

Annual Network Meeting for Central Asia and the Caucasus: Achievements for 2024 and Plans for 2025

-- Online Meeting --

Time: **14:00 – 16:00 (Tashkent)** | Date: **January 10th, 2025** | Format: online

Background

In 2024, the CBIT-GSP Regional Network for Central Asia and the Caucasus benefited from various capacity-building interventions for transparency, including regional and in-country trainings, webinars, learning sessions, and experience-sharing meetings. The year of 2024 was pivotal for the countries as they worked to develop and submit their first Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs). It is essential to understand how the support provided by CBIT-GSP in 2024 helped the countries address challenges and identify needs to be addressed in the 2025 Work Plan.

In November 2024, the CBIT-GSP conducted a rapid assessment of capacity needs for transparency for the countries in Central Asia and the Caucasus. The findings of this assessment will be presented during the upcoming Network Meeting. Experts and practitioners from the region will have the opportunity to discuss how CBIT-GSP can better support their preparation for the next round of climate transparency reports. Additionally, participants will be informed about regional and global events planned for 2025 in the frameworks of the CBIT-GSP and other support providers actively working in the region.

Objective

The primary objective of the meeting is to **present the key achievements of the CBIT-GSP in 2024** for the Regional Network of Central Asia and the Caucasus, share the main findings from the **capacity needs assessment for transparency**, and discuss **CBIT-GSP support plans for 2025** at global, regional, and country levels.

Additionally, network members are expected to *share their lessons learned from CBIT-GSP support, provide feedback on its effectiveness, and suggest areas for improvement* to enhance future interventions.

Target Audience and Language

The meeting will bring together CBIT-GSP country focal points, national coordinators for National Communications (NCs) and Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs), senior experts from national agencies responsible for climate policy and transparency, as well as specialists in greenhouse gas inventory, adaptation and impacts, climate finance, and NDC tracking. In addition, key transparency partners, including representatives from CAREC, FAO, ICAT, UNDP, UNEP, UNEP-CCC and IGES, will also be invited to participate.

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

Duration and Registration

It is expected that the meeting will last **2 hours** with sufficient timing dedicated to discussion and Q&A sessions.

Proposed Agenda

Time (Tashkent)	Session
14:00 – 14:05	<p>Opening session and introduction to the Network Meeting</p> <p>Moderator/speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Khetsiwe Khumalo, on behalf of CBIT-GSP (<i>in English</i>)
14:05 – 14:10	Group Photo
14:10 – 14:30	<p>Key achievements and results of the CBIT-GSP in 2024 for Central Asia and the Caucasus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nailia Timerkhanova, Network Coordinator - Discussion
14:30 – 14:45	<p>Interventions from the countries</p> <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>How the CBIT-GSP support helped your country in refining the national climate reporting?</i> 2. <i>What are the main lessons learned from the support activity?</i> 3. <i>What are the areas of improvement for the CBIT-GSP's support activities?</i>
14:45 – 15:10	<p>Key results of the Capacity Needs Assessment for Transparency in Central Asia and the Caucasus and Work Plan for 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nailia Timerkhanova, Network Coordinator - Q&A
15:10 – 15:30	<p>Discussion and interventions from the countries</p> <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>To what extent the proposed activities for 2025 match your country priorities?</i> 2. <i>Are there other needs which have not been covered in Workplan 2025?</i>
15:30 – 15:45	<p>Interventions from support providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAO, ICAT/CAREC, UN Agencies
15:45 – 15:55	<i>Mentimeter survey</i>
15:55 – 16:00	Wrap-up and closing