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## **Regional Workshop for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Transparency Network**

### **Linkage between NDC and BTR: Focus on NDC tracking, projection tools and Article 6 Reporting**

Organized by the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency - Global  
Support Programme (CBIT-GSP), with UNEP-ROWA and technically  
supported by the GGGI and the UNFCCC Secretariat,

and hosted by the Government of Egypt

**Date: October 13-16, 2025 | Time: 9:00 - up to 17:30 | Venue: Cairo, Egypt**

## **Concept Note**

### **Background**

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

The year 2024 marked a new beginning of biennial transparency reporting of which this will be every two years thereafter. In December 2024 about five countries from MENA were able to submit their first BTR however, the task of periodic reporting requires continuous capacity building on the associated BTR development processes such as use and adoption of the new formats are also key aspects to ensure that countries comply with the transparency conditions established in the Article 13.

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 2024, CBIT-GSP in collaboration with partners have been supporting capacity building among MENA 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 the knowledge and using new tools and formats to ensure compliance with the transparency conditions established in Article 13. It is very imperative to build capacity within countries



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to have functional systems to enable consistent reporting through Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) under the enhanced Transparency Framework.

To this end, the Regional Network Countries for MENA are invited to participate in a joint training exercise aimed at fostering the linkage between NDCs and BTRs, with a focus on NDC tracking, projection tools and Article 6 Reporting, which were assessed as priorities on capacity building for transparency in the regional network. The event will be hosted by the Egypt Government and held in Cairo.

## 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, with a focus on NDC tracking, projection tools and Article 6 Reporting.

Specific objectives:

- Provide national teams with useful information and international experiences that link NDC and BTR Processes, including the application of Decision 4/CMA.1 (ICTU and accounting approaches).
- Practice with concrete examples of mitigation assessments and considerations for prioritizing climate actions for NDC 3.0
- Train national teams in the use of UNFCCC ETF reporting tools
- Provide national teams with useful information and opportunities for reporting on Article 6 in the BTR.

## 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 MENA Regional Transparency Network. This includes government staff at the national and sectoral levels, and staff from other institutions that are part of countries' institutional arrangements for reporting under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement.

## Approach

The Webinar and physical training workshop will be in English. The training is organized in three stages. Firstly, an introductory webinar that mainly sets the approach and provides instructions to the participants of the other parts of the training workshop (Stage I). Second, stage consists of a face-to-face event where, through practical exercises and presentations (Stage II). And a final 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.



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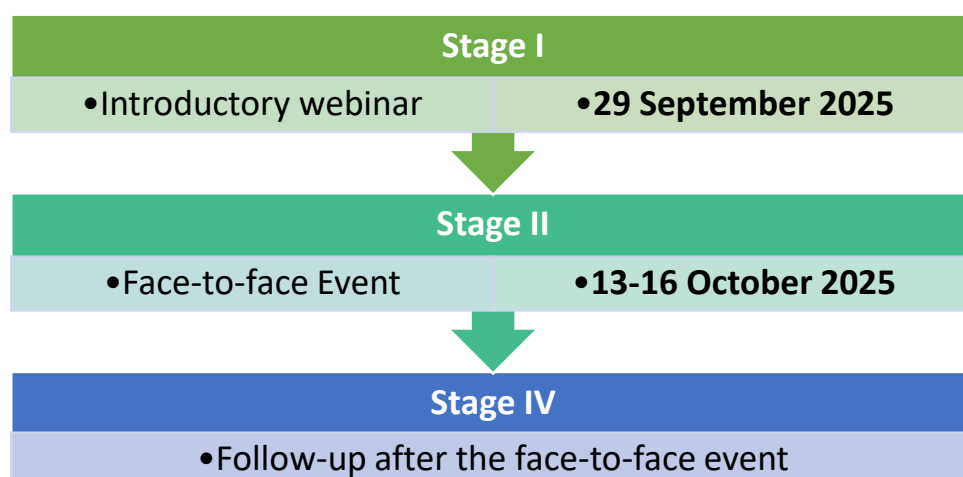


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## Stage I: Introductory Webinar

This webinar will take place on 29 September 2025 at 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 13-16 October 2025, in Cairo, Egypt.

