

The Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency

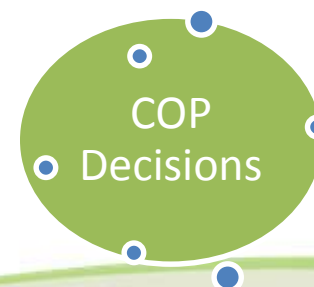
*International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV
Annual Partnership Retreat*

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CBIT and the Paris Agreement

Paris Decision Paragraph 84

- Decides to establish a Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency in order to build institutional and technical capacity, both pre- and post-2020
- This initiative will support developing country Parties, upon request, in meeting enhanced transparency requirements as defined in Article 13 of the Agreement in a timely manner



Paris Agreement Article 13: Transparency

- To build **mutual trust and confidence** and to promote **effective implementation**
- Enhanced transparency framework for **action and support**
- With built-in **flexibility** to take into account Parties' different capacities and building upon collective experience

Aims of CBIT

Paris Decision (Paragraph 85):

- To strengthen national institutions for transparency-related activities in line with national priorities;
- To provide relevant tools, training and assistance for meeting the provisions stipulated in Article 13 of the Agreement; and
- To assist in the improvement of transparency over time.



CBIT and GEF's Role

Paris Decision (Paragraph 86):

Urges and requests the GEF to make arrangements to support the establishment and operation of the CBIT as a priority reporting-related need, including through:

- voluntary contributions to support developing country Parties in the sixth replenishment of the GEF
- and future replenishment cycles
- to complement existing support under the GEF

Steps Taken toward CBIT Establishment

- ✓ Technical consultations with existing/emerging initiatives, UNFCCC, GEF partner Agencies (*April*)
 - ✓ Outreach and briefing at Bonn climate meeting (*May*)
 - ✓ GEF Council approved CBIT Trust Fund establishment and Programming Directions documents (*June*)
 - ✓ CBIT Trust Fund establishment by World Bank (*August*)
 - ✓ CEO notification to GEF operational focal points (*August*)
 - ✓ 2nd Consultative Dialogue with GEF partner Agencies and other initiatives (*August*)
- ✓ **Donors working with Trustee on contributions**
- **Envision first set of project approvals by COP 22**

Technical Consultative Dialogue (11 April)

- ✓ Facilitate alignment with UNFCCC bodies, work-streams
- ✓ Consult with existing and emerging initiatives
 - UNFCCC Secretariat and CGE
 - International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV
 - Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (UNEP DTU, WRI, VCS)
 - Coalition on Paris Agreement Capacity Building (IGES, GHGMI, Carbon Institute)
 - UNDP, World Bank, Governments

✓ Key messages: enthusiasm for CBIT, need for coordination, regular dialogue to facilitate collaboration, alignment with existing MRV and workstream @ UNFCCC and @ countries, address gaps and minimize duplication

Technical Consultative Dialogue

Coalition Strategy in Action

Fast start
Expanding access to 2006 IPCC Guidelines courses

Principles

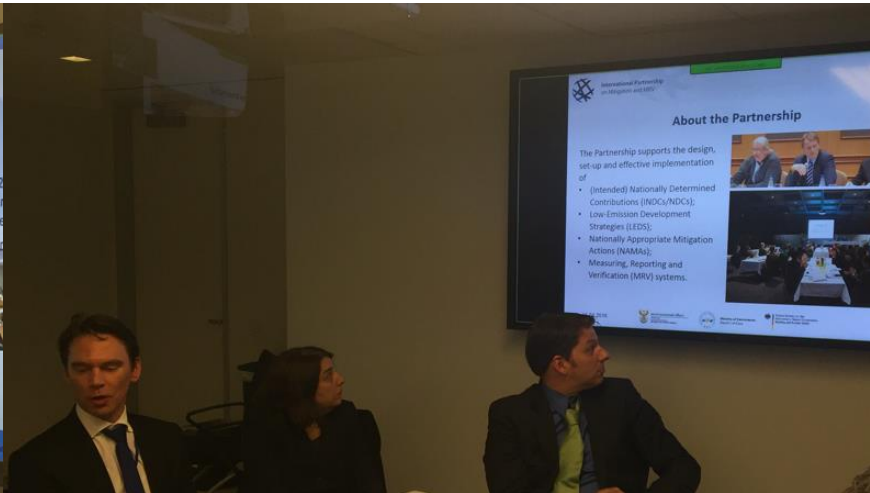
- Focus on people and institutions
- Constructed with good pedagogy
- Scalable and cost effective

Recommendations

- Nurture and build in-country professionals
- Broaden scope of stakeholders
- Establish a common core of learning and professional activities

Actions

- Translation of 2006 IPCC Guidelines courses into Spanish and French
- MRV training and scholarship



About the Partnership

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Informal Consultation (13 April)

