

Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)

Special Event at the Bonn Climate Change Conference

Thursday, 19 May 2016

13:15—14:45

Room Nairobi, World Conference Center Bonn

Background:

The Paris Agreement and its decision, adopted at the Twenty-First Conference of the Parties (COP 21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), established the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) to build institutional and technical capacity in both pre- and post-2020 periods. The CBIT will support developing country Parties, upon request, in meeting enhanced transparency requirements in a timely manner.

The COP decision also urged and requested the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to support the establishment and operations of the CBIT as a priority reporting-related need, through voluntary contributions to assist developing countries during the GEF-6 period and future replenishment cycles.

The aims of CBIT are:

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

Topics to be explored:

This event will provide an update on the progress to date in the arrangements to support the establishment and operations of the CBIT by the GEF Secretariat. The event will also feature discussions with representatives of countries and institutions on support to the CBIT, steps to operationalize, and potential collaboration and alignment.

Agenda

Time	Topic
13:15 – 13:25	Opening and welcome
13:25 – 13:40	Overview and current status of the CBIT development <p>The GEF Secretariat will provide an overview on the CBIT development and the timeline of its establishment and operation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chizuru Aoki, Lead Environmental Specialist, GEF • Rawleston Moore, Sr. Climate Change Specialist, GEF
13:40 – 14:25 (3 minutes each followed by discussions)	Discussions: Reflections on CBIT <p>Representatives of several Parties, UNFCCC Secretariat, and ongoing/emerging initiatives will share their reflections and comments on the CBIT. Questions to explore include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the status of projected support for CBIT by developed countries? 2. What steps are needed to get the CBIT operational in developing countries? 3. How to facilitate alignment with relevant elements in UNFCCC bodies related to transparency? 4. How to explore potential collaboration? <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Rakestraw, U.S. Department of State. • Brian Mantlana Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa. • Shannan Murphy, Department of Energy and Climate Change, United Kingdom • Laurence Ahoussou, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Canada • Santhosh Manivannan, National Climate Change Secretariat, Singapore • Jigme, Mitigation, Data and Analysis Programme, UNFCCC Secretariat • Marcelo Rocha, Consultant to Brazilian Government and expert reviewer under UNFCCC
14:25 – 14:45	Questions and Answers
14:45	Adjournment