

# Training Workshop on Fostering the Linkage between NDCs and BTRs: Zooming in on NDC Tracking, Projections, and Support Needed and Received

Organized by the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP), the African Union Commission (AUC), and the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA), in collaboration with the CGE and UNFCCC, and hosted by the Seychelles Government

## Anglophone Africa Transparency Network

**Date:** May 6-9, 2025 | **Time:** 9:00 - up to 17:30 | **Venue:** DoubleTree by Hilton Seychelles Allamanda Resort & Spa, Mahe, Seychelles

## Concept Note

### Background

Reporting information necessary to track progress made in transparently implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions (NDCs) is a key requirement under the Paris Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF). The provision of clear and understandable data and information in the Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) and the NDC plays a crucial role in ensuring transparency under the ETF and supports achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

The year 2024 marked a new beginning of biennial transparency reporting, which will occur every two years thereafter. In December 2024, 9 countries from Anglophone Africa successfully submitted their first BTR. However, consistent capacity building is essential for periodic reporting. This includes continuous training on the associated BTR development processes such as use and adoption of the formats, which are also key aspects to ensuring that countries comply with the transparency conditions established in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.

In addition, this year 2025 Parties are requested to submit the next round of NDCs (NDC 3.0) to the UNFCCC secretariat. Parties are expected to submit updated NDCs every five years (e.g. by 2020, 2025, 2030), regardless of their respective implementation time frames. In the updated NDC, Parties may at any time adjust their existing nationally determined contribution with a view to enhancing its level of ambition (Article 4, paragraph 11).

Since 2023, CBIT-GSP in collaboration with partners have been supporting capacity building among Anglophone Africa countries. The support has been through regional training, peer learning and

exchange sessions, hands-on country training, online sessions and webinars. However, countries still have limitations in understanding and applying new tools and formats to ensure compliance with the transparency conditions established in Article 13. The ETF is very imperative to building capacity and enabling countries to establish functional systems for consistent reporting through Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) under the enhanced Transparency Framework.

To this end, the Regional Network Countries for Anglophone Africa are invited to participate in a joint training exercise aimed at fostering the linkage between NDCs and BTRs: Zooming in on NDC Tracking, Projections, and Support Needed and Received which are areas identified as priorities on capacity building for transparency in the regional networks. The event will be hosted by the Seychelles Government and held in Mahé.

## Objective

The main objective of the training workshop is to support the country's practitioners and experts supporting BTR development processes in understanding the linkage between NDCs and BTRs: Zooming in on NDC Tracking, Projections and Support Needed and Received.

Specific objectives:

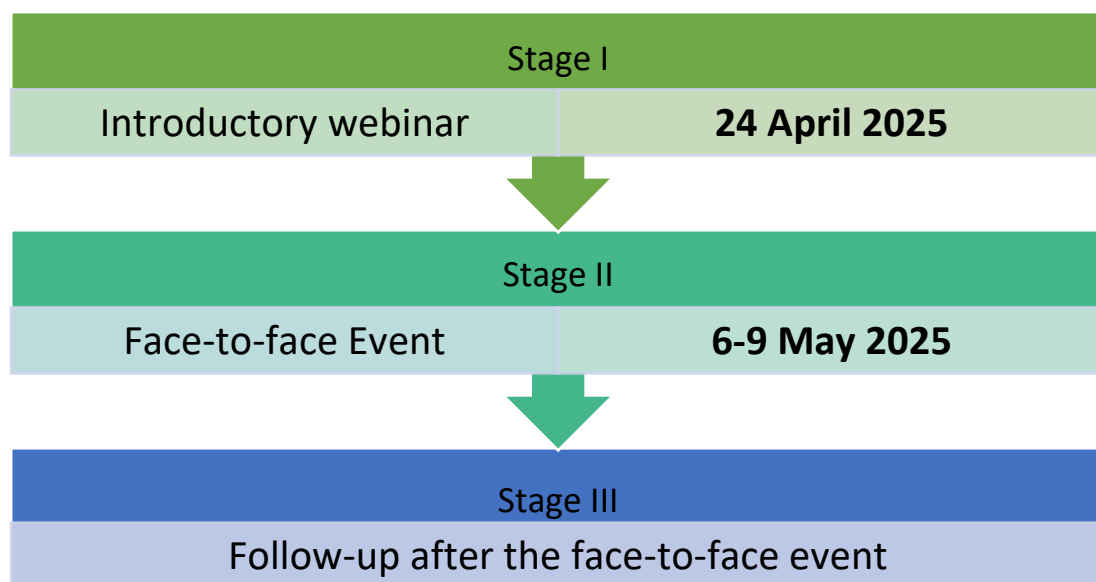
- Introduce the NDC, ETF and BTR Processes under the Paris Agreement and elaborate the application of Decision 4/CMA.1 (ICTU and accounting approaches)
- Provide national teams with relevant information and international experiences that link NDC and BTR Processes.
- Demonstrate, through concrete examples, mitigation assessment methodologies and considerations for prioritising climate actions in NDC 3.0
- Exchange experiences and lessons learned, corresponding to the application of methodological approaches, projection tools and data needs for reporting under the ETF provisions.
- Provide national teams with relevant information and guidance on reporting on Financial, Technology Development and Transfer and Capacity-Building (FTC) Support needed and received.