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                   |
|---|------------------------|
| Mauritania  | 09:00-11:00 am (GMT)   |
| Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco   | 10:00-12:00 am (GMT+1) |
| Libya, Sudan  | 11:00-13:00 am (GMT+2) |
| Bahrain, Djibouti, Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, Qatar | 12:00-14:00 am (GMT+3) |
| Oman, AUE   | 13:00-15:00 am (GMT+4) |



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## Stage II: Agenda of the Workshop

| Day 1  |  |                          |
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| Session One: Introducing NDC and BTR Processes |  |                          |
| Time   | Activity   | Speaker                  |
| 08:30- 09:30                                   | <b>Registration to workshop</b>  |                          |
| 09:30- 10:00                                   | <b>Opening and Welcoming Remarks</b>   | MoF Egypt<br>CBIT-GSP    |
| 10:00-10:30                                    | <b>Icebreaker:</b> Introduction of participants and expectations from the workshop   |                          |
| 10:30-10:40                                    | Objectives of the Training workshop and Group Responsibilities   | CBIT-GSP                 |
| 10:40-11:00                                    | <b>Group Photo and Coffee Break</b>  |                          |
| 11:00- 11:30                                   | <b>Presentation 1:</b> NDC Process and guidance for NDC 3.0.<br>• Insights from the 2023 Global Stocktake Outcome and Decision 1/CMA.5<br>Discussion including Q&A   | CBIT-GSP                 |
| 11:30- 12:00                                   | <b>Presentation 2:</b> Application of Decision 4/CMA.1 (ICTU and accounting approaches)<br>Discussion including Q&A  | CBIT-GSP                 |
| 12:00-13:00                                    | <b>Hands on Exercise:</b> Using the ICTU table   | CBIT-GSP                 |
| 13:00-14:00                                    | <b>Lunch Break</b>   |                          |
| 14:00- 14:10                                   | <b>Energizer /Icebreaker</b>   |                          |
| Session Two: Linking NDC and BTR Processes     |  |                          |
| 14:10-14:40                                    | <b>Presentation 3:</b> Importance of Identifying SMART targets and indicators based on BTR results (CTF Table 1 and CTF Appendix).<br>Discussion including Q&A       | CBIT-GSP                 |
| 14:40-16:00                                    | <b>Hands on Exercise:</b> Identifying Specific Targets and Indicators.<br><b>Case Study of countries that Submitted BTR and NDC</b><br>• Reporting from the Exercise | CBIT-GSP                 |
| 16:00 –16:20                                   | <b>Afternoon Refreshments</b>  |                          |
| 16:20-17:10                                    | <b>Panel Discussion 1:</b> Experience sharing on lessons learned from BTR process and how this can be useful to rise ambition for NDC3.0                             | Three Countries<br>(TBD) |
| 17:10  | <b>Closure Day 1</b>   |                          |



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| Day 2   |   |          |
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| Session Three: Mitigation Assessment and Prioritising Climate Actions for NDC 3.0 |   |          |
| Time  | Activity  | Speaker  |
| 09:00- 09:20  | <b>Registration</b>   |          |
| 09:20-09:45   | Reflections and summary on day one  |          |
| 09:45-10:30   | <b>Presentation 4:</b> Mitigation assessments and prioritizing mitigation measures in NDC 3.0 using BTR outcomes (CTF Table 5)<br>Discussion including Q&A  | CBIT-GSP |
| 10:30-10:50   | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |          |
| 10:50-12:20   | <b>Hands on Exercise:</b> Identifying and prioritizing mitigation actions for NDC 3.0<br>Reporting from the Exercise  | CBIT-GSP |
| Session Four: Methodology Approaches and Projection tools                         |   |          |
| 12:20- 13:00  | <b>Presentation 5:</b> Preparing and reviewing projections of GHG emissions (CTF Tables 7-11)<br>menti survey on the use of projection tools by countries to date.<br><i>Discussion including Q&amp;A</i> | CBIT-GSP |
| 13:00-14:00   | <b>Lunch Break</b>  |          |
| 14:00- 14:10  | <b>Energizer /Icebreaker</b>  |          |
| 14:10-15:30   | <b>Hands on Exercise:</b> Case Study on Projections<br>Reporting from the Exercise  | CBIT-GSP |
| 15:30 –15:50  | <b>Afternoon Refreshment</b>  |          |
| 15:50-16:20   | <b>Presentation 6:</b> Tracking progress to address the social and economic consequences of response measures (CTF Table 12)  | CBIT-GSP |
| 16:20-17:10   | <b>Hands on Exercise:</b> Application of concepts aimed at tracking progress to address the social and economic consequences of response measures (CTF Table 12)  | CBIT-GSP |
| 17:10   | <b>Closure Day 2</b>  |          |



