

Initiating the Global Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency – Global Support Programme in Anglophone Africa

-- Inception Workshop --

Time: **14:00 – 16:00 EAT time** | Date: **Tuesday February 21, 2023**, | Format: **online**

Background

The UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre (UNEP-CCC) is implementing the Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency – Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP), a global transparency support programme, funded by the Global Environment Facility. The CBIT-GSP project aims to provide streamlined support and capacity-building at the national, regional, and global levels to assist developing countries in responding to the reporting provisions under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement’s Enhanced Transparency Framework, and ultimately increase ambition for climate action.

The core of the CBIT-GSP project is its ten Regional Transparency Networks around the globe to provide adequate support to countries, foster south-south learning and facilitate exchange of lessons learned and good practice among countries. This event serves as the launch of the Regional Transparency Network for Anglophone Africa under the CBIT-GSP and initiate the annual work plan of the network.

A capacity needs assessment of transparency has been conducted by the CBIT-GSP team in November-December 2022, to identify gaps and needs, and to prioritize the next steps, which - implemented both at the national and regional level- will help strengthen the reporting capacities of the members of the Regional Transparency Network for Anglophone Africa on GHG inventory, NDC tracking, adaptation and loss damage, as well as support needed and received in the context of their NCs, BURs and the forthcoming BTRs.

Objective

The main objective of the inception workshop is to **introduce** the *Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency – Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP)* to the members of the Regional Transparency Network for Anglophone Africa and **kick-off** the *project work plan with proposed activities for 2023*.

It is expected that the participants will discuss the **key findings of the capacity needs assessment of transparency**, recently conducted by the CBIT-GSP team and jointly agree on **proposed project activities for 2023** to support them in *building technical and individual capacities* on climate transparency and reporting in the region.

Target Audience and Language

The Inception Workshop will gather Coordinators of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports, senior experts from the national agencies dealing with climate policy who oversee the establishment of MRV and the national Enhanced Transparency Frameworks and experts dealing with data collection and greenhouse gas inventory, adaptation and impacts, support needed and received and NDC tracking. On the other hand, the meeting also includes representatives from international agencies who are dealing with climate change and transparency in the region, including the UNFCCC, UNDP, GIZ, PATPA, ICAT and the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre.

The meeting will be held **in** English.

Duration and Registration

It is expected that the meeting will last up to **2 hours** with sufficient timing dedicated to discussion and Q&A sessions. A link to the event registration is <https://forms.gle/G2hzcpTfE1ivVxaq6>.

Proposed Agenda

Time	Session
14:00 – 14:20	<p>Opening session and welcoming remarks</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi, CBIT-GSP Global Coordinator</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. John Christensen, UNEP-CCC Director and Ms. Miriam Hinojosa, UNEP Liaison GEF Representative</p>
14:20 – 14:25	Group Photo
14:25 - 14:35	<p>Introduction to the CBIT-GSP project: key objectives and expectations</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi, CBIT-GSP Global Coordinator</p>
14:35 - 14:40	<i>Interaction and Q&A session</i>
14:40 - 15:00	<p>Capacity Needs Assessment on Transparency: methodology, key findings, gaps, and perspectives for Anglophone Africa Region Network</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Sheila Kiconco, Network Coordinator</p>
15:00 - 15:15	<i>Interaction and Q&A session</i>
15:15 - 15:30	<p>Project Work Plan for 2023: setting priorities and scheduling project activities</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Sheila Kiconco, Network Coordinator</p>
15:30 - 15:50	<i>Interaction and Q&A session</i>
15:50 - 16:00	Wrap-up and closing remarks