

## Transparency in agriculture and land use: learning from countries

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The agriculture sectors play a crucial role in climate change mitigation and adaptation. Effective reporting of emissions and removals from the Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Uses (AFOLU) sector, and monitoring and evaluation of adaptation actions are critical to ensuring a successful implementation of countries' Nationally Determined Contribution and



compliance to the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement. Despite the provisions foreseen under Art.13 and the existence of baseline support, countries are encountering challenges in applying ETF requirements within the agriculture sectors.

Thanks to the GEF-funded Capacity Building Initiative on Transparency (CBIT), FAO has a portfolio of two Global projects, one on Forestry and one on AFOLU sector, and 16 National projects, supporting countries with capacity building activities aimed at strengthening capacities to measure and report greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, monitor and evaluate adaptation measures well as to track progress of the. FAO also established an Academia and Youth work stream recognizing the role of youth, universities, research institutions and other educational and training organizations on raising awareness, advocating and forming skilled professionals who understand the multilateral climate frameworks and can plan, implement, and assess climate strategies and actions at the national and sub-national levels.

This session offered a platform to representatives of countries that are implementing National CBIT projects with FAO, namely Mongolia, Tajikistan and Nicaragua, as well as a representative of the Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC, with whom FAO developed the Academia and Youth activities to express their views on their experience developing and implementing National CBIT project and their collaboration with the Global AFOLU project.

Key points from the speakers:

**Mr Muzaffar SHODMONOV**, Deputy Head of the Center for the Study of Climate Change and the Ozone Layer of the Government of Tajikistan: Capacity building projects are well received to increase national staff capacity, and it is important to involve all relevant ministries for a sound implementation.

**Ms Undarmaa KHURELBAATAR**, Coordinator of the project aimed at the preparation of the 4<sup>th</sup> NC and 2<sup>nd</sup> BUR under the UNFCCC, at the Climate Change Research and Cooperation Center of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia: Capacity building is a process, and the implementation of national capacity building projects is one of the pillars to establish continuous collaboration of national stakeholders.

**Mr Javier GUTIÉRREZ**, Vice Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of the Government of Nicaragua: it is important to make capacity building on Transparency accessible to all levels, from Governments, to technicians to the community. Another crucial aspect is to ensure stakeholder and institutions are aligned and using the same methodology to comply with requirements.

**Ms Elizabeth GULUGULU**, Global focal point at YOUNGO: it is important to share information to Youth in an informational manner, and make sure that Youth is well involved in the ETF process, by mainstreaming Transparency in the academic curricula in Zimbabwe and other countries.

Ms Mirella Salvatore, FAO Officer: FAO, with the support of the Children and Youth constituency to the UNFCCC (YOUNGO), put together "Transparency under the Paris Agreement - A pocket guide for young people and beginners", which aims to demystify the concept and technical language around transparency in the context of climate change for young people and beginners.

## Learn more about FAO's work on Transparency

- Check out FAO's latest publication: <u>Transparency under the Paris</u> <u>Agreement - A pocket guide for young people and beginners</u>
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