



ADDRESSING TRANSPARENCY IN THE AGRICULTURE  
AND LAND USE SECTORS WEBINAR SERIES

**FAO and the Enhanced Transparency Framework**

**Webinar report:  
Addressing transparency  
in the agriculture  
and land use sectors**

8 October 2020

The webinar introduced the Enhanced Transparency Framework and FAO's related work - including a new webinar series and network



## KEY MESSAGES

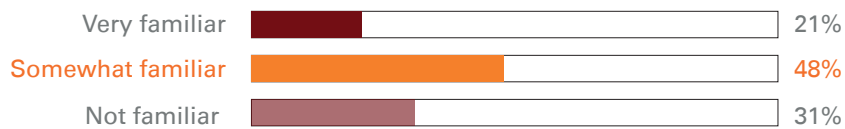
- ▶ The deadline for submitting Biennial Transparency Reports (by 31 December 2024), is not far in the future: the best way to prepare is to take action today.
- ▶ Robust and sustainable institutional arrangements in countries are crucial for the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) transition; and for successfully implementing it.
- ▶ Linking transparency to national development agendas helps ensure ownership of new arrangements and systems; and makes them sustainable.
- ▶ Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) support will continue!
- ▶ FAO is helping countries get ready to address the ETF in the agriculture and land use sectors for both mitigation and adaptation.
- ▶ *ETF-enhanced* global products are tools and guidelines for strengthening institutional and technical capacity.
- ▶ FAO stimulates knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer exchange through the Transparency Network, a discussion group and other initiatives.
- ▶ A series of webinars on "Addressing transparency in the agriculture and land use (AFOLU) sectors", based on countries' needs, will take place from October 2020 onwards. They will address ETF requirements stemming from the "Modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs)" (decision 18/CMA.1).

## WEBINAR OBJECTIVES

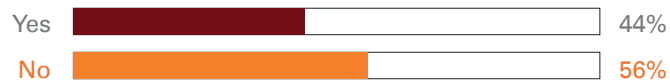
- ▶ Highlight the importance of transparency and the way forward for implementing the Paris Agreement
- ▶ Present the CBIT trust fund of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) portfolio
- ▶ Introduce FAO's work on transparency
- ▶ Present FAO activities to address transparency in the AFOLU sectors
- ▶ Introduce the "Addressing transparency in the AFOLU sectors" webinar series

## POLLS

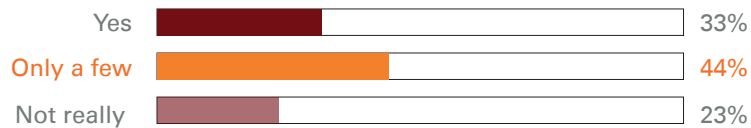
► How familiar are you with the Enhanced Transparency Framework?



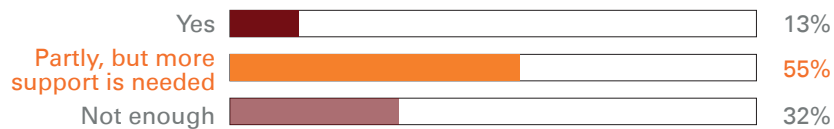
► Are you directly involved in the design and/or implementation of transparency measures in your Country or Organization?



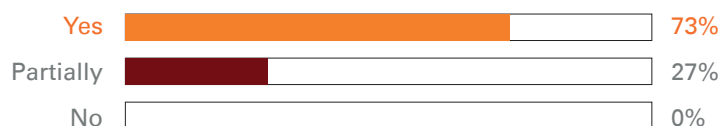
► Were you aware of the initiatives promoted by GEF and FAO?



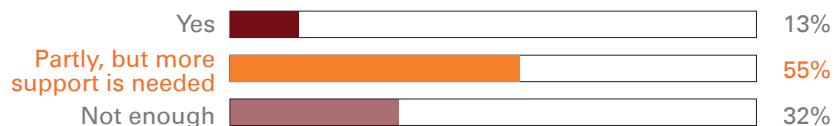
► Do you feel that in your country there are adequate measures to address transparency in the AFOLU sector?



► Do you feel that the content of this webinar series addresses the challenges in your country?



► Are you part of other climate-related networks (PATPA, PCCB, TWG, KJWA...)?



## SUMMARY

The webinar looked at the key elements of the ETF, with a focus on the GHG inventory. It highlighted the main changes that developing countries would have to address to meet ETF requirements. As of July 2020, approximately 60 percent of Non-Annex I countries had not yet submitted a Biennial Update Report (BUR). Participating in the current Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system was identified as one of the best ways to get ready for the ETF.

Key GHG inventory-related capacity gaps identified by developing countries included the need to:

- ▶ Build necessary institutional arrangements by formalizing existing MRV processes; obtaining in-house knowledge; and ensuring financial resources.
- ▶ Enhance technical capacity for GHG inventory systems by improving planning; accessing related tools; collecting data and sharing systems.

The webinar introduced the GEF's Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT). As of October 2020, USD 114.4 million had been allocated to 70 CBIT projects in 69 countries, with 12 projects focusing on the AFOLU sector. In addition, there are five global projects that enhance partnerships, maximize learning opportunities, and enable knowledge sharing.

FAO is currently implementing two of the five global projects to enhance countries' capacity to address transparency in the AFOLU sectors. The CBIT-AFOLU project focuses on developing tools and capacity building activities, while fostering collaboration and sharing knowledge; the other project concentrates on transparent forest data.

This webinar launched the Transparency in AFOLU sectors network and webinar series. The network is a lively and supportive group of experts and practitioners working to fulfill the ETF's requirements. Network members share their knowledge and experiences; and highlight their capacity needs and gaps in addressing transparency in the AFOLU sectors. Membership is open to everyone. The webinar series aims at unpacking the ETF's Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines (MPGs); and presenting transparency requirements, challenges and practical ways to address them.

### What is transparency?

Transparency under the Paris Agreement is about how Parties have to report information such as their GHG inventory; accounting approaches; selected indicators for tracking progress on nationally determined contributions; impact and adaptation; and support they have provided and received. The Enhanced Transparency Framework aims to promote the integrity of Paris Agreement's implementation.

## EVENT OUTLINE

Moderated by Ms. Giulia Galbiati

TIME ON RECORDING	TITLE	SPEAKER
0:00	Welcome and Introduction Poll	<b>Ms Giulia Galbiati</b> <i>Climate Change Specialist, FAO</i>
2:54	The importance of transparency in the way forward to Paris Agreement implementation	<b>Mr Peter Iversen</b> <i>Head of the Land Use team, UNFCCC Secretariat</i>
14:18	The current GEF CBIT work to address transparency	<b>Mr Pascal Martinez</b> <i>Senior Environmental Specialist, Global Environment Facility</i>
28:22	FAO's work on Transparency Poll	<b>Ms Mirella Salvatore</b> <i>Climate Change Officer, FAO</i>
40:11	Q&A	
56:55	Addressing transparency in the agriculture and land use sectors	<b>Ms Mirella Salvatore</b>
1:09:09	ETF webinar series package and modalities Poll	<b>Mr Iordanis Tzamtzis</b> <i>Climate Change Mitigation Specialist, FAO</i>
1:18:40	Q&A	

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