



## Liberia | Hands-on training on NDC tracking towards Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF)

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### 1.1 Background

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 enhanced transparency framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement builds on and enhances the existing measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) arrangements under the Convention. With adopting 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.

The Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency was established pursuant to decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 84, and will continue to support developing country Parties, upon request, to build their institutional and technical capacity, both pre- and post-2020.

The MPGs, formulated to implement transparency in reporting under the Paris Agreement, defined specific new requirements for reporting institutional arrangements and national circumstances in each section of the BTR. For instance, information to be included in the BTR Chapter 1 will include institutional, legal, and procedural arrangements for the continued estimation, compilation, and timely reporting of national inventory reports in accordance with these MPGs para 18. Same chapter MPGS in Paragraph 19 provides that each Party shall report on functions related to inventory planning, preparation, and management: (a) Its national entity or national focal point with overall responsibility for the national inventory; (b) Its inventory preparation process, including division of specific responsibilities of institutions participating in the inventory preparation to ensure that sufficient activity data collection, choice and development of methods, emission factors and other parameters are in accordance with the IPCC guidelines referred to in paragraph 20 below and these MPGs. Institutional arrangements reporting to track progress in implementing and achieving its NDC under Article 4, including those used for tracking internationally transferred mitigation outcomes, if applicable, and any changes in institutional arrangements since its most recent biennial transparency report are provided in paragraphs 61 and 62 of the MPGS.

Institutional arrangements are critical for fully functioning national transparency systems and data collection in particular. Institutional transparency arrangements include elements from clearly defined roles and responsibilities for all actors in the transparency system, such as line ministries, data-sharing agreements, and legal arrangements. Institutions at all levels need to build on what already exists and learn from experience while at the same time working towards



more streamlined data flows to be able to comply with the requirements of the Enhanced Transparency Framework. Appropriate arrangements must consider all relevant levels of government and the private sector in an approach that manages competing priorities and demand for resources. Institutional arrangements promote strong coordination and collaboration among multiple decision-making levels, involving stakeholders and sectors in order to create buy-in into the transparency system and ensure effective data flow.

The objective of the **CBIT-GSP** is to provide streamlined support and capacity-building at the national, regional, and global levels to assist developing countries in responding to the reporting provisions under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework and ultimately increase ambition for climate action. The CBIT-GSP plans to achieve this through multiple support modalities, including establishing and working with 10 Regional Networks across the globe to foster south-south collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and learning among countries.

## 1.2 About Liberia

Liberia submitted its initial National Communication (INC, 2013), first Biennial Update Report (BUR1) in 2020, and Second National Communication (SNC) in 2021. The country is in the process of developing the Third National Communication (TNC), the First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1), and the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report (NIR) to meet the reporting required to submit **Biennial Transparency Reports (BTR) by the end of 2024**. Liberia has compiled GHG inventory for key sectors, e.g., energy, waste, IPPU, and AFOLU. Liberia has developed MRV tools and guidelines to streamline the process of data collection and reporting. Besides, Liberia developed its NDC 2.0 and submitted on August 4, 2021, to the UNFCCC and committed to reducing its economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 64% below the projected business-as-usual level by 2030 through a combination of the following: unconditional GHG reductions of 10% below BAU, resulting in an absolute emissions level of 11,187Gg CO<sub>2</sub>e in 2030; with an additional 54% reduction conditional upon international support, which would result in an absolute emissions level of 4,537Gg CO<sub>2</sub>e in 2030, in fulfillment of its obligation under the United Nations Climate Change Regulatory Framework (UNFCCC). Data used to set Liberia's GHG emissions reduction for the NDC came as a result of the BUR, INC, SNC, and NAP. However, one major challenge Liberia faced at the time was the estimations done by the international consultant on Liberia's reference year for business-as-usual GHG emissions by 2030 and the starting point for GHG emissions from 2015. Due to this, Liberia has found it difficult to develop NDC Tracking tools to track its GHG emissions. As you know, many countries are still grappling with NDC implementation, tracking and reporting, and there is no perfect NDC implementation as we speak. In order for Liberia to progress with its ambitious NDC implementation and do make positive changes to achieving its NDC, hands-on training for GHG experts will be required for Liberians to be able to use data from its ongoing GHG inventory under the BTR/TNC process that will be used to set realistic and achievable targets in Liberia's NDC 3.0. Filling the Information to Facilitate Clarity, Transparency and Understanding (ICTU table) of the Updated Nationally Determined Contribution of Liberia for the Timeframe 2021-2030 was little bit difficult and tricky and this time we intend to get it closer to getting it right if not right this time.



Based on the above, Liberia sought support to enhance its understanding of the BTR requirements. In data collection and archiving system, Institutional arrangements, stakeholder engagement, and tracking of NDC. The training aims to ensure Liberia is able to progressively track its NDC targets and conform to UNFCCC modalities procedures and guidelines for reporting under the ETF, thus supporting informed policymaking and contributing to global efforts in combating climate change.

### 1.3 Objective

The training aims to provide a general overview of reporting requirements under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, focusing on key elements identified to fast-track BTR development in Liberia. The training will enhance the capacity of technical experts in Liberia with a focus on NDC tracking as well as key concepts of the ETF and information required under the MPGs for the preparation and submission of Biennial Transparency Reports (BTR). Specifically, the event aims to achieve the following learning objectives:

- To provide participants with an understanding of key components of BTR r BTR development in accordance with the (MPGs).
- Promoting the understanding of provisions related to modalities, procedures, and guidelines (MPGs) for the enhanced transparency framework.
  - Tracking the progress of NDCs under the ETF, including mitigation assessment, tracking the progress of implementation and achievement of NDCs through indicators, and support needed and received in relation to tracking the progress of NDCs.
- Institutional arrangements for the preparation of the BTR in Liberia
- Enhance capacity in data collection and archiving system

### 1.4 Target Audience

The hands-on training workshop will gather relevant national transparency stakeholders, including National Communications and Biennial Update Reports coordinators, senior experts from the Ministries, and national agencies dealing with climate reporting. Team of experts that support the in-country implementation of National Enhanced Transparency Frameworks and personnel dealing with data collection on greenhouse gas inventory, adaptation and impacts, climate finance, and NDC tracking.