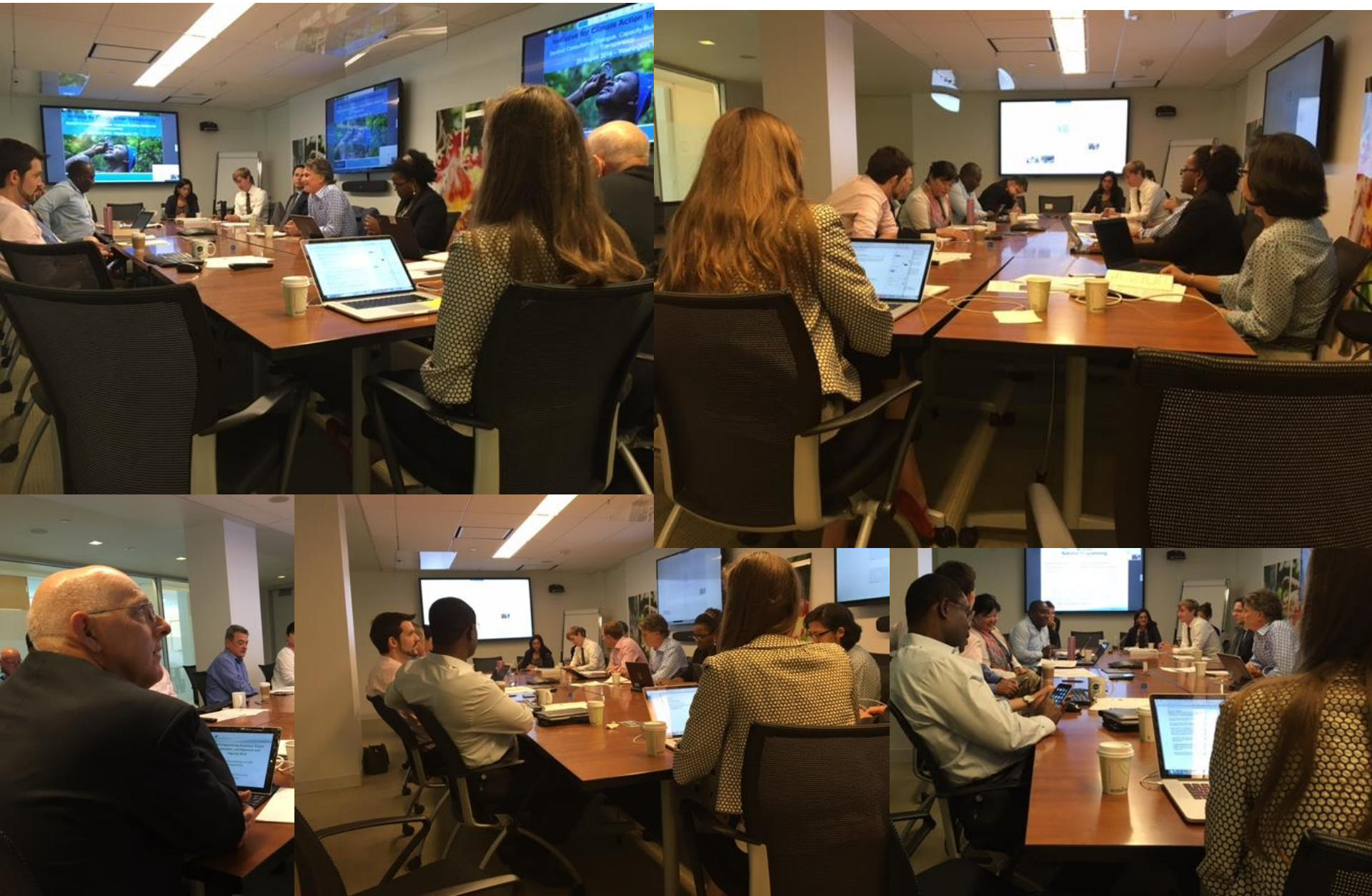
- ✓ Solicit countries' views on CBIT establishment, operations
 - GEF Council members and focal points
 - Encouraged to share invitation with respective UNFCCC negotiators
 - 20 countries and constituencies participated
- ✓ How to move towards GEF Council decision and enable voluntary contributions
- ✓ Key messages: enthusiasm for CBIT, recognition of timely response to COP decision, need for coordination, suggestions for activities and prioritization

2nd Technical Consultation (25 August)

- ✓ Consult and facilitate alignment with other initiatives
- ✓ Consult with GEF partner Agencies on pathway to programming
 - UNIDO, FAO, UNEP, UNDP, EBRD, IFAD, CI, AfDB and more
 - Coalition on Paris Agreement Capacity Building
 - Initiative for Climate Action Transparency
 - Brazil, Germany, United Kingdom, United States
 - CBIT Trustee

