

Online Webinar as a part of the workshop for Central Asia & Caucasus and Eurasia Countries: Preparation for the Technical Expert Review under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) (by invitations only)

-- Technical Webinar --

Time: **10:00 – 12:00 (CET)** | Date: **March 18th, 2025** | Format: online

Background

The Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement represents a critical mechanism for ensuring transparency, accountability, and progress in global climate action. The **Technical Expert Review (TER)**, a key component of the BTR process, provides an opportunity for countries to *receive constructive feedback on their climate data, policies, and implementation measures*.

Several countries in Eurasia, Central Asia and the Caucasus have submitted their first BTRs in 2024, making early and strategic preparation for the TER in 2025 crucial. By investing in this preparation, countries can ensure their future BTR submissions effectively showcase their progress, address challenges, and highlight needs, ultimately paving the way for enhanced climate action and support. Given that TER readiness was prioritized by most countries in the region during the Annual Network Meetings on December 20th, 2024 and January 10, 2025, as well as in the Capacity Needs Assessment undertaken in November 2024, it is important to treat this topic as a strategic element of the countries' transparency frameworks in 2025-26.

The proposed technical webinar on TER readiness *serves as an **introduction to a Regional Technical Workshop on the same topic, scheduled to take place from May 27 to 29, 2025, in Ankara, Türkiye for the countries of Eurasia, Central Asia and the Caucasus***. While the in-person workshop aims to enhance participants' understanding of the TER process, facilitate the exchange of experiences, best practices, and lessons learned from countries that have completed TER, and provide practical training through simulations, the present technical webinar is a starting point in enhancing the countries' understanding about the general concept of the TER.

Objective

The primary objective of the technical webinar is to **introduce participants from Eurasia, Central Asia and the Caucasus** to the general concept of the *Technical Expert Review (TER) as part of the BTR process*. It will also provide insights from the team of *international reviewers and countries* that have undergone in-country reviews as part of their climate reporting process.

Target Audience and Language

The technical webinar 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, mitigation and NDC tracking, adaptation and impacts, and climate finance. In addition, other partners, including representatives from UNFCCC, UNEP-CCC, UNEP, UNDP and FAO will also be invited to participate.

The meeting will be held **in English and Russian** with simultaneous translation provided in these languages.

Duration and Registration

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

Registration link: https://un-org-unep.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aRrMFZAvSMSdx6GJL4CDFQ

Proposed Agenda

| Time (CET) | Session |
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| 10:00 – 10:05 | <p>Opening session and introduction to the Technical Webinar</p> <p>Moderator/speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sladjana Bundalo, Network Coordinator for Eurasia - Nailia Timerkhanova, Network Coordinator for Central Asia and the Caucasus |
| 10:05– 10:10 | <p>Group Photo</p> |
| 10:10 – 10:30 | <p>Introduction to the Technical Expert Review (TER) and TER Training Programme</p> <p>Moderator: Nailia Timerkhanova, Network Coordinator for Central Asia and the Caucasus</p> <p><u>Proposed speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federico Brocchieri, UNFCCC - Q&A |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | <p>Insights to the Review Process from the International Reviewers</p> <p>Moderator: Nailia Timerkhanova, Network Coordinator for Central Asia and the Caucasus</p> <p><u>Proposed speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Violetta Hristova, Climate Change Chief Expert, EMICERT B Ltd. - Iordanis Tzamtzis, Lead Reviewer of Biennial Transparency Reports, FAO (OCB) - Q&A |
| 11:00 – 11:40 | <p>Experience on TER and Review from the Countries</p> <p>Moderator: Sladjana Bundalo, Network Coordinator for Eurasia</p> <p><u>Proposed panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anna Boneta, Energy and Climate Change Office, Andorra - Ranka Radic, Hydrometeorological Institute RS, Bosnia and Herzegovina - Aiman Yessekina, JSC “Zhasyl Damu”, Kazakhstan - Q&A |
| 11:40 – 11:55 | <p>Instructions for the next stages: Data needs for following stages II and III of the Workshop.</p> <p>Moderator: Sladjana Bundalo, Network Coordinator for Eurasia</p> <p><u>Proposed speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fernando Farias, UNEP-CCC |
| 11:55 – 12:00 | <p>Evaluation of the event</p> <p>Wrap-up, next steps and closing</p> <p>Moderator: Sladjana Bundalo, Network Coordinator for Eurasia</p> |