## AGENDA

Day One	2 October 2024	
Time	Session 1: Registration and Introduction	
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and registration	
09:00 – 09:15	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representative of Government</li> <li>CBIT-GSP</li> </ul>	CBIT-GSP Global Coordinator
09:15 – 09:30	Workshop Objectives and housekeeping rules	
	Mentimeter quiz (Ice Breaker) Introduction of the participants	CBIT-GSP
Session 2: Introduction and Transitioning towards ETF		
09:30 – 10:10	Overview of reporting requirements under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, including understanding the transition towards the ETF.	
10:10 – 10:40	Liberia NDC: State of play <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BUR/NC status, plans for preparation of BTR, implementation of the current NDC, and preparation for the next round of NDC.</li> <li>Discussion: Country readiness to implementation of the ETF</li> </ul>	Liberia
10:40 – 11:00	Health Break	
Session 3: Presentation of the key sections of the BTR outline		
11:30 – 11:50	- Introduction to the BTR outline	CBIT-GSP
11:50 – 12:00	Q&A and sharing of opinions	
12:00 – 12:40	- Tracking NDC progress provisions in the MPGs	CBIT-GSP
12:40 – 13:00	- Q&A and sharing of opinions	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30	- Presentation: Definition of NDC indicators	CBIT-GSP
15:30– 16:30	- <b>Exercise:</b> Definitions of SMART indicators <i>(This will help participants to be prepared for day 2 – filling the tables 1 and 2)</i>	CBIT-GSP
16:30 – 16:50	<b>Presentations from exercise:</b> Definitions of SMART indicators	All
16:50 – 17:00	Wrap and Closure for Day One	



Day Two	3 October 2024	
Time		
08:30 - 09:00	Arrivals and registration	
	<b>Session 4: Reporting on the progress in implementing the NDC: Common Tabular Formats</b>	
09:00 - 09:40	Presentation: An overview of the common tabular formats for reporting on the progress in implementing the NDC <b>Q&amp;A session</b>	CBIT-GSP
09:40 - 10:00	<b>Introduce the exercise:</b> Introducing the exercise on filling Appendix and Table 1 <b>Exercise</b> to fill main reporting tables based on the Liberia NDC: Tables 1, 2, and 3	CBIT-GSP
10:00 - 11:10	<b>Exercise 2:</b> Fill Appendix and Table 1	CBIT-GSP
11:10 - 11:40	Health break	
11:40 - 12:00	Feedback from working groups on Fill Appendix and Table 1	CBIT-GSP
12:00 - 12:20	Introduction to the exercise 3: How to fill CTF Tables Structured Summary Table 2 &3	CBIT-GSP
12:20 - 13:00	<b>Exercise 3:</b> Fill structured summary reporting tables based on the Country NDC: Tables 2 and 3.	CBIT-GSP
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	Lunch	
14:00 - 14:10	<b>Energizer</b>	CBIT-GSP
14:10 – 14:20	Reflection on the exercise and open discussions	
14:20 - 14: 40	<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	Exercise to fill main reporting tables based on the Liberia NDC: Table 4	CBIT-GSP
15:10 – 15:40	<b>Reflection on the exercises and open discussions</b>	
15:40 - 16:10	Presentation: Mitigation assessment and elements of mitigation tracking	CBIT-GSP
16:10 – 16:30	Discussion	CBIT-GSP
16:30 - 17:00	Wrap up of day 2	



Day Three	4 October 2024	
Time	Session	
08:30 – 09:00	Arrivals and registration	Liberia
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Quiz:</b> Reflection on the previous sessions	CBIT-GSP
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Presentation:</b> Introduction and explanation of table and exercise: Filling CTF Table 5: Mitigation policies and measures, actions, and plans	CBIT-GSP
10:00 – 10:50	<b>Exercise:</b> Filling CTF Table 5: Mitigation policies, measures, actions, and plans.	CBIT-GSP
10:50-11:20	Health Break	
11:20-11:50	<b>Exercise:</b> Filling CTF Table 5: Mitigation policies, measures, actions, and plans.	CBIT-GSP
11:50-12:20	<b>Presentation:</b> Elements on Projections of GHG emissions and removals	CBIT-GSP
12:20-13:00	Q&A and sharing of opinions	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 -14:30	<b>Presentation:</b> Introduction and explanation of Tables 6 to 9: GHG emissions and removals, Projections with WM, WEM, WAM Scenarios	CBIT-GSP
14:30 -14:50	<b>Exercise:</b> Filling CTF Table 7	CBIT-GSP
14:50 -15:10	<b>Presentation:</b> Introduction and explanation of Tables 10, 11 12: Q&A and comments	CBIT-GSP
15:10-15:40	<b>Exercise:</b> Filling CTF Tables 10 and 11	CBIT-GSP
<b>Session 5: Overview of a Robust Institutional Arrangement for ETF</b>		
15:40-16:10	Presentation: Liberia’s current institutional arrangements for transparency - gaps, good practices and opportunities for improvement	CBIT-GSP
16:10-16:30	Discussions on the Readiness of Liberia for the BTR development and designing a strategy for fast tacking BTR development process	All
16:30- 16:40	Mentimeter and workshop satisfaction survey	CBIT-GSP
16:40-17:00	Closing and way forward.	ALL

