

Consultative Dialogue on Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency

Date: 11 April 2016 (Monday)

Time: 9:00-13:30 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Location: 1899 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC

Background

Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency

As part of the Paris Agreement, Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) have agreed to establish a **Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)**. CBIT will aim to strengthen the institutional and technical capacities of developing countries to meet the enhanced transparency requirements in the Paris Agreement.

The Conference of the Parties (COP) decisions state that the aim of CBIT is to:

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

The CBIT covers the period leading up to 2020 and beyond.

Transparency and the CBIT within the Paris Agreement

As part of the Paris Agreement, all countries agreed to an enhanced transparency framework for action and support, with built-in flexibility which takes into account Parties' different capacities and builds upon collective experience.

The purpose of the framework for transparency of action is to provide a clear understanding of action undertaken by all countries, including tracking progress towards achieving countries' greenhouse gas reduction targets, and adaptation actions. Specifically, all countries committed to provide the following reports and information:

- National inventory report of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases, prepared using good practice methodologies accepted by IPCC;
- Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving its nationally determined contributions under Article 4; and
- Information related to climate change impacts and adaptation as appropriate.

The Paris Agreement represents the first time that developing countries have committed to report and be reviewed on their progress in implementing and achieving greenhouse gas reduction targets. The Paris Agreement therefore further recognizes that support shall be provided for the building of transparency-related capacity of developing countries, and the accompanying COP decision calls for the establishment of a CBIT.

Role of the GEF in the CBIT as per the Paris Agreement

The Paris Agreement decision requested the GEF to support the establishment of the CBIT through voluntary contributions during GEF-6. The decision also requested that the GEF include in its COP 22 report the progress of the work in the design, development, and implementation of the new initiative from 2016, and to assess the CBIT implementation in the context of the upcoming seventh review of the financial mechanism for UNFCCC.

Consultative Dialogue on the CBIT

The GEF has fully embraced the request included in the Paris Agreement decision to support the establishment of the CBIT. As part of this process, the GEF is organizing a Consultative Dialogue on the CBIT with entities engaged in various aspects of enabling activities and transparency-related activities.

Preliminary questions to be explored at the Consultative Dialogue are as follows:

1. What are the steps required for the establishment of the CBIT by the GEF?
2. What are the key gaps associated with implementing transparency-related activities that could be supported by the CBIT?
3. What are emerging and existing initiatives with related objectives, and how to explore opportunities for potential collaboration?
4. How to facilitate CBIT alignment with the relevant elements and workstreams in UNFCCC bodies which are related to transparency?

Discussion among participants will explore what is needed to enable developing countries to strengthen internal capacities related to transparency in a sustainable manner, with enhanced country ownership and alignment with climate action.

Agenda

Time	Topic
9:00-9:15	<p>Welcome remarks and introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naoko Ishii, GEF CEO and Chairperson • Introduction of participants
9:15-9:45	<p>CBIT development</p> <p>An overview of the Paris Agreement decisions on the CBIT and the status of its establishment by the GEF will be shared. An update on GEF's support for Convention obligations and reporting will also be provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gustavo Fonseca, Director of Programs, GEF • Chizuru Aoki, Lead Environmental Specialist, GEF
9:45-10:15	<p>Relevant workstreams related to transparency by UNFCCC bodies and facilitating CBIT alignment</p> <p>The status of relevant workstreams and elements related to transparency by UNFCCC bodies will be discussed. Opportunities to facilitate CBIT alignment will be explored.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alejandro Kilpatrick and Jigme, UNFCCC • Stephen M. King'uyu, Chair, Consultative Group on Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE)
10:15-10:45	<p>Gaps in implementing Transparency-related Activities</p> <p>Perspectives on existing gaps and how to address them through CBIT will be presented, followed by discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mausami Desai, United States • Marcelo Rocha, Brazil
10:45-11:00	<p>Coffee Break</p>
11:00-12:15	<p>Dialogue with Existing and Emerging Initiatives</p> <p>Representatives of programs and initiatives in related fields are invited to present their initiatives, including goals, expected results, and activities. Discussions will seek their views on the CBIT and collaboration potential.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamide Dagnet, David Antonioli, and Jerry Seager, Initiative for Climate Action Transparency • Lisa Hanle, Representative, Coalition on Paris Agreement Capacity Building • Representative, International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV • Other participants • Discussion
12:15-12:30	<p>Next steps for CBIT development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gustavo Fonseca, GEF
12:30-13:30	<p>Lunch and adjournment</p>

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