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| **REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY[[1]](#footnote-1)** |

1. **NATIONAL CONTACT**

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1. **INFORMATION ON SUPPORT REQUESTED**

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| **Title of activity** | *Please include a title that summarises the specific topic of the support request.*  **Click here to enter text.** |
| **Objective and description** | *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?*  Objective: Provide technical support for Lebanon to develop its second Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT2) proposal in line with GEF requirements, including support in formulating the objectives, results framework, and indicative budget.  The requested support will directly contribute to strengthening Lebanon’s ability to meet the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) requirements under the Paris Agreement by ensuring that the CBIT 2 proposal is strategically designed and technically sound. By building on the lessons of the first CBIT project and aligning with GEF guidance and global best practices, the proposal will identify priority areas for institutional, technical, and data-related improvements. This includes enhancing national GHG inventory systems, improving tracking and reporting of NDC progress, and promoting long-term capacity building across key sectors. Ultimately, this support will enable Lebanon to develop a robust, forward-looking proposal that responds effectively to the country’s transparency gaps and supports sustained compliance with ETF obligations. |
| **Time frame** | *Please describe the expected time frame of the support requested, e.g., from May to September 2023, October 2023.*  May 2025-August 2025 |
| **Recipient entity** | *Please describe the recipient entity of the support requested.*  UNDP Lebanon |
| **Area** | *Please choose the relevant area(s) of support that is being requested.*   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Institutional arrangements for transparency | | | | Report development (Natcom, BUR, BTR, NIR, etc.) | | | | GHG Inventory | NDC tracking | Mitigation actions | | Adaptation and impacts | Loss and damages | Support needed/received | | Other (please specify) | CBIT2 | | |
| **Channel** | *Please choose the channel of support that is being requested.*   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Multilateral cooperation | Bilateral cooperation | Regional cooperation | | Webinar | Online workshop or training | In-country workshop or training | | Peer-review or simulation of ICA process | Hands-on expert support | Consultancy services | | Other (please specify) | Drafting of proposal | | |
| **Use, impact and estimated results** | *Please describe the expected use, impacts and estimated results of the support requested.*  The support requested will be used to guide the preparation of Lebanon’s CBIT 2 project proposal, including the development of a clear and results-oriented theory of change, a detailed results framework with SMART indicators, and a well-structured budget aligned with GEF requirements.  The expected impact is a high-quality proposal that accurately reflects national priorities and addresses identified gaps in Lebanon’s transparency framework, particularly in GHG inventory systems, NDC tracking, and data coordination across sectors. The technical support will also help ensure consistency with the findings of the CBIT terminal evaluation and draw from successful elements in other countries’ CBIT 2 designs.  The estimated results include: (1) a finalized and GEF-compliant project proposal ready for submission; (2) strengthened national capacity in project planning for climate transparency; and (3) increased alignment with the Enhanced Transparency Framework through targeted and achievable interventions. |
| **Additional information (Current context and reason for requesting the support)** | *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).*  Lebanon has made significant progress in climate transparency, having submitted four National Communications, four Biennial Update Reports, and its first Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1), all through GEF enabling activities . In addition, it currently in the process of finalizing its CBIT project where a transparency strategy has been established with the required institutional arrangements. arrangements.  However, institutional, technical, and data-related challenges persist, particularly in sustaining regular data collection, improving coordination among stakeholders, and enhancing the quality and consistency of GHG inventories and NDC tracking. As the country prepares to meet the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) requirements under the Paris Agreement, there is a pressing need to build on the foundations laid by the first CBIT project. Technical support is therefore essential to ensure that CBIT 2 is strategically designed to address existing gaps, align with national priorities, and effectively mobilize resources to meet ETF obligations. |

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.*  **Activity 1 (May)**.Develop and review a CBIT2 theory of change  **Activity 2 (June )**. Develop and review a CBIT2 result framework  **Activity N (July)**. Develop and review the CBIT2 budget  **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* |

1. This concept note has been developed in line with [Table III.3 of Annex III (Decision 5/CMA.3)](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CMA2021_L10a2E.pdf#page=39) in order to support countries for reporting information on support received for implementation on Article 13 of the Paris Agreement on transparency-related activities, including for transparency-related capacity-building. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)