

Webinar Series

Advancing Climate Transparency in MENA, Francophone and Lusophone Networks: Exploring Digital Tools for the Enhanced Transparency framework

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-- Virtual Webinars --

Webinar 1: Time: **10:00 – 11:30 GMT** | Date: **Tuesday, May 27, 2025** | Format: **Virtual**

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Language: [English, Translation offers in **Arabic and French**]

Background

As countries move towards implementing the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement, robust systems for tracking, reporting, and verifying progress on climate commitments have become essential. Digital solutions can play a transformative role in supporting countries to meet these requirements efficiently and effectively. This entails moving from often disintegrated, not consistently updated, and different methodologies and processes of data collection, to integrated and robust systems that streamline the processes.

To support countries in meeting their Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) commitments, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP), are organizing a two-day webinar series for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Francophone and Lusophone networks. The sessions aim to build regional capacity, encourage knowledge exchange, and spotlight a range of digital tools—both global and country-developed—that enhance climate transparency.

The event includes a demonstration of the UNDP-developed Climate Transparency Platform, a Digital Public Good that can be customized by each country to reflect its national context. This tool supports countries in tracking and reporting climate action and progress on their NDCs. Seychelles, the first pilot country, will share its experience adapting and deploying the platform. Other countries from the MENA,

Francophone and Lusophone networks will be sharing their experiences in developing their Digital Transparency/MRV Systems.

The second webinar of this series will provide an overview of the Climate Transparency Platform (CTP) under the CBIT-GSP. CTP serves as a comprehensive hub for transparency, covering all aspects of the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement and ongoing reporting under the UNFCCC. As part of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme, the platform was launched on 9 June 2023. It offers a global overview of transparency initiatives and the transparency efforts of developing countries, enabling users to stay informed about the latest developments, events, and knowledge products. It also provides detailed information on any developing country, support provider, and transparency project.

In addition, the platform serves as a coordination space for transparency support providers and allows countries to directly request support to address specific transparency needs within the Enhanced Transparency Framework.

To maintain its role as a leading and reliable transparency resource, the platform will heavily rely on content editors, who are responsible for uploading, editing, and updating data and information. Content editors must possess the skills and knowledge to utilize the platform's features effectively, ensuring the quality, accuracy, and consistency of the content. This webinar aims to equip content editors with the necessary skills to efficiently update and manage content on CTP.

Objectives

The objective of these webinar series is to enhance the capacity of MENA, Francophone, Lusophone Networks countries to implement the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement by strengthening national MRV and transparency systems and building practical skills for using digital tools and platforms. The series aims to provide technical guidance, showcase country and global experiences, and train transparency platform editors to ensure accurate and effective reporting, data management, and collaboration across the region.

Specific Objectives:

- Build regional capacity: Strengthen MENA, Francophone, Lusophone Networks countries' understanding of climate transparency and the tools available to track progress under the ETF.
- Promote knowledge exchange: Facilitate a dialogue among countries in the MENA, Francophone, Lusophone Networks to share experiences and best practices related to climate transparency tools.
- Showcase digital solutions: Highlight both global tools developed by UNDP and country-specific systems.
- Train content editors of the CBIT-GSP Climate Transparency Platform on how to update and manage content, ensuring accuracy and consistency.

- Foster closer cooperation between the CBIT-GSP and UNDP Digital for Planet teams, along with MENA, Francophone, Lusophone Networks, to advance the development and implementation of climate transparency solutions.

Approach

These webinar series will consist of two targeted technical sessions designed to strengthen institutional and operational capacities for implementing effective MRV and Transparency systems across the MENA, Francophone, Lusophone networks. The series will support countries in fulfilling the requirements of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement by providing practical guidance on key reporting elements and digital solutions. Each session will combine expert presentations, live demonstrations, and country case studies to encourage peer learning, hands-on engagement, and regional collaboration.

Webinar 1: Strengthening MRV and Transparency Systems: Guidance, Tools, and Country Insights

This webinar aims to strengthen the capacity of MENA, Francophone, Lusophone Networks in implementing effective Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) and Transparency Systems in line with the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement. Through guidance, demonstrations, and country experiences, the session will help participants better understand reporting requirements, explore digital tools, and learn from regional and global practices. The Specific Objectives of this Webinar are:

- **Introduce key elements to understand requirements and guidelines for MRV/Transparency.**
- **Demonstrate the UNDP Digital Public Good (DPG) Climate Transparency System**, showcasing its features and how it can be customized to meet national needs.
- **Share practical country experiences** from the three networks/Francophone countries on developing and implementing digital MRV/transparency systems.
- **Promote peer learning and regional collaboration** among transparency focal points, MRV practitioners, and data experts in the MENA, Francophone, Lusophone networks.
- **Encourage feedback** to inform future technical support and capacity-building efforts in the region.

