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Track 3 event: Catalysts for developing country implementation - Bringing support opportunities closer to the ground

FAO and PATPA Benefits and tools for implementing the Enhanced Transparency Framework Concept Note

Background:

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 the existing MRV arrangements, as well as on collective experience and learning. Tracking of and understanding the progress made in the implementation of climate actions is not only critical in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement but can also assist countries in identifying prioritized areas and putting in place effective climate policies where actions are most needed, and where climate finance would deliver the best outcomes. By complying with ETF requirements, countries will also untap national and international benefits of transparency, such as participating in article 6, using relevant data to inform national policy development or securing international climate finance.

The first report under the ETF -Biennial Transparency Report (BTR)- must be submitted by developed and developing countries no later than 31 December 2024. The [BTR Guidance and Roadmap Tool](#), jointly developed by the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) aims to guide developing country Parties through the process of preparing their first BTR by identifying strengths and weaknesses in their transparency systems, as well as providing a roadmap for its implementation, considering associated capacity building needs.

Objectives:

- Understanding national and international benefits of climate transparency;
- Learning from countries on the national benefits of climate transparency and their experiences in the preparation of the Biennial Transparency Report, and the capacity needs and gaps they are faced with;

- Introducing the BTR Guidance and Roadmap Tool and its applications in facilitating the transition to the ETF in developing country Parties.

Format:

Venue: Capacity-building hub, Area B (Blue zone)

Location: Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt

Date: November 17th, 2022, Thursday

Time: 13:45 - 14:45 (Egypt Time)

Length: 60 minutes

Language: English

Engagement: Panel discussion followed by a Q&A session

General Structure:

Time: 13.45 – 14:00	Opening
<p>Short description: Mr Martial Bernoux (FAO) will open the session and set the scene with a brief presentation of the current and future transparency arrangements under the UNFCCC, followed by an introduction to the BTR Guidance and Roadmap Tool that has been developed to support the countries in the transition to the ETF.</p> <p>Moderator: Ruta Bubniene, team lead, UNFCCC</p>	
Time: 14.00 – 14:10	Benefits of climate transparency
<p>Mr. Tibor Lindovsky (UNFCCC) will provide a brief presentation on the benefits of climate transparency, both at the national and international level, beyond merely complying with reporting requirements under the Paris Agreement. Further, he will briefly present the joint work by PATPA, CGE and several transparency actors, including FAO, in the update of PATPA’s publication on “National Benefits of Climate Reporting”</p> <p>Moderator: Ruta Bubniene, team lead, UNFCCC</p>	
Time: 14:10 – 14:40	Hearing from countries
<p>Short description: A panel discussion attended by country representatives (Bangladesh, Brazil) will provide an insight on national benefits of climate transparency as well as an update on their internal efforts to be ready for the submission of the BTR by 2024.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What national benefits have you untapped by complying with existing reporting requirements under the UNFCCC and/or by setting up transparency systems to deal with the ETF? ○ Have you started the planning for the preparation of the BTR? What are the initial steps and main challenges? And how can the BTR Roadmap and Guidance Tool help you in the process? <p>Followed by Q&A session (10 min).</p> <p>Moderator: Ruta Bubniene, team lead, UNFCCC</p>	
Time: 14:40 – 14:45	Closing
<p>Short description: Ms. Simone Gotthardt (PATPA) will summarize the main take-aways, providing information on how to access the tool, and contact information of the providers for any queries or request for dedicated support, as appropriate.</p> <p>Moderator: Ruta Bubniene, team lead, UNFCCC</p>	

Speakers		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Mr Martial Bernoux	Senior Natural Resource Officer	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Mr. Tibor Lindovsky	Programme Officer, Transparency Division	UNFCCC Secretariat
Mr Md. Mahmud Hossain	Deputy Director (Climate Change), and Project Director of Bangladesh CBIT Project	Bangladesh
Ms. Lidiane Rocha de Oliveira Melo	Global Environmental Change Coordinator	Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI), Brazil.
Ms Simone Gotthardt	Policy Advisor	Secretariat of the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA)

Moderators		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Ruta Bubniene	team lead	UNFCCC

Outcomes:

- Country experts reflect on national benefits of setting up transparency systems and/or complying with reporting requirements under the UNFCCC and share their positive experiences with other developing countries
- Country experts share experiences on key needs and challenges in the preparation of BTRs, the initial steps to be taken, as well as lessons learned and best practices that could be followed by others
- All participants -particularly experts from developing country Parties- have a better understanding of the BTR Guidance and Roadmap Tool, how it could facilitate the preparation of the BTRs and the implementation process in their country, and various means to receive tailored support in this area

Relevant Links:

<https://transparency-partnership.net/publications-tools/btr-guidance-and-roadmap-tool>
<https://www.fao.org/climate-change/our-work/what-we-do/transparency/tools-resource>
<https://transparency-partnership.net/publications-tools/national-benefits-climate-reporting>