Annual Network Meeting for the Asia Transparency Network: Achievements and plans for 2025

-- Virtual Meeting --

Time: 15:00 - 17:00 Bangkok Time | Date: January 13, 2025 | Format: Online

Organized by the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP)

Background

In light of the Paris Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), 2024 has emerged as a transformative year for climate reporting in Asia. As countries across the region prepare their inaugural Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs), they face unique challenges in harmonizing national systems with international requirements. The diverse economic and environmental landscape of Asia presents both opportunities and challenges in achieving robust climate transparency, particularly in areas of data collection, institutional coordination, and technical capacity development.

The past year has witnessed remarkable progress in advancing climate transparency across Asia. Through coordinated efforts and strategic partnerships, we have successfully implemented a comprehensive capacity-building program tailored to regional needs. Our capacity-building approach in 2024 has been transformative, focusing on practical, hands-on training that addresses the specific challenges faced by Asian countries. In 2024, the CBIT-GSP Transparency Network for Asia hosted a variety of events focused on capacity-building for transparency. These events included regional and country-based training and learning sessions, webinars, and exchange meetings. We have also conducted specialized country specific workshops and virtual webinars-workshops to accommodate different requirements, ensuring inclusive participation across Asia.

As the 2024 annual work plan draws to a close, it is important to reflect on the key results and achievements. This is an opportunity for countries to provide feedback and evaluate the effectiveness of the Network activities and if and how they have assisted countries in improving their reporting process under the Paris Agreement. Additionally, it is valuable to consider the lessons learned from the support provided by CBIT-GSP and the collaboration with other partner organizations. This Network Meeting will serve to discuss and prioritize the activities that will be implemented in the crucial year of 2025. Additionally, it is essential to engage in discussions regarding the areas of support that are aligned with the current needs of Asian countries. We encourage all network members to actively participate in this meeting and contribute to shaping the future of climate transparency in Asia.

Objective

The network meeting aims to strengthen regional climate transparency frameworks by evaluating the implementation progress of the 2024 workplan and CBIT-GSP achievements, while examining key findings from the recent capacity needs assessment. Through collaborative dialogue, participants will share experiences from current CBIT-GSP support mechanisms and collectively develop the 2025 workplan, focusing on technical and individual capacity building initiatives at global, regional, and country levels. This strategic gathering will enable network members to provide feedback on existing support systems, identify areas for enhancement, and establish improved mechanisms for climate transparency and reporting, ensuring future interventions align with international transparency requirements.

Duration and Registration

It is expected that the network meeting will last 2 hours with sufficient timing dedicated to discussion and Q&A sessions. The exact time of the network meeting in your country can be seen below:

Countries	Time (24 hour)
Denmark	09:00 - 11:00
Iran	11:30 - 13:30
Afghanistan	12:30 - 14:30
Maldives, Pakistan	13:00 - 15:00
India, Sri Lanka	13:30 - 15:30
Nepal	13:45 - 15:45
Bangladesh, Bhutan	14:00 - 16:00
Myanmar	14:30 - 16:30
Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Thailand, Vietnam	15:00 - 17:00
Brunei Darussalam, China, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore	16:00 - 18:00

Agenda

Bangkok Time	Session
15:00 - 15:10	**Opening session and welcoming remarks** **Moderator:** Mr. Jaypalsinh Chauhan, Asia Network Coordinator **Speakers:** Ms. Khetsiwe Khumalo, CBIT-GSP Transparency Advisor
15:10 - 15:25	**Key activities and outcomes of the CBIT-GSP Asia Transparency Network in 2024** **Speaker:** Mr. Jaypalsinh Chauhan, Asia Network Coordinator

15:25 - 15:35	**Group Photo, Discussion/Q&A Session, Mentimeter survey**
15:35 - 15:55	**Interventions from the countries** **Guiding questions:** 1. In what ways does the CBIT-GSP support enhance your country's climate reporting capabilities? 2. What are the main lessons learned from the support activities of 2024? 3. What are the areas of improvement for the CBIT-GSP's support activities? **Key Speakers:** ▪ Prof. Rizaldi Boer, Indonesia ▪ Ms. Suzalina Binti Kamaruddin, Malaysia ▪ Mr. Ajay Raghava, India ▪ Mr. Sophal Leang, Cambodia ▪ Ms. Huong Thanhchu, Vietnam ▪ Ms. Fathimath Raufa Moosa, Maldives ▪ Ms. Choikhand Janchivlamdan, Mongolia
15:55 - 16:10	**Key results of the Capacity Needs Assessment Survey for Transparency in Asia** **Speaker:** Mr. Jaypalsinh Chauhan, Asia Network Coordinator
16:10 - 16:20	**Presentation of the annual work plan for the Asia Transparency Network for 2025** **Speaker:** Mr. Jaypalsinh Chauhan, Asia Network Coordinator
16:30 - 16:45	**Discussion and interventions from the countries** **Guiding questions:** 1. To what extent do the proposed activities for 2025 align with the priorities of your country? 2. Are there any needs and gaps that remain unaddressed in the 2025 Network workplan?
16:45 - 17:00	**Support Partners** Ms. Mirella Salvatore, FAO Ms. Roziya Wloch, PATPA Ms. Lisa Hanle, IPCC TFI Mr. Deo Gabinete, NDC Partnership Mr. Mike Stephens, Australia Government Ms. Juhi Bansal, UNFCCC RCC **Discussion/Q&A Session, Mentimeter Survey, Wrap-up and closing remarks**

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