Webinar 2: Editing and Updating Content in the Climate Transparency Platform

This Webinar is designed to build the technical capacity of national focal points and transparency editors responsible for maintaining and updating data on the CBIT-GSP Climate Transparency Platform. Participants will be guided through the roles and responsibilities of content editors, navigation of the platform dashboard, and practical steps for uploading, editing, and managing content. The webinar will cover the following topics:

1. Understanding your role and responsibilities in the Climate Transparency Platform.

2. Accessing and navigating the platform's dashboard.
3. Uploading, editing, and updating data and information.

Practical exercises will be conducted to demonstrate how to use the platform's features and functionalities to edit and update information and additionally there will be an interactive session where the participants can ask questions, share feedback, and practice editing and updating content in the platform.

Target Audience and Language

These webinar Series are targeted at national transparency coordinators, focal points, and senior experts from national agencies involved in climate policy across the MENA, Francophone and Lusophone Networks. This includes those overseeing the establishment of MRV systems and national Enhanced Transparency Frameworks, as well as experts working on data collection, greenhouse gas inventories, adaptation and impacts, NDC tracking, and support needed and received.

In addition, the second Webinar is intended for content editors of the Climate Transparency Platform, including country focal points, project focal points, and agency focal points responsible for uploading, editing, and updating data and information on the platform.

The webinars will be conducted in **English**, with translation services available in **Arabic and French**.

Duration and Registration

Each Webinar will last of **1 hour and 30 minutes (10:00-11:30 GMT)**, with sufficient time dedicated to discussion and Q&A sessions. The exact time of the webinars in your country can be seen below:

To participate in these webinars, please register using [this link](#).

Countries	Time
Bukina Faso, Mauritania, Cote d'ivoire, Mali, Senegal, Togo	10:00-11:30 am (GMT)
Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Benin, Cameroon, Republic of Congo, Republic Democratic of Congo, Gabon, Guinea, Niger, Chad,	11:00-12:30 am (GMT+1)
Lebanon, Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Burundi,	12:00-13:30 am (GMT+2)
Bahrain, Djibouti, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, Qatar, Comores, Madagascar, Rwanda	13:00-14:30 am (GMT+3)
Oman, AUE, Seychelles,	14:00-15:30 am (GMT+4)
Cabo verde	09:00-10:30 am (GMT-1)
Haiti	06:00 – 07:30 am (GMT-4)

Agenda

Webinar 1

Digitalizing MRV and Transparency Systems: Guidance, Tools, and Country Insights

Time: **10:00 – 11:30 GMT** | Date: **Tuesday May 27, 2025**, | Format: **Virtual**

Time	Session
10 min	Opening and Welcoming Remarks & Group Photo <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khetsiwe Khumalo, Transparency Advisor, CBIT-GSP Global Coordinator, UNEP-CCC • Reina Otsuka, Lead Digital for Climate and Nature, UNDP • Richemond Assie, Project Manager and Transparency Advisor, UNDP
15 min	Session 1: Understand the requirements and guidelines for MRV/Transparency System <u>Speaker:</u> Keltoum Ait Belhaj, Network Coordinator for MENA, CBIT-GSP
15 min	Session 2: Demo of the UNDP DPG Climate Transparency system <u>Speaker:</u> Douglas Marett, Transparency systems consultant DPG UNDP
15 min	Interaction and Q&A
15 min	Session 3: National Transparency System: Insights from Seychelles on building their MRV/Transparency Platform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seychelles
10 min	Interaction and Q&A
10 min	Quiz and Feedback Mentimeter Survey/ Wrap-up and Closing Remarks <u>Speaker:</u> Moussa DIOP, Francophone transparency network coordinator

Webinar 2

Editing and Updating Content in the Climate Transparency Platform

Time: **10:00 – 11:30 GMT** | Date: **Wednesday May 28, 2025** | Format: **Virtual**

Time	Session
5 min	Opening and Welcoming Remarks & Group Photo <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moussa DIOP : Francophone transparency network coordinator • Keltoum Ait Belhaj, Network Coordinator for MENA, CBIT-GSP
5 min	Reflection of Day 1
20 min	Session 1: Experience sharing on National MRV/Transparency Platform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Africa (TBC) • Tunisia (TBC) • Cabo Verde (TBC)
15 min	Session 2: Introduction and Overview of the Climate Transparency Platform <u>Speaker:</u> Alejandro Regatero, CBIT-GSP Project Officers, UNEP-CCC
10min	Interaction and Q&A
20 min	Session 3: Demonstration and Exercises: Editing and Updating Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessing the editor dashboard. • Editing and uploading information. <u>Speaker:</u> Alejandro Regatero, CBIT-GSP Project Officers, UNEP-CCC
10 min	Q&A Session Addressing queries and concerns from participants
05 min	Feedback Mentimeter Survey/ Wrap-up and Closing Remarks