**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.*  **Quality review of FNC/1BTR of Montenegro** |

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.*   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 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.) | | Other (please specify) |   **Review of FNC/1BTR** |
| **Type** | *Please choose the type of support that is being requested.*   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 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 | Other (please specify) |   Click here to enter text. |
| **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?*  The primary objective of this support is to provide a review of the FNC/1 BTR to enhance its quality, ensuring it becomes a comprehensive and high-level document. This review will align the report with the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) requirements and its Modalities, Procedures, and Guidelines (MPGs), thereby improving its accuracy, completeness, and overall effectiveness in meeting international standards.  Additionally, this support will enhance the technical capacity of the national institution, particularly the representatives of the Environment Agency, in tracking and reporting GHG inventory, NDC, and support needed and received. This will enable them to improve their reporting processes to be better aligned with the ETF requirements. |
| **Expected outcome** | *Please describe the expected outcome of the support requested.*  This support will enable the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Northern Region Development of Montenegro (the Ministry) to build its capacity and that of its counterpart organizations. The expected outcomes include:  - Fully meeting the UNFCCC reporting requirements and improving the quality of reporting.  - Enhancing institutional arrangements and developing specific technical capacities.  - Strengthening the overall transparency and accuracy of climate-related data and reports.  - Providing training and resources to ensure sustainable and effective reporting practices.  By achieving these outcomes, the project will address the country's needs for enhanced climate transparency and align with international standards. |

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).*  The preparation process of three National Communications and three Biennial Update Reports to the Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC, has contributed to the institutional strengthening of the Ministry, as competent institution for the application of the Convention as well as of other relevant institutions at national level.  More specifically, the representatives of relevant ministries and agencies, particularly Ministry of Capital Investments, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Environmental Protection Agency, Statistical Office – MONSTAT, Ministry of Interior, etc. that participated in the SNC/TNC and the SBUR process used the technical reports, as well as experiences in their relevant policy and planning process.  As a result, Montenegro included climate change components into the national socio-economic policy and planning process. Under the GEF CC enabling activities, Montenegro has enhanced national capacities on development of GHG inventory, mitigation options and exposure to vulnerability and adaptation options. The accumulated capacities are hardly keeping pace with increasing threats and the growing issues and problems of climate change process. It is important for Montenegro to advance further its national capacities to cope with the existing and emerging issues and to communicate with UNFCCC parties in addressing climate change.  In its second Biennial Update Report (BUR) from 2019, Montenegro identified the main constraints as being the lack of a permanent and binding system for gathering and processing the data needed for its National Communications (NCs) and BURs and the lack of a system to sustainably monitor and support decision makers with regard to GHG trends, progress and options for mitigation actions. Furthermore, given developments in processes and agreements under the Convention, the party needs to constantly improve its capacity, expertise, and skills to meet its national obligations. Montenegro is also encountering technological, financial, and capacity constraints when implementing its identified actions.  The Fourth National Communication and the First Transparency Report have been prepared in draft form and an external review is necessary in order to further improve the document and bring it closer to the UNFCCC reporting requirements. |

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