## Audience

This activity is intended for technical officers who work as coordinators of the BTR development process, and NDC coordinators of the countries of the Anglophone Africa Regional CBIT-GSP transparency networks. Please note that the training offered is of a technical nature, and hence we strongly encourage you to nominate, taking into account gender consideration, an expert who is or will be actively involved in the transparency and ETF related processes, including setting up and organizing institutional arrangements, data and information collection, preparation of national adaptation plans, adaptation communication, national communications, biennial update reports or biennial transparency reports. This includes government staff at the national and sectoral levels, and staff from other institutions that are part of countries' institutional arrangements for reporting inventories under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement

## Approach

The Webinar and in-person training workshop will be in English. The training is organized in three stages: Firstly, an initial introductory webinar (Stage I) that mainly sets the approach and provides instructions for the participants of the other parts of the training workshop. Secondly, a face-to-face event (Stage II) that will offer hands-on experience through practical exercises and presentations. Finally, follow-up phase (Stage III), aimed at providing feedback to the participants on the exercises and results produced by the country representatives during the face-to-face training.



## Stage I: Introductory Webinar

This webinar will take place on 24th April 2025. This is the initial stage of a whole training concept to be carried out in support of countries following guidelines issued under the Paris Agreement. The introductory webinar provides instructions to the participants on the other parts of the training workshop and summarizes some of the most relevant content to be included in greater detail in the face-to-face training that will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Mahe in Seychelles.

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

## Timing

Refer to the table below for the precise timing of the webinar in your country.

Countries	Time (24 Hour)
UTC+01:00 - West Africa Standard Time (WAT)	10:00 - 12:00
UTC+02:00 - South African Standard Time (SAST)	11:00 - 13:00
UTC+03:00 - Eastern Africa Time – (EAT)	12:00 – 14:00

