Building Confidence in Biennial Transparency Reporting: Key Tools & Best Practices from BTR1

-- Technical Webinar--

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 Atlantic Std Time | Date: Tuesday, May 20 , 2025 | Format: Online

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Background

The Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) established under the Paris Agreement represents a cornerstone for building mutual trust and confidence and promoting effective implementation of climate action. A key component of the ETF is the requirement for all Parties to submit Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs), marking a significant evolution from previous reporting mechanisms and a crucial step towards greater accountability in global climate efforts. The deadline for the first BTR submission is fast approaching (by 31 December 2024), making this a critical period for countries.

As countries, particularly those in the Caribbean region, transition to this new framework and prepare their first BTRs, they encounter diverse experiences, challenges, and opportunities. This includes aligning national systems with detailed Modalities, Procedures, and Guidelines (MPGs), addressing potential data gaps, enhancing technical capacity for complex reporting areas (like GHG inventories, tracking NDC progress, and reporting support needed and received), ensuring robust institutional arrangements, and navigating the use of new reporting tools. The diverse economic, environmental, and institutional landscape across these regions add layers of complexity.

Sharing the initial lessons learned from countries that have successfully navigated the BTR submission process, alongside understanding the intricacies of the subsequent technical expert review, is invaluable. This knowledge exchange is crucial for mutual learning, capacity building, and enhancing the quality and efficiency of future reporting cycles across the region. This webinar aims to facilitate this vital exchange, focusing specifically on the practical experiences of preparing and submitting the first BTRs and demystifying the technical expert review process.

Objective

This webinar aims to facilitate knowledge exchange across the region by showcasing firsthand experiences from countries that have successfully submitted their first Biennial Transparency

Reports. Participants will gain valuable insights into common technical and methodological challenges encountered during BTR preparation, while learning about effective strategies and tools available to improve their reporting processes.

Specific Objectives:

- To share firsthand experiences, insights, challenges, and successes encountered by countries in the Caribbean region during the preparation and submission of their first BTRs.

- To share CBIT-GSP Self-Assessment tool to provide self-checks for BTR report authors and reviewers
- To provide a platform for countries across the region to learn from these early BTR submission experiences.
- To identify common technical and methodological challenges faced during BTR preparation (e.g., data acquisition, specific reporting tables, use of reporting tools).
- To highlight successful strategies, best practices, and innovative solutions employed by submitting countries.
- To foster regional collaboration, networking, and peer learning on ETF implementation, specifically concerning BTRs.

Webinar Structure

- Status of BTR reporting in the Caribbean region and sharing of Self-Assessment Tool to support countries in preparing and reviewing their BTRs.

- Presentations from selected Caribbean countries detailing their BTR preparation journey.
- Interactive Q&A session for participants to engage with the presenting countries.

Guiding Questions for Presenting Countries:

- What were the most significant institutional/coordination challenges encountered in preparing the BTR, and how were they addressed?
- Which specific chapters or reporting areas (e.g., GHG inventory, tracking progress towards NDC, climate change impacts and adaptation, support needed and received) posed the greatest technical difficulties?
- What data collection, management systems, or tools proved most effective or challenging?
- How did your country approach the integration of new reporting requirements under the ETF compared to previous reporting (e.g., BURs/NCs)?
- What strategies were used to ensure the quality and consistency of the reported information?
- How did you prepare for the submission process itself (e.g., familiarization with and use of the BTR reporting tools)?
- What is one key piece of advice you would give to countries currently preparing their first BTR?

Duration and Registration

It is expected that the webinar will last 1.5 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	Webinar Time (24 hour)
Belize	08:00 - 09:30
Jamaica	09:00 - 10:30
Antigua & Barbuda/The Bahamas /Barbados/Dominica/Grenada/Guyana/Saint Lucia/St. Kitts & Nevis/St. Vincent & The Grenadines/ Trinidad & Tobago	10:00 - 11:30
Suriname	11:00 - 12:30
Denmark	16:00 - 17:30

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Agenda – Webinar- 20 May, 2025

AST Time	Session
09:00 - 09:10	**Opening session and welcoming remarks** **Moderator:** Brittany Meighan Rancharan, Anglophone Caribbean Network Coordinator
09:10 - 09:30	**Stocktaking on climate reporting in the Caribbean & BTR Tools: CBIT-GSP Self-Assessment Tool** **Speaker:** Francesco Locatelli, Project Officer, UNEP-CCC
09:30 - 09:40	**Group Photo, Discussion/Q&A Session, Mentimeter survey**
09:40 - 10:15	**Interventions from countries based on guiding questions** **Key Speakers:** ▪ Belize ▪ Trinidad and Tobago ▪ Guyana
10:15 - 10:25	**Open Discussions, Q&A and Interventions from countries** **Moderator:** Brittany Meighan Rancharan, Anglophone Caribbean Network Coordinator
10:25 - 10:30	**Mentimeter Survey, Wrap-up and closing remarks**