



Regional workshop on measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) and the enhanced transparency framework for Central Asia

A regional meeting to assist countries in enhancing their understanding on MRV, enhanced transparency framework and monitoring and tracking of climate actions and NDCs

12th – 13th November 2019

Almaty, Kazakhstan

Location:

Ramada Almaty Hotel

AGENDA

CONCEPT AND OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen understanding on the key concepts and provisions related to Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV), including on the main components of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports.
- Present the enhanced transparency framework, including the provisions on the upcoming Biennial Transparency Reports, as defined in the Katowice Climate Package.
- Facilitate the use of the 2006 IPCC guidelines for the elaboration of greenhouse gas inventories.
- Clarify key concepts on MRV systems and the tracking of NDCs.
- Determine needs of the Central Asian countries for enhanced capacities and provide clarifications on the access to GEF resources for National Communications, Biennial Update Reports and the Capacity Building Initiative on Transparency (CBIT).
- Showcase successful experiences on MRV and transparency from the Central Asian and Caucasus regions.
- Enhance peer to peer collaboration opportunities among Central Asian and Caucasus Countries on the implementation of the enhanced transparency framework.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Coordinators of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports.
- Senior experts from the national agencies dealing with climate policy who oversee the establishment of MRV and the national enhanced transparency frameworks.
- Experts dealing with data collection and greenhouse gas inventory elaboration inside the national statistical offices.

FUNDING

The UNDP/UNEP GSP Programme will cover travel costs of nominated participants.

In collaboration with:



DAY 1– Tuesday November 12th	
8:30 – 9.00	Registration
Session 1	Opening & Workshop Objectives
9:00 – 9:50	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Damiano Borgogno, UNDP IRH - Mr. Saulet Sakenov, UNDP Kazakhstan <p>Getting to know each other – introduction of the participants and expectations from the workshop</p> <p>Setting the Scene for Discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Role of UNDP/UNEP Support Program - Key take away messages from previous regional workshop led by UNEP in Bangkok in April 2019
Session 2 A	The enhanced transparency framework after Katowice – towards Biennial Transparency Reports
09:50 – 11:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A more detailed look at National Communications and Biennial Update Reports – Mr. Damiano Borgogno, Transparency Lead, UNDP (15 minutes) - The enhanced transparency framework, the Katowice package and the new Biennial Transparency Reports: Ms. Bhava Dhungana, Mitigation, Data and Analysis Programme Officer, UNFCCC Secretariat (25 minutes) - Q&A (30 min)
11.10 – 11.30	Coffee/tea break
Session 2 B	Sharing countries’ best practices on NCs and BURs
11:30 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience and lessons learnt from Kazakhstan: Mr. Saulet Sakenov, Project Manager for NC/BUR, UNDP Kazakhstan (15 min) - Experience and lessons learnt from Azerbaijan: Mr. Maharram Mehtiyev, Expert on Climate Change, the National Hydrometeorology Department, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (15 min) - Experience and lessons learnt from Uzbekistan: Ms. Raisa Taryannikova, Head of Unit of Transboundary Monitoring of Environment Pollutions, Uzhydromet (15 min) - Q&A (15 min)
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch
Session 3 A	Building sustainable domestic MRV systems
13:45 – 14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National MRV systems: key elements a domestic MRV system should have, including sound institutional arrangements: Ms. Bhava Dhungana, Mitigation, Data and Analysis Officer, UNFCCC Secretariat (25 min) - Integrating gender equality into MRV systems - Ms. Valeria Arroyave, Analyst, UNDP (15 min) - Q&A (20 min)
Session 3 B	Sharing countries’ experiences and views on the establishment of sound domestic MRV systems

14:45 – 15:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Georgia's experience and plans in setting up domestic MRV System: <i>Mr. Kakhaber Mdivani</i>, Head of Climate Change Division, Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (15 min) - Initial results from implementing a MRV framework in Renewable Energy Systems – <i>Mr. Yerlan Dairbekov and Syrym Nurgaliyev UNDP project on RES in Kazakhstan</i> (15 min) - Q&A and Group discussion (30 min)
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee/Tea Break
Session 4	Access to GEF funds for MRV and Transparency
16:15 – 17:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to funding for NCs and BURs – <i>Ms. Tugba Varol, Analyst, UNDP</i> - Access to the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency – CBIT – <i>Mr. Damiano Borgogno</i>, Transparency Lead, UNDP - National CBIT project in Armenia – key objectives and expectations: <i>Ms. Arpine Gabrielyan</i>, Head of the Atmospheric Air Department of Central Laboratory of the "Environmental Monitoring and Information Center" SNCO and/or <i>Ms. Kristina Hakobyan</i>, Leading Specialist of the Climate change and atmosphere protection policy Division of Environment Protection Policy Department (15 min) - National CBIT project in Azerbaijan – key objectives and expectations: <i>Mr. Fuad Humbatov</i>, Team Leader for FNC preparation, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (15 min) - Q&A (15 min)
17.45 - 19.00	Cocktail

DAY 2 – Wednesday 13th November	
9:00	Start
Session 5	The monitoring and tracking of climate actions and NDCs
9:00 – 10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tracking the progress of NDCs: <i>Ms. Bhava Dhungana</i>, Mitigation, Data and Analysis Officer, UNFCCC and <i>Mr. Damiano Borgogno</i>, Transparency Lead, UNDP (30 min) - Group discussion on status and plans for monitoring of climate actions (70 min)
10:40 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea Break
Session 6	GHG inventories and the transition to the 2006 IPCC guidelines
11.00 – 12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key elements of the 2006 IPCC guidelines: <i>Mr. Alexei Sankovski</i>, GHGMI (15 min) - Moving towards IPCC 2006 guidelines – experience and lessons learnt from Georgia: <i>Mr. Kakhaber Mdivani</i>, Head of Climate Change Division, Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (15 min) - Moving towards IPCC 2006 guidelines – experience and lessons learnt from Armenia: <i>Ms. Arpine Gabrielyan</i>, Head of the Atmospheric Air Department of Central Laboratory of the "Environmental Monitoring and Information Center" SNCO and/or <i>Ms. Kristina Hakobyan</i>, Leading Specialist of the Climate change and atmosphere protection policy Division of Environment Protection Policy Department (15 min) - Q&A and Group discussion (30 min)
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch
13.45 – 14.00	Group photo
Session 7	Breakout groups on capacity needs
	<i>The purpose of the sessions is to identify common constraints in implementing transparency at the national level and to design and provide ad hoc support to interested countries</i>
14:00 – 16:00	Group discussion: Identification and discussion on constraints and gaps and capacity building support needed to advance the implementation of the enhanced transparency framework

16:00 – 16:20	Coffee/Tea Break
Session 8	Market place - Support options and tools for transparency
16.20 – 17.20	Participants will be invited to walk around the room and discuss options of available support with international development organizations and providers, having in mind gaps identified in session. Possibilities of south/south collaborations will also be discussed.
Final Session	Highlights and conclusions of the workshop
17.20 – 17.45	The highlights of the workshop will be resumed and common conclusions will be formulated. Furthermore, the main learning points for each participant/country will be drafted.
17.45	Adjourn