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| Day 3   |  |                       |
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| Session Five: Data needs and Institutional arrangements |  |                       |
| Time  | Activity   | Speaker               |
| 09:00- 09:20  | <b>Registration</b>  |                       |
| 09:20- 09:40  | <b>Summary and Reflections on Day Two</b>  | Participants          |
| 09:40-10:15   | <b>Presentation 7: Institutional arrangements to support tracking NDC progress</b><br>Discussion including Q&A             | CBIT-GSP              |
| 10:15-11:00   | <b>Hands on Exercise:</b> Identifying data needs and providers   | CBIT-GSP              |
| 11:00-11:20   | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |                       |
| 11:20- 11:50  | <b>Reporting from the exercise</b>   |                       |
| 11:50-13:00   | <b>Panel Discussion 2:</b> Lessons from strengthening Institutional Arrangements for ETF, BTR, and NDC 3.0 and way forward | Three Countries (TBD) |
| 13:00- 14:00  | <b>Lunch Break</b>   |                       |
| Session Six: ETF reporting tools                        |  |                       |
| 14:00- 14:10  | <b>Energizer /Icebreaker</b>   |                       |
| 14:10-14:40   | <b>Presentation 8: CTFs and electronic reporting</b><br>Discussion including Q&A   | UNFCCC                |
| 14:40-15:10   | <b>Presentation 9:</b> Live Demo of the UNFCCC ETF Reporting Tools for Tracking NDC Progress<br>• Discussion including Q&A | UNFCCC                |
| 15:10 -15:30  | <b>Afternoon Refrehsment</b>   |                       |
| 15:30- 16:00  | • <b>Setting Up Participant Accounts</b>   | UNFCCC                |
| 16:00- 17:00  | <b>Hands on Exercises:</b> Using the ETF Reporting Tools for NDC tracking section  | UNFCCC                |
| 17:00   | <b>Closure Day 3</b>   |                       |



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| Day 4  |  |                       |
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| Session Seven: Article 6 and its linkage with Article 13 |  |                       |
| Time   | Activity   | Speaker               |
| 09:00- 09:20   | <b>Registration</b>  |                       |
| 09:20- 10:00   | <b>Summary and Reflections on Day three</b>  | Participants          |
| 10:00-10:45  | <b>Presentation 10:</b> Overview of Article 6  | GGGI                  |
| 10:45-11:00  | <b>Coffee break</b>  |                       |
| 11:00-11:15  | <b>Discussion including Q&amp;A</b>  | GGGI                  |
| 11:15-11:45  | <b>Presentation 11:</b> Overview of MPGs provisions on Article 6 reporting under the BTR                           | GGGI                  |
| 11:45-12:15  | <b>Mentimeter Quiz/ Discussion including Q&amp;A</b>   | GGGI                  |
| 12:15-13:00  | <b>Presentation 12:</b> Article 6 and linkage with NDC   | GGGI                  |
| 13:00- 14:00   | <b>Lunch Break</b>   |                       |
| 14:00- 14:20   | <b>Energizer /Icebreaker</b>   |                       |
| 14:20-15:00  | <b>Presentation 13:</b> Reporting on Article 6 in the BTR  | GGGI                  |
| 15:00-15:20  | <b>Afternoon refreshments</b>  |                       |
| 15:20-16:20  | <b>Hands on Exercise:</b> Article 6 reporting CTF4   | GGGI                  |
| 16:20-17:00  | <b>Panel discussion 3:</b> Countries' Perspectives and Challenges on Article 6 Framework Preparation and reporting | Three Countries (TBD) |
| 17:00-17:15  | <b>Workshop Closing Remarks</b>  |                       |