

Concept Note

International Women's Day Webinar

Gender-responsive Climate Transparency

-- Fostering Gender Data for Better Climate Reporting and Policies --

Date: 12th March 2025 | **Time:** 15:00-16:15h (CET) | **Format:** [Microsoft Teams](#)

Introduction

The International Women's Day on March 8th is a powerful reminder of the persisting challenge to achieve gender equality for all women and girls and the necessity for inclusive policies across all sectors and parts of society. At the same time, countries around the globe are developing national transparency systems to improve national policymaking and respond to the Paris Agreement's call for biennial transparency reporting to track collective efforts towards low-carbon climate resilient development pathways, in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

The impacts of climate change are unequally distributed between men and women, particularly within economically and socially disadvantaged communities, due to pre-existing socio-economic and structural inequalities. The incorporation of a gender lens in climate transparency ensures that countries better understand women's critical and diverse roles in climate action and their unique vulnerabilities. Such insights can then form the basis for broadly mainstreaming gender into climate policies, strategies, and actions and thereby systematically address gender disparities, promote inclusivity and leverage the leadership potential of women's driving force in climate action.

To this end, the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP), in collaboration with UNDP, UNFCCC, the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT), and the Commonwealth Secretariat and UNFCCC organises this webinar in the context of the International Women's Day. This event aims to demonstrate the significance of integrating gender equality considerations into climate reporting frameworks, with a particular emphasis on Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs), and to highlight the necessity for policies that empower women as pivotal stakeholders in climate governance. The sharing of insights from countries that have established gender-responsive national transparency and climate policy frameworks will help understand the practical steps needed as well as the outcomes of such gender-responsive measures in countries.

The event will also provide a sneak peek of the upcoming toolkit for gender-responsive BTRs, developed by CBIT-GSP in collaboration with UNDP, providing hands-on guidance for countries to mainstream gender in their national climate transparency efforts.

Objective

This event will highlight the importance of integrating gender equality considerations into climate transparency reporting, emphasizing the role of inclusive policies in ensuring equitable climate action. It will showcase best practices and successful projects that have promoted gender-responsive climate reporting while also offering a preliminary insight into the forthcoming toolkit on gender-responsive BTRs. Furthermore, the event will serve as a platform for fostering dialogue among policymakers, civil society, and the private sector to advance gender equity in climate action. Finally, the event will encourage capacity-building and knowledge-sharing to strengthen gender-inclusive climate reporting and accountability.

Target Audience

This event targets a wide group of stakeholders within the transparency, gender and climate space, ranging from climate change experts, over government representatives and policymakers and gender focal points as well as transparency practitioners, academia and civil society.

Agenda

Time (CET)	Session
15:00	Welcome to the Event <i>Moderator: Miriam Liliana Hinojosa, UNEP</i>
15:05	The Importance of Gender-Responsive Climate Transparency <i>Speaker: Wiebke Bender, UNFCCC</i>
15:10	Experience-sharing from Countries: The Cases of Zimbabwe, Montenegro and Colombia <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milward Kuona, Zimbabwe • Laura Niño Moreno, Colombia • Sanja Elezovic, Montenegro
15:35	Panel Discussion of Supporting Partners <i>Panellists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snezana Dragojevic, UNDP • Hannah Swee, ICAT • Uzoamaka Nwamarah, The Commonwealth Secretariat
16:00	Sneak Peek of the Gender-Responsive BTR Toolkit <i>Speaker: Catherine Allinson, Future Earth Ltd.</i>
16:10	Closing of the Event

About the Organisers

The [Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme \(CBIT-GSP\)](#) is a global climate transparency project supporting developing countries in the transition to the **Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF)** of the Paris Agreement. The project is funded by the **Global Environment Facility (GEF)** through CBIT, implemented by the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**, and executed by the **UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre (UNEP-CCC)**.

The **Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT)** provides countries with tailored support and practical tools and methodologies to build robust transparency frameworks needed for effective climate action, in line with national development priorities. The Initiative works with over 50 developing countries ranging from large countries, like Nigeria, to small islands, such as Antigua & Barbuda. [ICAT](#) was established in 2015 at the COP that adopted the Paris Agreement, to support implementation of the Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework.

The **UNFCCC secretariat (UN Climate Change)** is the United Nations entity tasked with supporting the global response to the threat of climate change. There are specific work streams and constituted bodies focusing on [gender](#) and [transparency](#). [#Together4Transparency](#) is a UN Climate Change collaborative initiative that unites several groups of stakeholders committed to joining forces in providing transparent data on climate action and support through the implementation of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), recognizing that all actors can play a role in ensuring the success of the Paris Agreement. For more information, visit the [website](#) and join the [LinkedIn professional communities for transparency](#) and [gender](#).

The **Commonwealth Secretariat** is the main intergovernmental agency and central institution of the Commonwealth of Nations. It is responsible for facilitating consultation and cooperation among its 56 member countries. The Secretariat supports member countries through advocacy, convening, technical assistance, capacity building and evidence-based research and analysis to inform decision making. The Secretariat's [best practice](#) guide on gender integration in NDCs and the [review](#) of the member countries' NDCs are some of the topic-related resources, provided by The Commonwealth Secretariat.

As the lead United Nations agency on international development, the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** works in 170 countries and territories to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality. We help countries develop policies, leadership skills, partnerships and institutional capabilities to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Under the [Climate Promise](#), UNDP delivers the UN system's largest portfolio of support on climate action in more than 140 countries and territories. This portfolio is worth over US\$2 billion in grant financing and also builds on UNDP's expertise on gender equality and inclusion, energy, poverty, health, climate security, nature and biodiversity, among others.