



Partnership on Transparency  
in the Paris Agreement

# Global Biennial Transparency Reports (BTR) Dialogue

## IN-PERSON WORKSHOP



**APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> - MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2024**

### LOCATION:

European Commission  
Directorate-General for Climate Action

Breydel 2 Building  
Avenue d'Auderghem 19,  
1040 Etterbeek,  
Brussels, Belgium

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# CONCEPT NOTE

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## BACKGROUND

2024 will be 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 already 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 the 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 2026-2028.

## OBJECTIVE

Against this background, the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA) will host a Global Dialogue on BTR preparation. The aim of this event is to provide developed and developing country Parties **with a space to discuss 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.

## OUTCOME

The proposed outcome of the dialogue is for participating countries to have defined priority actions on how to overcome challenges for a timely BTR submission. Additionally, the Dialogue will deliver a summary of lessons learned for a general technical public.

## TARGET GROUP

BTR coordinators from around 40 developed and developing countries.

## FORMAT

The exchange combines inputs by experts and interactive elements during **4 working days**, within a **safe and confidential space**. The working language of the Dialogue will be **English**.

# ORGANIZERS

## Germany



Federal Ministry  
for Economic Affairs  
and Climate Action

Federal Foreign Office

**IKI**  
INTERNATIONAL  
CLIMATE INITIATIVE



on the basis of a decision  
by the German Bundestag

## Republic of Korea



Ministry of Environment

Greenhouse Gas Inventory  
and Research Center



**forestry, fisheries  
& the environment**

Department:  
Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

# SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

## Kingdom of Belgium



belgium24.eu

## UNDP Climate Promise programme



CLIMATE  
PROMISE

## European Commission Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA)



European  
Commission

# GENDER & DIVERSITY

The organising team is committed with various actions to ensure gender balance, gender equality, diversity, and inclusion. We commit to integrate measures of diversity and gender into all phases, inspired by a gender-responsive event management approach, to ensure that our event provides a safe and empowering space for all participants.

# CONFIRMED COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

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1. Argentina



2. Azerbaijan



3. Belgium



4. Belize



5. Brazil



6. Burkina Faso



7. China



8. Colombia



9. Costa Rica



10. European Union



11. Georgia



12. Germany



13. Ghana



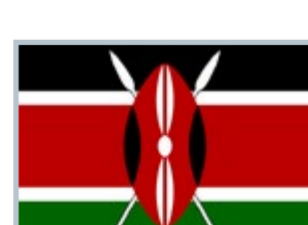
14. India



15. Japan



16. Kazakhstan



17. Kenya



18. Lebanon



19. Malawi



20. Mexico



21. Moldova



22. Mozambique



23. Namibia



24. The Netherlands



25. Nigeria



26. North Macedonia



27. Paraguay



28. Republic of Korea



29. South Africa



30. Thailand



31. Togo



32. Tunisia



33. Türkiye



34. United Arab Emirates



35. United States



36. Viet Nam

# INTRODUCING THE PEOPLE PROVIDING INPUTS

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## **EMILIE BEAUCHAMP** INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (IISD)



Emilie is the lead on monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) with IISD's Resilience program for the past two years. She works closely with the NAP Global Network and other IISD on designing and implementing MEL systems for climate change adaptation. She is also the co-chair of the Methodological Advisory Group of the Race to Resilience where she is working to enhance approaches and methods for assessing and tracking resilience. Previously, she has been working on Evaluation at IIED. She has a PhD in Natural Resources and Conservation.

## **LENA DOVIDAT** THE GREENWERK.



Lena is advisor for climate finance at the greenwerk. with a focus on climate finance tracking and transparency. For the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT), she has developed a guide and tools that support developing countries in improving transparency on their climate finance needs and existing flows. She is also supporting the German government in evaluating their climate finance and contributed to developing a Green Finance Taxonomy in Bhutan. Lena holds a postgraduate degree in climate studies.

## **CYNTHIA ELLIOTT** WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE (WRI)



Cynthia is a Senior Climate Policy Associate for the Global Climate Program at the World Resources Institute. She co-manages WRI's research and capacity building efforts to advance national long-term climate change planning to accelerate near-term climate action and enhance accountability and transparency. Previously, Cynthia conducted research on international climate governance arrangements for non-state and subnational actors and reporting and tracking progress under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. She did her postgraduate in Global Environmental Policy.

## **RICARDO FERNANDEZ** EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY



Ricardo has over two decades of experience at the European Environment Agency, compiling and reviewing a variety of GHG inventories and MRV and transparency activities of the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement over the years. He participates in international climate negotiations and furthers the field of climate action through various publications. His technical background is in Business Economics and Applied Statistics.