## Agenda for Stage II: In-person event

Day 1		
Session One: Introducing NDC revision/update and BTR submission processes		
Time	Activity	Speaker
08:30 - 09:30	Registration Opens from 08:30	
09:30- 10:15	Opening and Welcoming Remarks Group Photo	Representatives from the Government of Seychelles and Partner Organisations
10:15-10:45	Icebreaker: Introduction of participants and expectations from the workshop	Facilitator: Salif Kanoute
10:30-10:45	Objectives of the Training workshop: Objectives and aims of the training  <i>Mentimeter on participants' expectations</i>	Khetsiwe Khumalo – CBIT-GSP Caroline Tagwireyi - AUC
10:45-11:20	Day 1 Agenda and Group Responsibilities and Dynamics	Facilitator: Salif Kanoute
11:20 –11:40	Coffee Break	
11:40 –12:10	Presentation 1: Overview and analysis of the BTR submissions Presentation and deep analysis of BTR submissions, including the specific breakdown of submissions made by Anglophone Africa countries.  <i>Discussion including Q&amp;A</i>	Sheila Kiconco – CBIT-GSP
12:10 – 13:00	Experience Sharing 1: BTR development and process Experience sharing from three Anglophone African countries	Country Mauritius, Rwanda and Zimbabwe Moderation: Frederick Ouma
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00- 14:15	Energiser/Icebreaker	Facilitator: Salif Kanoute
Session Two: Linking NDC and BTR Processes		
14:00 – 14:45	Presentation 2: - NDC Process and guidance for NDC 3.0. o Insights from the 2023 Global Stocktake Outcome and Decision 1/CMA.5 - Application of Decision 4/CMA.1  <i>Discussion including Q&amp;A</i>	Sandra Motshwanedi - CGE
14:45 -15:00	Mentimeter Quiz: NDC and BTR linkages	Marlan Pillay - UNFCCC
15:00-15:20	Coffee Break	
15:20-15:40	Presentation 3: Introduction to ICTU/CTF 3 Exercise and Case Study  <i>Discussion including Q&amp;A</i>	Sandra Motshwanedi, Fredrick Ouma -CGE CBIT-GSP Freya Milford
15:40-16:45	Hands on Exercise: Using the ICTU table  <i>Group discussion and feedback from Exercise</i>	Sandra Motshwanedi, Fredrick Ouma -CGE CBIT-GSP Freya Milford
16:45- 17:15	Learning outcomes for Day 1 and closing remarks	Facilitator: Salif Kanoute

Day 2		
Session Three: SMART Indicators for NDC and BTR		
Time	Activity	Speaker
09:00- 09:15	<b>Brainstorming Quiz:</b> Reflection on Day One <b>Day 2 Opening:</b> summary of agenda for the day	Participants Facilitator: Salif Kanoute
09:15-09:30	<b>Morning Icebreaker</b>	Facilitator: Salif Kanoute
09:30-10:00	<b>Presentation 4:</b> Importance of Identifying SMART targets and indicators based on BTR experience in compilation and submission (CTF Table 1 and CTF Appendix).  <i>Discussion including Q&amp;A</i>	Marlan Pillay - UNFCCC Sandra Motshwanedi, Fredrick Ouma -CGE
10:00 – 11:00	<b>Hands-on Exercise:</b> Identifying Specific Targets and Indicators. <b>Case Study of a Country that Submitted BTR and NDC</b> <i>Feedback from the Exercise</i>	Freya Milford - CBIT-GSP
11:00 – 11:20	<b>Coffee and Refreshments Break</b>	
11:20 – 12:00	<b>Panel Discussion 1:</b> Experience sharing on lessons learned from BTR and how this is useful to raise ambition for NDC3.0	Countries Nigeria, Namibia and Kenya <i>Moderator: Chwkot Irene</i>
Session Four: Evaluating and prioritising policies and measures to reduce GHG emissions		
12:00 - 13:00	<b>Presentation 5:</b> Mitigation assessment for prioritising mitigation measures in the NDC (CTF Table 5)  <i>Discussion including Q&amp;A</i>	Caroline Tagwireyi - AUC
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14:00-14:15	<b>Icebreaker/Energizer</b>	Facilitator: Salif Kanoute
14:15 – 15:00	<b>Experience Sharing:</b> Identifying and prioritising mitigation measures to inform the updating of the NDCs.  <i>Table discussions followed by whole group discussion</i>	Participants Caroline Tagwireyi - AUC
15:00-15:20	<b>Coffee and Refreshments Break</b>	
Session Five: Methodology Approaches and Projection tools		
15:20- 15:50	<b>Presentation 6:</b> Projections of GHG emissions and removals Without Measures (WOM), With Measures (WEM) and With Additional (WAM) Measures Scenarios (CTF Tables 7-11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Including information on the supporting tools to develop economy wide GHG emissions projections</li> </ul> <i>Discussion including Q&amp;A</i>	Khetsiwe Khumalo - CBIT-GSP
15:50-16:45	<b>Hands on Exercise:</b> Case Study on Analysis of Projections  <i>Discussion and Feedback from the Exercise</i>	Freya Milford - CBIT-GSP
16:45-17:00	<b>Mentimeter Quiz: Day 2</b>	Khetsiwe Khumalo - CBIT-GSP
17:00-17:20	<b>Learning outcomes for Day 2 and closing remarks</b>	Facilitator: Salif Kanoute

