

Africa Climate Week 2019 Ghana

Transparency

Enhanced Transparency Framework after Katowice –
support initiatives and country perspectives

Friday 22 March 2019

8:30 - 10:55

Venue: Main Hall, Accra International Conference Centre

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Description

Article 13 of the Paris Agreement established an Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) for action and support that takes into account Parties' different capacities and builds upon collective experience. Tracking and understanding of the progress of implementations and achievement of climate actions is not only critical to achieving the Paris Agreement goals, but also assisting countries in putting in place effective climate policies, prioritizing areas where actions are most needed and where climate finance would deliver the best outcomes.

At COP24 in Katowice, Parties agreed on Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines (MPGs) for the Enhanced Transparency Framework. The MPGs are applicable to all Parties to the Paris Agreement with flexibility to those developing countries that need it in the light of their capacities. The first reports under the enhanced transparency framework will be submitted by Parties by no later than 31 December 2024.

This session aims to socialize the COP 24 outcomes on the enhanced transparency framework and highlight key implications on the institutional arrangements. The session will also touch on challenges and opportunities in accessing international support to developing countries to implement the existing MRV arrangements and transition to the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement.

Objective

With the MPGs, countries will need to consider the status of the national system for measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) and the extent to which they might need to be updated and improved to meet the ETF requirements. Therefore, it is important to discuss the latest developments and share experience from the region, also in the light of international opportunities to support the establishment and consolidation of the MRV system. The main objectives are:

- Familiarise countries with the new MPGs for transparency and the implications for national implementation;
- Illustrate capacity building initiatives on transparency;
- Discuss challenges and experiences from the countries with the support received for establishing MRV systems;
- Identify options for future improved planning of international support to achieve tangible results.

The session is divided into two parts.

First part: Introduction to the MPGs and initiatives to support countries

Second part: Challenges, experiences and lessons learned on Transparency

More details in the agenda.

Agenda

Time: 8:30 – 8:40	Opening
<p>Short description: Moderator to set the scene for the whole session</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Brian Mantlana, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), African Group of Negotiators on Transparency</p>	
Time: 8:40 – 9:50	First part: Introduction to the MPGs and initiatives to support countries
<p>Short description This part will provide an overview of the requirements of the Enhanced Transparency Framework agreed on in Katowice in the Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines; raise awareness on the importance of the institutional arrangements; present the main initiatives to support countries to enhance the transparency.</p> <p>Format: This part will comprise the following presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome of COP24 on the MPGs (William Agyemang-Bonsu, UNFCCC) (10 min) • Initiatives to support countries on ETF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (Kirstin Huecking, PATPA) (10 min) ○ The GEF Capacity Building Initiative on Transparency (CBIT) and the importance of the AFOLU sector (Martial Bernoux, FAO) (15 min) ○ The CBIT Global Coordination Platform and the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) (Miriam Hinojosa, UDP) (15 min) <p>The presentations to be followed by Q&A session (10 min).</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Brian Mantlana, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), African Group of Negotiators on Transparency</p>	
Time: 9:50 – 10:50	Challenges, experiences and lessons learned on Transparency
<p>Short description This part will provide the space to countries to discuss the challenges they will face with the implementation of the ETF and discuss their experiences benefiting from international transparency initiatives. It also seeks to provide ways of improvements of the current initiatives.</p> <p>Format: This part will be a Panel Discussion with country representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For UNEP CBIT: Ghana (Mr. Daniel Tutu Benefor) • For FAO CBIT-AFOLU: Benin (Mr. Jacques Kouzounde) • For PATPA: Zimbabwe (Mr. Washington Zhakata) • For ICAT: Senegal (Mr. El hadji Mbaye Diagne) 	

First round of questions (5 min to each country)

- Which are the main challenges around the implementation of the ETF in your country?
- What are the kinds of capacity building needs in your country?

Second round of questions (5 min to each country)

- Could you describe your country's experience with Transparency-related Initiatives?
- Would you have suggestions on how to improve the kind of support provided and share some of the lessons learned?

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Time: 10:50 – 10:55

Closing

Short description: Moderator to wrap-up the session and summarizing the main take-away

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Logistics

The event will take place on **Friday 22 March 2019 (8:30 10:55)** at Main Hall, Accra International Conference Centre. The event is open to all accredited participants.



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