**CONCEPT NOTE**

**REQUEST FOR SUPPORT ON CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY**

1. **Title**

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| *Please insert a title that summarises the specific topic of the support request.*Review and finalization of the terms of reference for the National CBIT Lesotho Project (Enabling Lesotho’s Enhanced Transparency Framework Project) and BTR development |

1. **Contact data**

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1. **Support requested**

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

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| [ ]  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.) | [x]  Other (please specify) |

Review of Terms of Reference for BTR development |
| **Type** | *Please choose the type of support that is being requested.*

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| [ ]  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 | [x]  Other (please specify) |

Terms of reference for BTR development |
| **Objective** | *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?* Developing and finalizing the terms of reference for international consultants to be recruited under the CBIT Lesotho Project |
| **Expected outcome** | *Please describe the expected outcome of the support requested.*Final and clearly detailed terms of reference for each International Firm to be recruited |

1. **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).***Lesotho** has been actively engaging in climate transparency initiatives, aligning itself with international commitments and standards.While progress has been made, there are still challenges to overcome to ensure comprehensive and reliable reporting.  |

**Key Points:**

* **International Commitments:** Lesotho is a party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, which require regular reporting on greenhouse gas emissions and climate action.
* **National Communications:** The country has submitted several National Communications to the UNFCCC, providing information on its climate policies, strategies, and emissions inventory.
* **Biennial Transparency Reports:** Lesotho is also working towards submitting Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement. These reports are crucial for tracking progress and accountability
* **Challenges:** Despite these efforts, Lesotho faces challenges in data collection, capacity-building, and resource constraints, which can hinder the quality and timeliness of its reporting.
* **Support:** International organizations and development partners are providing technical assistance to Lesotho to strengthen its climate transparency efforts and build capacity.

**Specific Initiatives:**

* **National Climate Change Policy:** Lesotho has developed a National Climate Change Policy to guide its response to climate change, including transparency measures.
* **Climate Information Services:** The country is working to improve its climate information services to support decision-making and adaptation planning.
* **Capacity-Building:** Efforts are underway to enhance the capacity of government officials, civil society organizations, and the private sector in climate change issues and transparency.

While Lesotho has made strides in climate transparency, there is still room for improvement. Continued efforts are needed to strengthen data collection, enhance institutional capacity, and ensure that transparency is integrated into all aspects of climate action. This project is structured under two components:

**Component 1:** Strengthening Lesotho’s capacity to collect and process climate change data into useful information for policy-making and reporting to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

**Component 2:** Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E).

Hence, the support required from CBIT-GSP is to finalize the terms of reference to facilitate procurement of International Consultants in developing the Climate change bill, Greenhouse gas inventory methodologies, and Protocols and, finally, to support the government in developing a framework for tracking NDC implementation and the development of indicators.

1. **Proposed activities and estimated budget**

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| *Please provide a description of the proposed activities and the estimated budget for the requested support, including country’s co-financing.* Click here to enter text.**Table 1.: Estimated budget for the requested support**

| ***Item/activity*** | ***Amount*** | ***Cost (USD)*** | ***Subtotal (USD)*** |
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| **CBIT-GSP financing** |  |  |  |
| Item 1. | Amount. | 0,000. | 0,000. |
| Item 2. | Amount. | 0,000. | 0,000. |
| Item 3. | Amount. | 0,000. | 0,000. |
| Item 4. | Amount. | 0,000. | 0,000. |
| Item 5. | Amount. | 0,000. | 0,000. |
| **(1) Total CBIT-GSP financing** |  |  |  **0,000.** |
| **Country Co-financing**  |  |  |  |
| Item 1. | Amount. | 0,000. | 0,000. |
| Item 2. | Amount. | 0,000. | 0,000. |
| Item 3. | Amount. | 0,000. | 0,000. |
| Item 4. | Amount. | 0,000. | 0,000. |
| **(2) Total Country Co-financing** |  |  |  **0,000.** |
| **(3) TOTAL (1)+(2)** |  |  |  **0,000.** |

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