Day 3		
Session Six: FTC Support Needed and Received, and Institutional Arrangements		
Time	Activity	Speaker
09:00- 09:15	Brainstorming: Reflection on day two <b>Day 3 Opening:</b> Summary of agenda for Day 3	Participants Facilitator: Salif Kanoute
09:15 – 09:30	<b>Morning Ice Breaker</b>	Facilitator: Salif Kanoute
09:30 – 10:20	<b>Presentation 7:</b> Information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support needed and received under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement.  <i>Discussion including Q&amp;A</i>	Aurelius Nkonde - Commonwealth
10:20 – 11:00	<b>Group discussion:</b> Challenges on compiling the information for the FTC CTFs	Moderator: Sandra Motshwanedi -CGE
11:00 – 11:20	<b>Coffee and Refreshment</b>	
11:20 – 11:40	<b>Energizer /Icebreaker</b>	Facilitator: Salif Kanoute
11:40 – 12:10	<b>Presentation 8:</b> Institutional arrangements and coordination framework <b>Discussion including Q&amp;A</b>	Sandra Motshwanedi -CGE
12:10 – 13:00	<b>Experience sharing:</b> Strengthening Institutional Arrangements for ETF, BTR, and NDC 3.0	Three Countries: Ghana and South Africa <i>Moderator:</i> Reagan Chunga
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00 – 14:15	<b>Energizer/Icebreaker</b>	Facilitator: Salif Kanoute
Session Seven: BTR and Transparency Open Space Clinic		
14:15 – 15:15	<b>Round 1 and 2 of Open Space Clinic:</b> Deepening understanding of Transparency Issues in an open space	Moderator: Freya Milford CBIT-GSP All
15:15 – 15:35	<b>Coffee and refreshments</b>	
15:35 – 16:45	<b>Round 3 and 4 of Open Space Clinic:</b> Deepening understanding of Transparency Issues in an open space <i>Including whole group discussion time</i>	Moderator: Freya Milford CBIT-GSP All
16:45 – 17:10	<b>Learning outcomes for Day 3 and closing remarks</b>	Facilitator: Salif Kanoute



Day 4		
Session Eight: UNFCCC Reporting Tools and Article 6		
Time	Activity	Speaker
09:00 - 09:20	Brainstorming Quiz: Reflections on Day 3 <b>Day 4 opening: Agenda for day 4</b>	Participants Facilitator: Salif Kanoute
09:20 – 09:35	<b>Morning icebreaker</b>	Facilitator: Salif Kanoute
09:35 -10:10	<b>Presentation 9:</b> Overview of the UNFCCC ETF Reporting Tools, including a focus on Tracking NDC Progress	Fredrick Ouma - CGE
10:10 – 10:50	<b>Presentation 10:</b> Introduction and Presentation on Article 6 reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Formulation of NDC and Article 6 inclusion</li> <li>- Article 6 reporting</li> </ul>	Marlan Pillay - UNFCCC
10:50-11:10	<b>Coffee Break and Refreshment</b>	
11:10 -11:30	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A</b>	Sandra Motshwanedi - CGE
11:30-12:00	<b>Mentimeter Quiz: Reporting Tools and Article 6</b>	Sandra Motshwanedi - CGE
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Key Takeaways: challenges and next steps</b>	Sheila Kiconco – CBIT-GSP
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00-14:30	<b>Mentimeter: Quiz on training content</b> <b>Mentimeter: Survey and Feedback</b>	Sheila Kiconco – CBIT-GSP
14:30- 15:00	<b>Refreshment &amp; Closing remarks</b>	Facilitator: Salif Kanoute