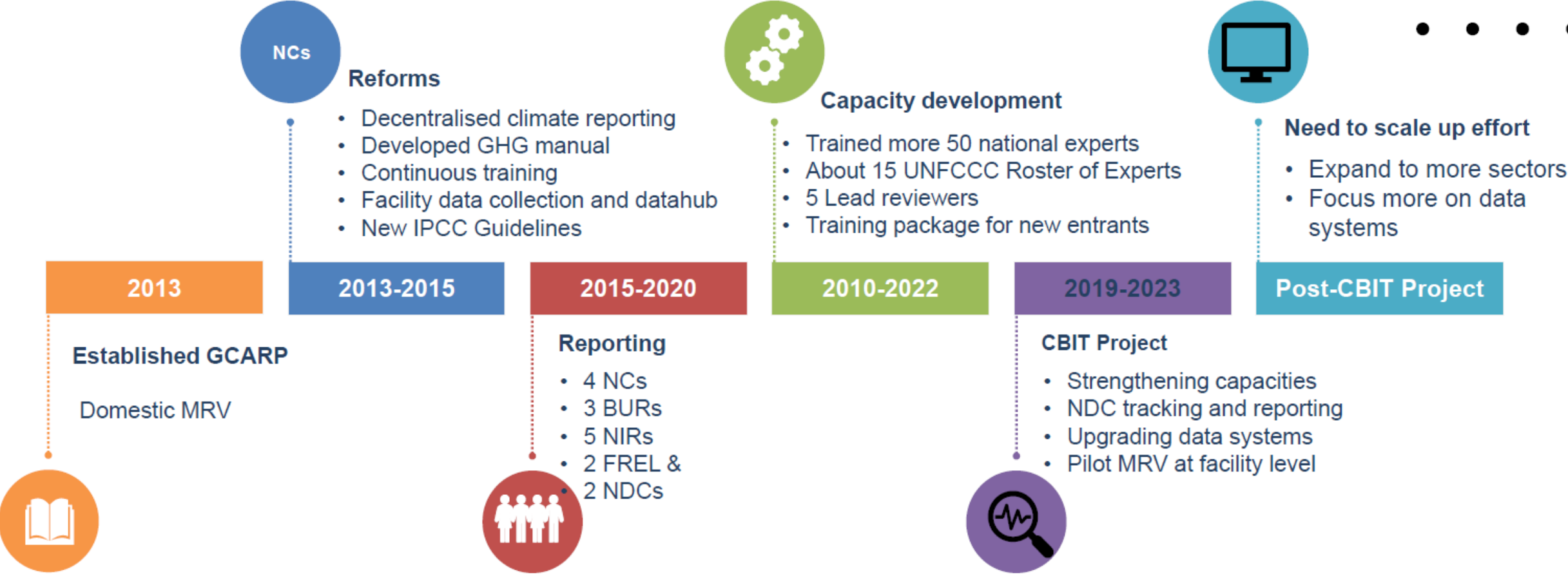
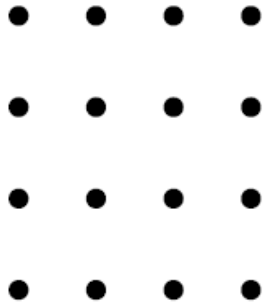
# Lessons and Challenges in preparing the BTR

**Daniel Akwetey Lamptey**

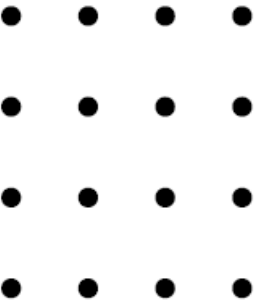
Principal Programme Officer, Climate Change Unit  
Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana



# Transition to ETF Reporting

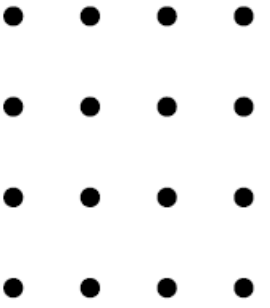


# Lessons from existing MRV arrangement

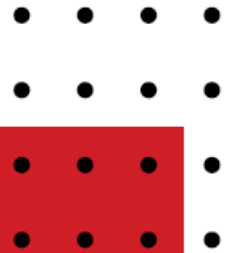


- MRV in practice works better with M & E systems.
- It is expensive and difficult to start all afresh by introducing new data collection regimes.
- There is **no need to reinvent the wheel**, what is needed is a **sustained orientation** and **continuous capacity**.
- What is important is to **pay attention to existing data systems** that are already working and strengthen it to work better.
- **Involving the national statistics offices** in data collection is a crucial success factor but there are real challenges with this approach (periodicity of data collection, entry points, gaps, cost, legal mandate.....).
- **Continuous investment in data collection** and putting in place data exchange system is indispensable.

