

The Gambia | Capacity-Building for The Gambia to fast-track BTR development under the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement

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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 ETF 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 taking steps to implement the ETF.

The Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) 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 among 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 the 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 ETF. 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 The Gambia

The Gambia, like many developing nations, is transitioning its current reporting under the Paris Agreement to the Biennial Transparency Report (BTR), which has additional reporting requirements as compared to the Biennial Update Report (BUR). This includes using the newly developed Enhanced Reporting Tool – ETF, which was launched in June 2024.

The overall purpose of the ETF (Article 13) of the Paris Agreement is to build mutual trust and confidence that all Parties are contributing their share to the global effort in climate action and promoting effective implementation. This agreement mandates that Parties to provide transparent and comprehensive information regarding their national actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change, track progress toward their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and highlight international cooperation efforts. However, due to inadequate capacity in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) management, The Gambia is encountering significant obstacles in fulfilling these critical reporting requirements.

In light of the above and considering the need to familiarize and use the ETF reporting tool, especially given the imminent December 2024 deadline for CMA to submit the first BTRs, The Ministry of Environment Climate Change and Natural Resources solicits support from CBIT-GSP for a capacity building on BTR development. The capacity building will include hands-on training on every aspect of ETF and IPCC 2006 guidelines, as well as the interoperability of the two reporting tools.

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 The Gambia. The training will enhance the capacity for technical preparation of the Biennial Transparency Report (BTR), including practical hands-on exercises to identify relevant information in the BUR, NDC, and other sources for use in the future.

Specifically, the event aims to achieve the following learning objectives:



- To provide participants with an understanding of key components/contents of BUR and BTR in accordance with the (MPGs).
- Promoting the understanding of provisions related to modalities, procedures, and guidelines (MPGs) for the enhanced transparency framework.
- Practical hands-on exercise on using the ETF | PROGRESS Reporting Tool.
- Practical hands-on exercise on identifying relevant information in the BUR/other sources for use in future BTR in all the IPCC sectors.

1.4 Target Audience

The training session aims to bring together 30 participants from diverse national sectors, including the Climate Change Secretariat, National GHG Inventory Team, Relevant ministries, departments, and agencies involved in climate change mitigation and adaptation activities.

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TIME		MONDAY – 28 October 2024	TUESDAY – 29 October 2024	WEDNESDAY – 30 October 2024	THURSDAY – 31 October 2024
08:30	09:00	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
09:00	09:30	Opening Ceremony	Brief recall of the previous day's take-overs and discussions (By rapporteur #2 to be selected among participants)	Brief recall of the previous day's take-overs and discussions (By rapporteur #4 to be selected among participants)	Brief recall of the previous day's take-overs and discussions (By rapporteur #6 to be selected among participants)
09:30	10:00	COFFEE BREAK			
10:00	10:30	Presentation on objectives of the training (International experts) Introduction of participants	Presentation on the BUR Outline and BTR Outline (International experts)		
10:30	11:00	Introduction to national GHG inventories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentimeter quiz to gauge audience knowledge • Why prepare inventories? • Inventory basics: Activity data and emissions factors. • Reporting requirements 	Ice Breaker Mentimeter: ETF and MPGs, including the transition from current MRV provisions –	Practical hands-on exercise of identifying relevant information in the BUR/other sources for use in future BTR: uncertainties Practical hands-on exercise of identifying relevant information in the BUR/NDC and other sources for use in future BTR: Indicators, PAMs, and Projections	Practical hands-on exercise of identifying relevant information in the BUR/other sources for use in future BTR: Agriculture Sector-
11:00	11:20	Questions & Answers			Questions & Answers
11:20	11:50	Presentation on National Circumstances and Current Institutional Arrangement for the Inventory and the BTR (National Expert(s))	Presentation on ETF MPG, CRT, CTF, and the transition from current MRV provisions (International experts)		Practical hands-on exercise of identifying relevant information in the BUR/other sources for use in future BTR: LULUCF Sector
11:50	12:30		Practical hands-on exercise on the use of the ETF PROGRESS Reporting Tool (International and national experts)	Practical hands-on exercise of identifying relevant information in the BUR/other sources for use in future BTR: Energy Sector	
12:30	13:00	Questions (by international experts) & Answers	Questions & Answers		Questions & Answers
13:00	13:30	LUNCH BREAK			
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14:00	14:30	Introduction to data sources for inventory compilation Institutional arrangements Data management tools, software etc (Brett - EPA expert)	Presentation of information necessary to track progress in the implementation and achievement of NDC (International experts)	Energy sector example (cont) Practical hands-on exercise of identifying relevant information in the BUR/other sources for use in future BTR: IPPU Sector	Practical hands-on exercise of identifying relevant information in the BUR/other sources for use in future BTR: Waste Sector
14:30	15:00				
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15:30	16:00	COFFEE BREAK			
16:00	16:40	Presentation of cross-cutting national GHG inventory elements: key categories and QA/QC	Practical hands-on exercise of identifying relevant information in the BUR/other sources for use in future BTR: time series consistency and key categories -	IPPU Sector example (cont)	Practical hands-on exercise on a roadmap for Gambia's First BTR-
16:40	17:00	Questions and answers			
17:00	17:30	Wrap-up with main takeovers (By rapporteur #1 to be selected among participants)	Wrap-up with main takeovers (By rapporteur #3 to be selected among participants)	Wrap-up with main takeovers (By rapporteur #5 to be selected among participants)	Closing Ceremony