

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY¹

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2. INFORMATION ON SUPPORT REQUESTED

Title of activity *Please include a title that summarises the specific topic of the support request.*
Enhancing Climate Transparency: Capacity Building Workshop for Sri Lanka's First BTR

Objective and description *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?*
This workshop aims to enhance the capacity of key stakeholders in the Sri Lanka to prepare a comprehensive and accurate BTR. It will cover the fundamental aspects of the ETF, with particular focus on GHG inventories, NDC tracking, and the use of common reporting tables and common tabular formats. By the end of the workshop, participants will have a solid understanding of the BTR requirements, proficiency in GHG inventory preparation, and the ability to track and report on NDC progress effectively.

Time frame *Please describe the expected time frame of the support requested, e.g., from May to September 2023, October 2023.*
November 2024

Recipient entity *Please describe the recipient entity of the support requested.*
Climate Change Secretariat, Ministry of Environment

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

☒ Institutional arrangements for transparency

☒ Report development (Natcom, BUR, BTR, NIR, etc.)

☐ GHG Inventory ☒ NDC tracking ☒ Mitigation actions

☐ Adaptation and impacts ☐ Loss and damages ☐ Support needed/received

☐ Other (please specify) [Click here to specify.](#)

Channel *Please choose the channel of support that is being requested.*

☐ Multilateral cooperation ☐ Bilateral cooperation ☐ Regional cooperation

¹ This concept note has been developed in line with [Table III.3 of Annex III \(Decision 5/CMA.3\)](#) in order to support countries for reporting information on support received for implementation on Article 13 of the Paris Agreement on transparency-related activities, including for transparency-related capacity-building.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Webinar | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online workshop or training | <input type="checkbox"/> In-country workshop or training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peer-review or simulation of ICA process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hands-on expert support | <input type="checkbox"/> Consultancy services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | Click here to enter text. | |

Use, impact and estimated results

Please describe the expected use, impacts and estimated results of the support requested.

Objectives and purpose of the training

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The workshop has the following specific objectives:

- Familiarize participants with the Biennial Transparency Report requirements under the Paris Agreement and its Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF)
- Improve the proficiency of participants in preparing and managing national Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventories, developing a comprehensive national inventory document, and effectively employing the common reporting table for reporting emissions.
- Exchange experiences and lessons learned, corresponding to the application of IPCC and UNFCCC tools and systems for reporting inventory data with ETF provisions.
- Comprehend the Sri Lanka' Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) commitments
- Understand the linkage between NDC tracking and GHG inventory reporting
- Learn strategies for effective data management and collection for BTR preparation
- Gain knowledge on Quality Assurance/Quality Control procedures in BTR preparation
- Develop capacity to draft key sections of the BTR, including Common Reporting Tables (CRTs) and Common Tabular Format (CTF)

Expected Outcomes

- The knowledge and skills gained from this workshop will be instrumental in positioning the Sri Lanka to meet its climate reporting obligations under the Paris Agreement, showcase its climate actions on the global

stage, and contribute to the collective goal of limiting global temperature rise and building resilience to climate change impacts.

Additional information (Current context and reason for requesting the support)

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).

Sri Lanka has submitted three National Communications (NCs) to the UNFCCC. The country is now making rapid progress towards implementing the ETF and developing its first Biennial Transparency Report (BTR).

The current context in the Sri Lanka regarding their climate transparency and reporting efforts highlights a critical phase as they prepare to submit their first Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) under the Paris Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF). This framework requires an in-depth account of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, tracking of mitigation actions, and progress toward the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) goals.

Given these demanding requirements, the Sri Lanka has requested support to strengthen their capacity in several key areas:

- Comprehensive GHG Inventory Preparation: The ETF mandates adherence to the 2006 IPCC guidelines and the use of specific reporting tables for GHG inventories. Ensuring accuracy, consistency, and transparency requires expertise in data collection, QA/QC procedures, and understanding inventory methodologies.
- Effective NDC Tracking: Tracking NDC progress under the ETF involves transparent reporting of both quantitative and qualitative achievements toward climate goals. This requires linking GHG inventory data with NDC sectors and addressing inconsistencies or data gaps.
- Enhanced Capacity for Reporting: Preparing a BTR is a new process, which involves technical knowledge of reporting tools and formats, such as the Common Tabular Format (CTF), and skills in scenario-building for emissions projections.

To address these needs, a two-day workshop has been organized to equip key Sri Lankan stakeholders with the essential knowledge and skills for BTR preparation. This support will facilitate compliance with ETF requirements and help showcase the Sri Lanka's climate actions on the global stage.

3. PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND ESTIMATED BUDGET

Please provide a description of the proposed activities and the estimated budget for the requested support, including country's co-financing.

Activity 1 (17-18 November). Planning to organise a virtual workshop on building capacity of national experts to prepare first Biennial Transparency Report

Table 1. Estimated budget for the requested support

Item/activity	Amount	Cost (USD)	Subtotal (USD)
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.