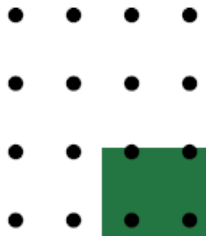
# Critical success factors



- Integration approach – build MRV into existing M&E system
- Phase-out approach – progressive improvements
- Decentralisation of MRV tasks to line ministries (long-term sustainability & ownership)
- Incentive for career development (acquire new skills)
- Continuous training of team members
- Dedicated team (leadership, commitments, motivation, consistent team)



# THANK YOU



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### Guiding Questions:

- What capacities need to be built and maintained to facilitate implementation of the ETF?
- How CGE could support your national efforts in establishing transparency systems and arrangements?
- What would be the preferred capacity-building activities in 2024?



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20-minute Break



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session with the support  
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## FAO and the Enhanced transparency framework

# Why does Transparency matter at FAO?

*Mirella Salvatore*

*Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment*

*FAO*





# Agriculture, food systems and climate change

COP28 emphasizes the transformative potential of agriculture in responding to climate change and ensuring global food security.

150 countries commit to **integrating agriculture and food systems into their climate action**. To do so, it is required:

- Political commitment
- Data and information
- Innovative solutions

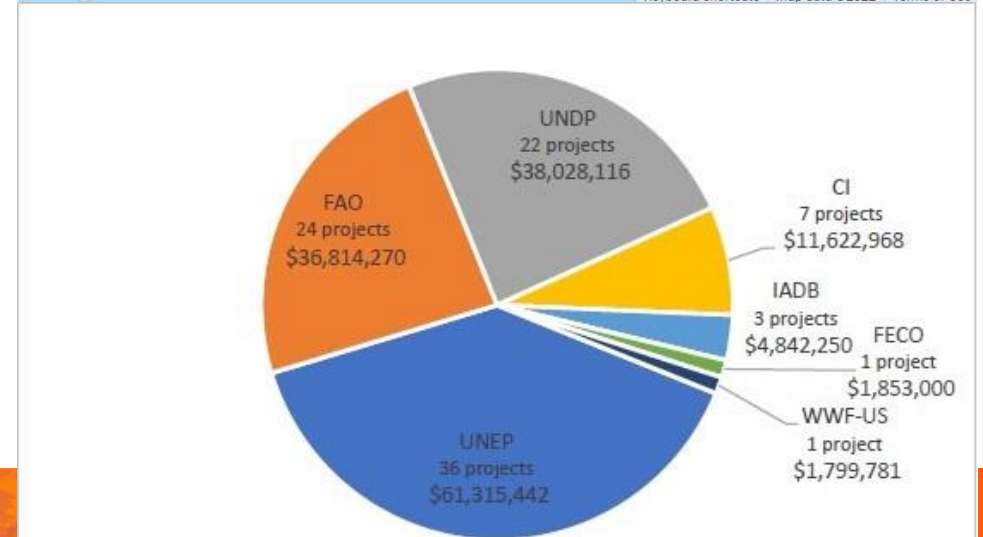


<https://www.fao.org/newsroom/detail/cop28--fao-spotlights-agrifood-systems--potential-to-address-climate-impacts-and-achieve-1.5-c-goal/en>



# Where does FAO address Transparency?

1. FAO is the second implementing agency of the GEF CBIT fund with **24 projects** (around 37 million USD\$) and few others in the pipeline
2. FAO global CBIT projects:
  - improving **data collection for forest** information (CBIT-Forest); and
  - enhancing technical **capacity in preparing the BTR**, with a focus on the agriculture, forestry and other land uses (CBIT-AFOLU)
3. FAO is also supporting a few countries accessing **Enabling Activities** funds for the BTR preparation.



