

Technical Webinar on the Technical Expert Review under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) for the Countries of Eurasia, Central Asia and the Caucasus

Co-organized by The Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP) in cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Date: 7th of July 2025 | Time: 9:00 – 10:15 am CET | Venue: Online

Background

In early 2025, the CBIT-GSP received multiple requests for support aimed at enhancing knowledge and understanding of the Technical Expert Review (TER) process. These requests underscored the need for better preparation of countries before, during, and after their participation in the TER. Given that many countries from Eurasia, Central Asia, and the Caucasus had submitted their first Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs), this demand called for urgent attention from support partners. In response, capacity-building activities focused on the TER were integrated into the 2025 annual work plans of the CBIT-GSP networks.

Adopting a comprehensive approach, CBIT-GSP developed a structured agenda to support countries throughout the TER process. The first step was an introductory webinar held on 18 March 2025, designed to strengthen foundational understanding of the TER and to share insights from Technical Expert Review Team (TERT) members. Following this, countries undertook domestic data and information collection activities through early May to ensure their readiness for practical exercises during the in-person workshop.

The regional workshop on TER readiness for countries of Eurasia, Central Asia, and the Caucasus was held in Ankara, Türkiye from 27 to 29 May 2025. The event was conducted in partnership with FAO, UNEP, CGE UNFCCC, and UNDP, and was graciously hosted by the Government of Türkiye. In terms of BTR chapter coverage, the scope of this activity only included the GHG Inventory and NDC tracking chapters.

Throughout the workshop, numerous technical and cross-cutting questions were raised regarding the TER process. In response, and in coordination with the UNFCCC team, it was agreed to offer follow-up support. A technical webinar in a question-and-answer format is therefore being organized for participants from the region, providing an opportunity to address outstanding queries and further reinforce readiness for the TER.

Objective and Approach

The primary objective of the technical webinar is **to enhance the knowledge and preparedness** of national expert teams who are planning to undergo the Technical Expert Review (TER) either this year or in the near future, focusing on the GHG Inventory and NDC tracking chapters of the BTR.

The interactive sessions are based on the main categories of the prepared questions, collected in advance during the in-person workshop. Through a focused question-and-answer format, the webinar will allow participants to engage directly with the UNFCCC team to seek clarifications and deepen their understanding of specific aspects of the TER process.

Audience

This activity is primarily intended for the targeted participants of the in-person regional workshop on TER – namely, technical officers serving as national coordinators or technical experts for GHG inventory and mitigation from the countries of Eurasia, Central Asia and the Caucasus. However, the webinar is also open to other interested participants who wish to enhance their understanding of the TER process.

Language and duration

The webinar will be in **English**. It will last for 1 hr 15 min.

Proposed Agenda

Time (CET)	Session
09:00 – 09:10	Opening session and introduction to the Technical Webinar Moderator/speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Khetsiwe Khumalo, Transparency Advisor, UNEP-CCC - Alma Jean, Team Lead – Transparency Division, UNFCCC
09:10 – 09:15	Group Photo
09:15 – 09:30	Technical Issues in Reporting (CTF, Notation Keys, Targets, Flexibility) <i>The main objective of this session is to respond to the received questions on technical issues in reporting (e.g. CTF, Notation Keys, Targets, Flexibility).</i> Moderator: Sladjana Bundalo, Network Coordinator for Eurasia Proposed speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name, UNFCCC - Name, UNFCCC
09:30 – 09:45	TER Process, Recommendations, and Party Response <i>The main objective of this session is to respond to the received questions on TER process, recommendations and party response., focusing on the GHG Inventory and NDC tracking chapters of the BTR.</i> Moderator: Sladjana Bundalo, Network Coordinator for Eurasia Proposed speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name, UNFCCC - Name, UNFCCC
09:45 – 09:55	Linkages with Broader ETF Elements (FMCP, ITMOs) <i>The main objective of this session is to respond to the received questions on linkages with broader ETF elements (FMCP, ITMOs).</i> Moderator: Nailia Timerkhanova, Network Coordinator for Central Asia and the Caucasus Proposed speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name, UNFCCC - Name, UNFCCC
09:55 – 10:05	Q&A Session (additional)
10:05 – 10:15	Evaluation of the webinar Wrap-up, next steps and closing Moderator: Nailia Timerkhanova, Network Coordinator for Central Asia and the Caucasus