Annual Network Meeting for the Countries of Anglophone Africa: Achievements and Plans for 2025

-- Online Meeting --

Time: **14:00 – 16:00 EAT time** | Date: **Thursday, December 12, 2024,** | Format: **Online**

Background

The year 2024 was quite important for Anglophone Africa countries as they stepped into the active phase of developing their first Biennial Transparency Report (BTR), which includes reporting on their Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC Tracking), Mitigation and Adaptation Measures, Support Needed and Received.

In 2024, the CBIT-GSP Regional Network for Anglophone Africa carried out numerous capacity-building events for transparency, including peer-to-peer learning experiences, regional and country-based training, learning sessions, and webinars – both online and in-person. The CBIT-GSP collaborated with organizations and agencies in the region to enhance the capacities of countries to prepare their BTRs and achieve the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement. Among others, the CBIT-GSP collaborated with the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), the African Union Commission (AUC), United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and Conservation International.

As we move into 2025, the CBIT-GSP intends to continue its support for all the countries across the network in this important process by capacitating utilizing the national experts on key reporting areas of BTR, reviewing the GHG Inventories, NDC tracking, and providing a platform for sharing best practices and lessons learned on the ETF. The CBIT-GSP will also provide support to countries for their NDC 3.0 preparation, as well as explore opportunities for enhancing NDC achievement, and implementation to ensure transparency under the Paris Agreement.

The Anglophone Africa Network 2024 annual meeting will focus on showcasing the key results and achievements from activities in 2024, discussing the effectiveness of the activities, how they have helped the countries to refine their reporting process under the Paris Agreement, and what lessons the countries have learned from the support provided by CBIT-GSP and in collaboration with other partner organizations. The annual meeting will also plan for future activities to be implemented in 2025 and discuss areas of support based on the current needs of the countries of Anglophone Africa.

The Anglophone Africa Network 2025 annual work plan will be informed by the feedback survey and the second capacity needs assessment conducted during November and December 2024. The regional networks convene annually to review progress and plan for the subsequent year to

ensure ongoing relevance and effectiveness. The yearly meeting of the network is crucial as it offers a collaborative forum for member countries to discuss, identify, and agree upon the network's priorities, thereby directly influencing the annual work plan focusing on key priorities of the nations.

Objective

The main objective of the Annual Meeting of the Anglophone Africa Network is to assess progress on implementing the 2024 workplan, and to present and discuss the draft workplan *with proposed activities for 2025.*

The participants are expected to discuss and jointly agree on proposed network activities in **2025.**

Target Audience and Language

The annual meeting will gather all network members, including Coordinators/managers of enabling activities, CBIT and other transparency projects, transparency practitioners, and national climate focal points.

The meeting will be held **in** English.

Duration and Registration

The meeting is expected to last up to **2 hours,** with sufficient time for discussion and Q&A sessions.

Agenda

Time	Session
14:00 – 14:10	**Opening session and welcoming remarks** **Moderator:** Ms. Sheila Kiconco, Network Coordinator **Speakers:** Ms. Khetsiwe Khumalo, CBIT-GSP Transparency Advisor
14:10 – 14:30	**Key achievements and results of the CBIT-GSP in 2024 for the transparency network of Anglophone Africa** **Speaker:** Ms. Sheila Kiconco, Network Coordinator - *Q&A Session* - *Mentimeter survey*
14:30 - 14:50	**Interventions from the countries** **Guiding questions:** *1. How does CBIT-GSP support help your country refine national climate reporting?* *2. What are the main lessons learned from the support activity?*

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	3. What are the areas of improvement for the CBIT-GSP's support activities? **Key speakers:** - Juma M. Limbe, on behalf of Tanzania - Andrew Jean-Louis, on behalf of Seychelles - Arthur Richard Melvin Becker, on behalf of Liberia
14:50 - 15:10	**Country transparency actions in 2024:** - What is your country's status for the first BTR Submission? - Will you be able to submit your BTR by the end of 2024? - How is your BTR development process linked to the NDC 3.0 development? - To what extent are you going to include Adaptation Communication in your NDC 3.0 - What type of support would you need for NDC 3.0 from CBIT-GSP *Mentimeter and inputs from the countries*
15:10 - 15:15	**Group Photo**
15:15 - 15:35	**Presentation of the annual work plan for the transparency network for 2025** **Speaker:** Ms. Sheila Kiconco, Network Coordinator
15:35 - 15:45	**Discussion and interventions from the countries** **Guiding questions:** *1. To what extent do the proposed activities for 2025 match your country's priorities?* *2. Are there other needs that have not been covered in Workplan 2025?* Key speakers: - On behalf of Zambia - On behalf of The Gambia - On behalf of Sierra Leone - Other countries
15:45- 15:50	*Mentimeter survey*
15:50 - 16:00	**Wrap-up and closing**