



Asia Regional Workshop

Fast-tracking preparation of Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs)

Seoul, Republic of Korea | 24th – 26th September 2024
Kensington Hotel Yoido

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Background

The year 2024 is a key year for the Paris Agreement, as another piece of the system will enter into full force: the **Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF)**. The ETF is a central component to the design, credibility, and operation of the Paris Agreement. According to the modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs) of the ETF, Parties to the Paris Agreement shall submit their first Biennial Transparency Reports (BTR) by 31 December 2024. Many countries have started preparing their first BTR, however they are facing a variety of challenges, potentially hindering a timely submission. Yet, a timely submission of BTRs is key for the successful and long-term implementation of the Paris Agreement. It is needed to set up a regular cycle of reporting and review, which is essential for creating trust and accountability among Parties. The reports will additionally serve as a key input for the NDC Updating Cycle in 2025 as well as the second Global Stocktake that will take place in 2027.

Objective

Against this background, the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA) will host an Asia Workshop on **Fast-tracking preparation of BTRs**, which is intended to build on the outcomes of the PATPA Global BTR Dialogue and disseminate them in the Asian Regional Group.

The main objective of this workshop is to provide targeted technical support to developing and developed country Parties with a **space to discuss and track the progress in developing their first BTR and exchange on common technical challenges**. It will serve to **create momentum** and support Parties in the last mile of their BTR preparation through the support of **“troubleshooting sessions”** to facilitate a timely submission in 2024. In particular, the workshop will be designed in a manner to:

1. Provide in-depth technical advice on the application of the modalities, procedures and guidelines;
2. Facilitate feedback from the peers of their on-going work on different chapters of BTRs;
3. Promote sharing of lessons learned and experiences, particularly in overcoming certain technical issues and challenges;
4. Build confidence of developing countries to submit their BTRs as early as possible in 2024.

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Outcome

The proposed outcome of the workshop is for participating countries to get their BTRs closer to completion through peer advice to facilitate timely submission by the end of 2024.

Target group

BTR coordinators from 23 developed and developing countries in the Asian region.

Format

The exchange combines expert inputs and interactive elements during **3 working days**, within a **safe and confidential space**. The working language of the workshop will be **English**.

Expert input

Experts will hold brief technical presentations on selected topics to set the scene for technical discussions and peer exchange. The focus will be on the mandatory BTR reporting elements, highlighting solutions on how to fulfil these requirements.

Expert advice and feedback to overcome technical issues and challenges that the participating countries are facing with the preparation of their BTRs.

Interactive sessions

Interactive sessions will focus on peer-to-peer exchange and will allow participants to share best-practices and identify solutions.

Gender and Diversity

The workshop is dedicated to using **inclusive alternatives, avoiding stereotypes and language that encourages subordination and trivialisation**. Using gender-sensitive language and inclusive formulations ensures that all people are treated with equal value, challenges unconscious assumptions that may prevail in society, and makes participants feel more comfortable within the workshop setting.

Preparatory phase (August)

In the preparatory phase of the Asia BTR Workshop, invited participants were asked to complete a **thematic questionnaire**. This thematic questionnaire fed into the development of the agenda to identify the respective needs of countries and provide appropriate expertise and tailored solutions.

Invitation policy and funding

The travel costs of sponsored participants will be borne by the organizers. Detailed funding information will be provided to the participants concerned.

Organizers

Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA) under support by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany through the International Climate Initiative (IKI)

Republic of Korea: Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Research Center (GIR)

Supporting countries and organizations

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Draft agenda: Asia Regional Workshop: Fast-tracking preparation of Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs)

Time	Session	Speaker
Day 1: The BTR – a new experience for everyone and topic focus on GHG Inventories		
Morning	Opening and welcome	Host countries and organisers: Representative from GIR Donald Cooper, Director of Transparency Division, UNFCCC Simone Gotthardt, Advisor, PATPA Words of Motivation from COP Presidency: Gunel Hajiyeva, Azerbaijan
	Presentation of agenda and getting to know each other	Facilitator Florentine Versteeg
	Interactive session with quiz on general BTR requirements	Experts Joana Vieira da Silva and Sabino del Vento
Morning Coffee Break		
Late Morning	Setting the scene, “check-in” on where countries stand with their BTR preparation and identifying issues	Facilitator Florentine Versteeg
	Group Photo	
	ETF Reporting Tool: General overview IPCC Software: Summary of Baku training	Experts Pedro Torres and Sabino del Vento
Lunch		
Afternoon	Topic focus on GHG Inventories including ETF Reporting Tool, time-series consistency and addressing inventory data gaps	Expert Sabino del Vento and Pedro Torres
Afternoon Coffee Break		

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Late Afternoon	Topic focus on GHG Inventories (continuation) Knowledge sharing, Q&A	Expert Sabino del Vento and Pedro Torres
Late Afternoon	Reflection and feedback on the day	Facilitator Florentine Versteeg
End of Day 1		

Time	Session	Speaker
Day 2: Topic focus on NDC Tracking and FTC		
Morning	Welcome and recap	Facilitator Florentine Versteeg
	Topic focus on NDC Tracking of progress including targets and indicators and the ETF Reporting Tool	Expert Joana Vieira da Silva
Morning Coffee Break		
Late Morning	Topic focus on NDC Tracking of progress (continuation)	Expert Pedro Torres
Lunch		
Early Afternoon	Topic focus on Financial, Technological, and Capacity-Building Support (FTC) including ETF Reporting Tool	Experts Joana Vieira da Silva and Pedro Torres
Excursion and Evening Networking Event (GIR)		
End of Day 2		

Time	Session	Speaker
Day 3: Adaptation, Open Space and Troubleshooting		
Morning	Summary of lessons learned from previous day	Facilitator
	Topic Focus on Adaptation reporting	Expert Tugba Icmeli
Morning Coffee Break		
Morning	Open Space – in-depth understanding of the open issues	Everyone – process explained by facilitator
Lunch		
Afternoon	Troubleshooting sessions – based on participants needs	Everyone – process explained by facilitator
Afternoon Coffee Break		

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Late Afternoon	Asia Group: Modes of Collaboration	Facilitator and everyone
	Youth presentation	Youth representatives
	Main learnings, wrap up and closing of the event	Organisers, everyone – process explained by facilitator
End of Day 3 and end of the workshop		

Follow-up Session “Ask the Experts” (demand-based)

Our experts will offer a virtual follow-up session around two to three weeks after the workshop dedicated to questions that remain unanswered. This will allow participants to receive guidance regarding any open pressing topics.

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