## **MATEJ GASPERIC** GREENHOUSE GAS MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (GHGMI)



Matej is the Mitigation Program Director at GHGMI. In his role, he leads strategic planning and program management efforts and technical support aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and provides technical support the Caribbean Cooperative Measurement, Reporting and Verification Hub (MRV Hub). Prior to joining GHGMI, Matej was head of department and advisor to the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and an independent consultant. Among others, he was responsible for the establishment of a national MRV system for greenhouse gases/air pollutants and the preparation and implementation of emission trading in Slovenia and revision of the carbon taxation scheme. As UNFCCC reviewer for greenhouse gas inventories of Annex I countries and lead reviewer for national communications and biennial update reports, Matej is actively involved in the annual UNFCCC inventory review process. His technical background is in mechanical engineering with a focus on energy and processes.

## **JIGME** UNFCCC SECRETARIAT



Jigme leads a professional team in the UNFCCC secretariat that supports Parties to the UNFCCC to prepare, submit and implement their nationally appropriate mitigation actions, Nationally Determined Contributions, and long-term low GHG emissions development strategies, and that provides technical assistance on the existing MRV arrangements. He also leads the support to the intergovernmental negotiations on issues relating to provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for MRV, and development of modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework under the Paris Agreement. Prior to joining the secretariat, Jigme was working for the Royal Government of Bhutan as a technical focal point for climate change and air quality. By profession, he is a meteorologist.

## **LORENZ MOOSMANN** ÖKO-INSITUT E.V.



Lorenz is an expert for greenhouse gas inventories and projections. He has participated in the UNFCCC negotiations in the area of transparency since 2017. Lorenz is working as a senior researcher at Öko-Institut since 2018. He is an environmental scientist by training.

## **VLAD TRUSCA** UNFCCC SECRETARIAT



Vlad is the manager of information hub, data and tools in the Transparency Division of the UNFCCC secretariat. The Transparency Division supports intergovernmental processes related to MRV and the ETF, including by providing technical assistance to developing country Parties, training to experts engaged in reporting and review processes and also an information hub, reports and tools. Prior to joining the secretariat, Vlad was senior advisor and director at the climate change department of the Ministry of Environment of Romania. His technical training is in environmental economics and management.

## **CRISTINA URRUTIA** ÖKO-INSTITUT E.V.



Cristina Urrutia has been at Öko-Institut since 2019. Before that she worked for the Ministry of Environment of Peru and for the Ministry of Environment - of Germany, actively participating in the UNFCCC process until 2018. She is a biologist by training.

## **JULIEN VINCENT** CITEPA



Master of Air pollution management, Julien Vincent joined Citepa in 2002 after working in an analytical chemistry laboratory at CSULA, California (1999/2000). Due to the study of activities related to solvent emissions, non-road mobile machinery (NRMM) emissions and the costs of abatement techniques, Julien Vincent became Deputy Inventory Manager in 2008 and then, head of the team in charge of energy balance, the manufacturing industry and the realization of carbon footprint (Bilan Carbone®), at the beginning of 2009. Since 2011, he is the head of the Energy and Industry Department.





APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 • 09<sup>30</sup> TO 17<sup>30</sup>

# MONDAY

**MORNING** • STARTS AT 09<sup>30</sup>

**WELCOME BY OSCAR ZARZO, PATPA SECRETARIAT**

Opening remarks by:

- **Founding members of PATPA:**
  - **Ms. Sandra Motshwanedi**, South Africa
  - **Mr. Donghyuk Shin**, Republic of Korea
  - **Mr. Dirk Günther**, Germany
- **Ms. Vicky Pollard**, European Commission
- **Mr. Peter Wittoeck**, Belgium

**LATE MORNING**

**THE BIENNIAL TRANSPARENCY REPORT -  
A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE:**

HOW DO WE DEAL WITH IT AND WHAT IS  
EXPECTED FROM US?

Scene-setting remarks and facilitation by Mr. Oscar Zarzo,  
PATPA secretariat **followed by a panel discussion with the following  
country representatives and the audience:**

**Panellists:**

- **Ms. Sandra Motshwanedi**, South Africa
- **Ms. Toby Hedger**, United States -tbc.
- **Mr. Daniel Tutu Benefoh**, Ghana
- **Mr. Donghyuk Shin**, Republic of Korea
- **Ms. Macarena Moreira Muzio**, Argentina - tbc.
- **Mr. Jigme**, UNFCCC secretariat

**LUNCH BREAK • 13<sup>00</sup>**



## EARLY AFTERNOON

# JOURNEY TO BTR DELIVERY FROM REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Each group will exchange on the BTR preparation, addressing challenges they experience. Key messages will be collected for the summary session at the end of the day. Please note: The groups are meeting in parallel. The country allocation is a suggestion and can be adapted on site.

