

Assisting Bahrain in the BTR preparation: Workshop on Tracking NDC mitigation commitments under the ETF

09 and 10 September 2024

Organized by:

The Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP)

Workshop 1: Time: **14:00 – 16:30 Bahrain Time (GMT+3)** | Date: **Monday, September 09, 2024**

Workshop 2: Time: **14:00 – 16:30 Bahrain Time (GMT+3)** | Date: **Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

Background

Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) lie at the core of the Paris Agreement and play a key role in achieving its long-term objectives. The NDCs represent the collective efforts of each country to reduce national emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. As per the Paris Agreement, every participating Party is required to develop, communicate, and consistently update their NDCs, outlining their intended contributions aimed at achieving specific climate goals.

The 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 Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines (MPGs), formulated to implement transparency in reporting under the Paris Agreement, defined specific new requirements for reporting progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contribution (NDC) {Article 13.7(b)}. Each Party shall provide the information necessary to track progress in implementing and achieving its NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement. As such, all Parties (shall) undergo the facilitative multilateral consideration of progress with respect to efforts under Article 9, and its respective implementation and achievement of its NDCs {Article 13.11}. The results should be included in a specific chapter of the BTR (Chapter II). Additionally, all Parties must submit the common tabular formats (CTFs) to the UNFCCC as part of each country's BTR submission process.

Although many countries are aware of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, there is still limited understanding of the reporting requirements as spelt out in the MPGs. Most countries have not received specific training on the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and the mandatory elements of the MPGs of the Paris Agreement. Yet, the provision of clear and understandable data and information in the BTR and the NDC plays a crucial role in ensuring transparency under the ETF and supports achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

Tracking and reporting NDCs pose a challenge for developing countries, as they require enhanced and more comprehensive reporting on mitigation actions and results, including the completion of common tabular forms (CTFs).

In response to Bahrain's request to the CBIT-GSP for capacity building for the team responsible for preparing the BTR, along with sectoral partners and stakeholders, virtual workshop sessions will be organized. These workshops will support Bahrain's team in charge of reporting NDC mitigation commitments under the Paris Agreement by enhancing their technical understanding of the goals, principles, and actions involved in the reporting process. The workshop aims to equip participants with the necessary skills to improve their contributions to national reporting under the ETF and the information required by the MPGs, in preparation for submitting Bahrain's BTR.

Objective

This workshop aims to provide a hands on training on the reporting on Bahrain's NDC tracking under the BTR and a general overview of reporting requirements under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement. It focuses on key elements identified to fast-track BTR development, specifically on tracking progress in implementing and achieving Bahrain's NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement. The training will ensure that Bahrain is able to progressively track its NDC targets and conform to UNFCCC modalities, procedures and guidelines for reporting under the ETF. The specific objective of this Workshop is to deepen the understanding of national experts on reporting the progress in implementing the NDC mitigation commitments under the Paris Agreement, including Common Tabular Formats (CTFs).

Target Audience and Language

This virtual workshop is designed for Bahrain's national team responsible for preparing the first BTR, along with sectoral stakeholders involved in NDC tracking and reporting.

The webinars will be conducted in English, but participants are welcome to communicate in their preferred language, whether Arabic or English.

Duration and Time Zone

Each session of this workshop will last of **2 hours and 30 minutes (14:00-16:30 Bahrain Time)**, with sufficient time dedicated to discussion and Q&A sessions.

Agenda

Session 1: Tracking NDC mitigation commitments under the ETF

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Time	Session
10 min	Opening and Welcoming Remarks & Group Photo
20 min	Overview of the Common Tabular Formats for reporting on the progress in implementing the NDC
10 min	Discussion and Q&A
20 min	Definition and development of NDC indicators/SMART targets
10 min	Discussion and Q&A
30 min	Exercise on identifying Bahrain's NDC SMART Targets and Indicators
20 min	Information to track progress in implementing and achieving the NDC using the Common Tabular Formats (CTFs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDC definitions, methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of Party's NDC- Appendix • Description of selected indicators- Table 1
25 min	Hands on Exercise on fill in the Appendix and table 1
05 min	Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

Session II: Hands-on exercises on reporting NDC tracking progress using the Common Tabular Formats (CTFs)

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Time	Session
05 min	Opening Remarks and objectives of the session
15 min	Information to track progress in implementing and achieving the NDC using the Common Tabular Formats (CTFs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NDC definitions, methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions need to understand the NDC-Table 2 • Methodologies and accounting approaches -Table 3
25 min	Hands on Exercise on fill in tables 2 and 3
15 min	Information to track progress in implementing and achieving the NDC using the Common Tabular Formats (CTFs) (continuation): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracking progress in implementing and achieving - Table 4 • Mitigation policies, measures, actions and plans -Table 5
25 min	Hands on Exercise on fill in tables 4 and 5
15 min	Introduction and explanation of Tables 6 and 12
15 min	Hands on Exercise on fill in table 12
20 min	Open discussion and Q&A
10 min	Feedback Mentimeter Survey
05 min	Wrap-up and Closing Remarks