✓ Key messages: modular approach to programming, demonstrated country demand, programming at sector-level/country-level and global, first projects ahead of COP 22, need for coordination, address gaps and minimize duplication

2nd Technical Consultation



Proposed CBIT Support

1. National level support

- Developing countries to request resources to implement priorities to build capacity to meet enhanced transparency needs
- Non-exhaustive menu of options under three CBIT aims

2. Global and regional level

- Coordination platform, sharing of best practices, exchange of practitioners, tracking progress, collaboration with existing/emerging initiatives, UNFCCC bodies, collaboration with IPCC and other initiatives supporting UNFCCC process

Eligibility

In line with the Paris Agreement and its decision, all developing country Parties will have access to CBIT, upon request

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National Level Support

1. **Activities to strengthen national institutions for transparency-related activities in line with national priorities:**

- ✓ Support to national institutions to lead, plan, coordinate, implement, monitor, and evaluate policies, strategies, and programs to enhance transparency;
- ✓ Support on how to integrate knowledge from transparency initiatives into national policy and decision-making; and
- ✓ Assistance with deployment and enhancement of information and knowledge management structure to meet Article 13 needs.

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2. Activities to provide relevant tools, training, and assistance for meeting the provisions stipulated in Article 13:

- ✓ Access to tools, templates, and applications to facilitate the use of improved methodologies, guidelines, datasets, and database system tools and economic models;
- ✓ Country-specific training and peer exchange programs on transparency activities such as establishing domestic MRV systems, tracking NDCs, enhancement of GHG inventories and economic and emissions projections;
- ✓ Country-specific emissions factors and activity data;
- ✓ Quantifying and reporting impact of policy measures;
- ✓ Clarifying key NDC information, e.g. baseline projections including for business-as-usual targets, and reporting progress towards achieving NDCs; and
- ✓ Quantifying and reporting on support provided and received.

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3. **Activities to assist with improvement of transparency over time:**
- ✓ Capacity needs assessment for transparency, in particular to assess institutional arrangement for data collection, analysis, and reporting; and
 - ✓ Support to introduce and maintain progress tracking tools for transparency-related actions and progress towards targets/goals.

Global/Regional Programming

- Based on a “modular” approach so that multiple projects can be launched in parallel on priority topics
- Coordination and facilitation is critical element (e.g., like child projects of GEF Integrated Approach Pilots)
- Modules will be awarded as Medium Sized Projects
- GEF Secretariat will be actively involved to ensure coordination with other initiatives

Module: Coordination and Facilitation

- Establish framework for overall coordination like GEF Integrated Approach Pilot
- Facilitate country, agency, and NGO engagement and participation
- Provide global/regional services to all eligible countries (e.g., using tiered approach)
- Organize high-level meetings and workshops
- Coordinate, consolidate, and report on results

Module: Assessment of transparency needs and methodologies

- Global assessment of transparency and capacity needs and ongoing activities
- Inventory of available/needed methodologies for sectors and activities described in the INDCs
- Case studies on effective application
- Collaborative development of needed methodologies
- Share and refine results with other modules
- Use best practices to keep assessment updated

Module: Best Practices

- Development and sharing of best practices, knowledge, and lessons learned on establishing and enhancing transparency, and building capacity
- Foster regional and global capacity building programs, such as application of institutional and policy measures, tools, methodologies, and data, tracking progress and enhancements
- Use input from methodologies assessment and monitoring module to keep updated

Module: Documenting and Monitoring Progress

- Prepare guidance on development of tracking tools
- Collaborate on implementation of tracking tools in all participating countries
- Foster exchange of transparency practitioners and experts, planners and implementers, including south-south and north-south exchange of experiences
- Develop feedback from tracking tools that will support module on assessment of needs; and module on best practices

Further Thoughts

- Global/regional modules can be cross-cutting, or focused on a specific sector
 - ✓ For example, an assessment could focus on the agriculture, forestry and other land use sector (AFOLU)
 - ✓ Similarly, best practices could be one large cross-cutting project, or smaller projects focused on best practice for specific sectors, such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, AFOLU, etc.
- Second phases may be considered

CBIT Programming and Links to Other Reporting

- Support for National Communications, Biennial Update Reports
- Global Support Program
- Support for (intended) Nationally Determined Contributions and their implementation
- Adaptation support (NAPA, NAP...)

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➔ *Linkage and coordination at the country and program levels*

CBIT Indicative Allocation

Activity	Indicative allocation
National programs	\$40 million
Regional/global programs and coordination	\$10 million
Total	~\$50 million (TBD)

Next Steps

- ✓ Contribution agreements
- ✓ Financial procedures agreement
- ✓ Discuss practicalities of programming (given resource flows)
- ✓ Coordinate with existing initiatives
- ✓ Start proposal reviews and clearance
- ✓ Approve first set of proposals (MSPs) this year

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- ✓ Report to COP 22

Thank you and any questions?

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