# How does FAO address Transparency?

1. Strengthening **country capacity** in institutional arrangements, data collection/management, GHG inventory, NDC tracking, adaptation reporting
2. Developing **tools and resources** for responding to country needs
3. Facilitating **knowledge sharing** and peer-to-peer exchange
4. Involving non-state actors as **academia and youth**
5. **Coordinating** with other GEF agency and transparency initiatives



Focus on AFOLU but covering also the *non-green* sectors, as needed



# FAO and the Enhanced transparency framework

[www.fao.org/climate-change/our-work/what-we-do/transparency/](http://www.fao.org/climate-change/our-work/what-we-do/transparency/)  
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*Thank you!*





# Transparency to enable effective climate action

**Henning Wuester, ICAT Director**

*6th Informal Forum of the CGE*

5 February 2024, Bonn, Germany

# Selected areas of ICAT's support to countries' transparency efforts

**1**  
NDC  
tracking  
framework

**2**  
Projections  
of GHG  
emissions &  
removals

**3**  
Policy  
assessments

**4**  
Just  
transition  
M&E  
framework

**5**  
Adaptation  
M&E

**6**  
Climate  
finance  
tracking  
framework

ICAT's suite of tools and methodologies support these elements



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Transparency

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Mr. Richemond Assie, UNDP

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# Consultative Group of Experts 6th Informal Forum

**Session 3 – Brainstorming session  
with the support providers**

5 February 2024, 9:30-12:00 CET



# Alignment of UNDP support with challenges, needs and priorities of countries



- ❖ **Countries' MRV and Transparency Systems Improved:** Support to ETF readiness, enhancing MRV systems for tracking emissions, develop CC modeling scenarios, NIRs, strengthen institutional arrangements and data collection, etc.
- ❖ **BTR and NC development and quality assurance:** support countries in accessing GEF funds to develop BTRs and NCs, including support on proposal preparation and quality Assurance, technical assistance in BTR and NCs drafting process, QA of reports
- ❖ **Support to Technical Expert Review and facilitative multilateral consideration of progress:** assist countries in responding to comments and recommendations of Technical Expert Review Team; incorporate recommendations from technical expert review
- ❖ **Capacity development and knowledge exchange:** national and regional training and South/South exchanges; develop knowledge products; support evidence-based policymaking

# Key collaboration areas with the CGE



**Area 1:** In country-support for specific needs and challenges (**focus plan for 2024**). We have a helpdesk for direct technical assistance, available in French, English and Portuguese – only in 2023, 22 countries received direct technical supports. **(Since 2022, 49 in-country trainings organized in 26 countries. Over 1500 people have participated to technical trainings.)**

**Area 2:** Global training addressing global challenges and needs(in French and Portuguese) - Two workshops in 2024 dedicated to Lusophone and francophone countries. **(Since 2022, overall we have organized 10 network-wide training workshops for Francophone network and Lusophone Cluster countries.)**

**Area 3:** Tools and guidelines (both for the design and the translation in multiple languages) – Support for digital MRV to be delivered to 5 countries this year.

**Area 4:** Organizing special event, such us the transparency clinic we organized during the COP28 with high audience from developed and developing countries. **(23 countries have received one-on-one direct technical support during COP28)**

Thank you !



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# Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency- Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP)

Funded by: Implemented by: Executed by:



copenhagen  
climate centre

Budget: 9M USD

Duration: 2022-2026

*Supporting developing countries in the transition to the ETF – 10 transparency networks in place*



## Regional Trainings/Workshops

10 trainings in preparation: Focus on GHG Inventory and NDC Tracking in 2024



## Virtual Trainings/Workshops

Focus on adaptation reporting & loss and damage



## Technical Webinars

In various areas, e.g. Tracking Support, Data systems, etc.



## Experience-sharing Webinars

In various areas, based on countries' interest mainly IA, digitalization, inventories



## In-Country Support

Numerous in-country support activities in all networks, Focus on BTR Roadmap development, IPCC trainings, NDC tracking, NDC indicators development, BTR readiness



## Reviews

On-demand quality review of countries' transparency reports



## Knowledge Products

Guidance notes for NDC Tracking and Adaptation Reporting under development



## Climate Transparency Platform

Making transparency knowledge available to transparency practitioners & fostering transparency communities through network forums and communities of practice





### Guiding Questions:

- How do the challenges, needs and priorities highlighted in the previous session align with your mandate and/or programming?
- What could be the key collaboration areas with the CGE to complement our efforts with a view to amplifying the impacts?



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## Q & A Session



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## Key takeaways and closing



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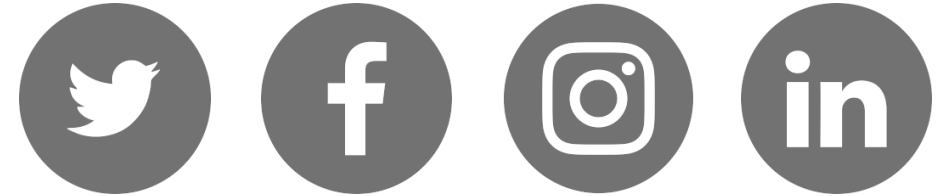


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