### BREAKOUT-GROUP 1: **ENGLISH-SPEAKING**

Germany, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Moldova, Georgia, Türkiye, United States, Azerbaijan, European Commission

MODERATOR

**MR. LORENZ MOOSMANN**



### BREAKOUT-GROUP 2: **ENGLISH-SPEAKING**

Viet Nam, China, Thailand, India, Kazakhstan, Japan, Republic of Korea, United Arab Emirates

MODERATOR

**MS. SHUBHANGI TARA, INDIA**



### BREAKOUT-GROUP 3: **ENGLISH-SPEAKING**

South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria, Namibia, Malawi, Kenya

MODERATOR

**MR. REAGAN CHUNGA, NAMIBIA**



### BREAKOUT-GROUP 4: **SPANISH-SPEAKING**

Argentina, Belize, Costa Rica, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay

MODERATOR

**MS. CRISTINA URRUTIA**



### BREAKOUT-GROUP 5: **PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING**

Brazil, Mozambique

MODERATOR

**MS. JOANA VIEIRA DA SILVA**



### BREAKOUT-GROUP 6: **FRENCH-SPEAKING**

Tunisia, Belgium, Lebanon, Togo, Burkina Faso

MODERATOR

**CITEPA**





**COFFEE BREAK**

**LATE AFTERNOON**

**PLENARY DISCUSSION ON RESULTS FROM THE  
BREAKOUT-SESSIONS:**

- Key messages from regional perspectives and open questions
- Review of the allocation of country representatives to specific break-out groups during Day 2 and Day 3

**RECAP OF THE DAY WITH KEY-TAKE AWAYS (PLENARY)**

**ENDS AT 17<sup>30</sup>**

**MONDAY APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>**



APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 • 09<sup>00</sup> TO 17<sup>00</sup>

# TUESDAY

MORNING • STARTS AT 09<sup>00</sup>

## WELCOME



### FACILITATED DISCUSSION ON KEY CHALLENGES BY BTR CHAPTERS (ROUND 1):

NATIONAL GHG INVENTORY

Initial inputs by:

- Mr. Ricardo Fernandez
- Mr. Matej Gasperic

Followed by discussion at tables, Q&A

Moderator: Ms. Cristina Urrutia

## COFFEE BREAK

## LATER MORNING



### FACILITATED DISCUSSION ON KEY CHALLENGES BY BTR CHAPTERS (ROUND 2):

INFORMATION NECESSARY TO TRACK PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING AND ACHIEVING ITS NDC

Initial input by:

- Mr. Lorenz Moosmann

Followed by discussion at tables, Q&A

Moderator: Ms. Joana Vieira da Silva

## LUNCH BREAK • 13<sup>00</sup>



## EARLY AFTERNOON THE SOLUTION ARENA

The solution arena matches the technical challenges raised in the survey with resource people and peer-to-peer advice in small groups. There will be two rounds of breakout-groups. Participants can attend one breakout-group per round.

### ROUND 1



SOLUTION ARENA 1:  
**Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) of GHG inventories**

MODERATOR  
**TBC.**

**Initial input by:** citepa

SOLUTION ARENA 2:  
**Tracking progress, and in particular, response measures, & Information in relation to Party's participation in cooperative approaches**

MODERATOR  
**MS. CYNTHIA ELLIOTT**

**Initial input by:** Mr. Lotfi Msadki, Tunisia; Mr. Lorenz Moosmann

### ROUND 2



SOLUTION ARENA 3:  
**Indicator definitions**

MODERATOR  
**TBC.**

**Initial input by:** Ms. Cristina Urrutia

SOLUTION ARENA 4:  
**National circumstances and institutional arrangements**

MODERATOR  
**MR. DIRK GÜNTHER GERMANY**

**Initial input by:** Ms. Lilia Taranu, Moldova; Mr. Lotfi Msadki, Tunisia

**RECAP OF THE DAY WITH KEY-TAKE AWAYS (PLENARY)**

**ENDS AT 17<sup>00</sup>**



MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2024

# WEDNESDAY

NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN BELGIUM  
FREE TIME



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## AFTERNOON

Networking activity organized by the Secretariat of the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA) in Brussels.



MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2024 • 09<sup>00</sup> TO 17<sup>30</sup>

# THURSDAY

MORNING • STARTS AT 09<sup>00</sup>

**WELCOME BACK**

**SOLUTION ARENA (CONTINUED FROM DAY 2)**

## ROUND 1



SOLUTION ARENA 5:  
**Methodologies and accounting approaches** (Table 3 of Annex II to decision 5/CMA.3)

MODERATOR  
**TBC.**

**Initial input by:** Mr. Lorenz Moosmann

SOLUTION ARENA 6:  
**Description of a Party's NDC**

MODERATOR  
**TBC.**

**Initial input by:** Ms. Cristina Urrutia

## ROUND 2



SOLUTION ARENA 7:  
**Reporting on mitigation policies and measures**

MODERATOR  
**MR. DIRK GÜNTHER GERMANY**

**Initial input by:** Mr. Matej Gasperic

SOLUTION ARENA 8:  
**Reporting on projections**

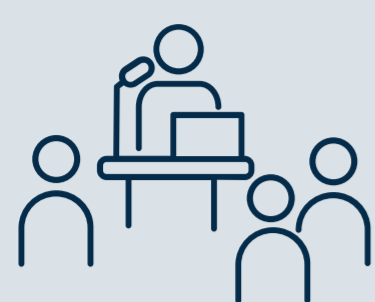
MODERATOR  
**TBC.**

**Initial input by:** Mr. Lorenz Moosmann

**COFFEE BREAK**



## LATE MORNING

**FACILITATED DISCUSSION ON KEY CHALLENGES BY BTR CHAPTERS (ROUND 3):****INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND CAPACITY-BUILDING SUPPORT****Initial input by:**

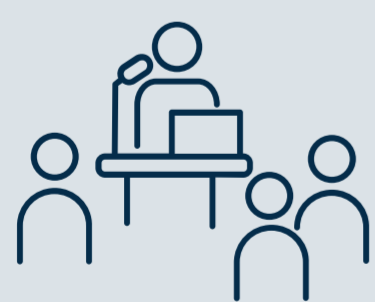
- Ms. Lena Dovidat

**Moderator:** Mr. Oscar Zarzo Fuertes

## DEEP DIVE INTO...

**SUPPORT PROVIDED AND MOBILISED****Moderator:** Ms. Joana Vieira da Silva**DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTIES SUPPORT NEEDED AND RECEIVED****Moderator:** Mr. Reagan Chunga, Namibia**Initial input by:** Mr. Lotfi Msadki, Tunisia; Ms. Lena DovidatLUNCH BREAK • 13<sup>00</sup>

## AFTERNOON

**FACILITATED DISCUSSION ON KEY CHALLENGES BY BTR CHAPTERS (ROUND 4):****INFORMATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND ADAPTATION****Initial input by:**

- Ms. Emilie Beauchamp

**Moderator:** tbc.

## COFFEE BREAK





**DEEP DIVE INTO...**

**ADAPTATION  
REPORTING:**

**Moderator:** Ms. Emilie Beauchamp

**Initial input by:** tbc.

**TECHNICAL ANNEX  
FOR REDD+:**

**Moderator:** Ms. Cristina Urrutia

**Initial input by:** tbc.

**RECAP OF THE DAY WITH KEY-TAKE AWAYS (PLENARY)**

**ENDS AT 17<sup>30</sup>**

**19<sup>00</sup> RECEPTION BY BELGIUM**



MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2024 • 09<sup>00</sup> TO 15<sup>30</sup>

# FRIDAY

MORNING • STARTS AT 09<sup>00</sup>

## WELCOME

### RELEVANCE OF THE BTR IN THE NDC UPDATE PROCESS IN 2025

**Panel Discussion:** Panellists and Moderator to be announced at the event.



### FACILITATED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE USER EXPERIENCES WITH THE UNFCCC ELECTRONIC REPORTING TOOLS (CRT AND CTF)

**Initial input by:**

- Mr. Vlad Trusca

## COFFEE BREAK

## OPEN SPACE



This is a time slot for one-to-one confidential talks. Participants make their individual appointments with experts.

## LUNCH BREAK • 12<sup>30</sup>



## EARLY ATERNOON

### INDIVIDUAL WORK ON COUNTRIES' JOURNAL TO BTR DELIVERY:

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES DEFINE PRIORITY ACTIONS ON HOW TO OVER-COME CHALLENGES FOR A TIMELY BTR SUBMISSION.



**FACILITATED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE KEY MESSAGES FROM THE GLOBAL BTR AIMING TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF LESSONS LEARNED FOR A GENERAL TECHNICAL PUBLIC.**

## CLOSING CEREMONY

- **Founding members of PATPA:**
  - **Mr. Donghyuk Shin**, Republic of Korea
  - **Mr. Dirk Günther**, Germany
  - **Ms. Sandra Motshwanedi**, South Africa

**ENDS AT 15<sup>30</sup>**



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