

Third Informal Consultation on Financial Support for Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs)

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Costing of BTRs

COP26 Guidance to the GEF

Decision -/CMA.3

Guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

7. *Further requests* the Global Environment Facility to contribute to the review referred to in paragraph 38 of decision -/CMA.33 by:

- (a) Estimating the cost to developing countries of implementing the enhanced transparency framework, which includes establishing and enhancing a reporting system, as well as the full agreed cost of reporting and the cost of capacity-building for reporting;
- (b) Considering how to adequately incorporate the costs referred to in paragraph 7(a) above into the set-aside of the eighth replenishment process of the Global Environment Facility, while taking the necessary measures to ensure, as appropriate, that the set-aside does not impact the allocation of resources to developing countries under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources;
- (c) Reporting to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fourth session (November 2022) on any actions taken to implement the guidance contained in paragraph 7(a–b) above and any changes to the estimated costs referred to in paragraph 7(a) above;
- (d) Reporting to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement on activities and provision of support under the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and on the provision of support for reporting under the Paris Agreement, as well as monitoring and reporting on the timeliness of project review, approval and preparation, including disaggregated tracking of each element of project development (from project identification form approval to submission of chief executive officer approval request and disbursement through implementing agencies);

Indicative Cost for Stand-alone first BTR

Component of Report	Indicative Cost (US\$)			Comments on suggested cost for BTR elements
	BUR	NC	BTR	
Stocktaking and assessment		20,000		Included in each component
Information on national circumstances and institutional arrangements	10,000	12,000		Included in each component
National GHG inventory	120,000	150,000	160,000	Higher to account for additional requirements
Information on mitigation actions and their effect	100,000	175,000	120,000	Higher to account for additional requirements
Description of steps taken or envisaged to facilitate adequate adaptation to climate change			100,000	Optional
Constraints and gaps, and related financial, technical and capacity needs	5,000	15,000	20,000	Optional
Technical assistance		12,000		Supported by other sources (i.e. CBIT, GSP)
Information on the level of support received for preparation and submission of BURs	5,000			Not applicable to BTRs
Information on domestic MRV	45,000			Not applicable to BTRs
Other relevant information	5,000	30,000	10,000	Optional
Monitoring, reporting and preparation of financial audits	15,000	18,000	30,000	No M&E budget required
Publication and submission of BUR	15,000	18,000		
Subtotal	320,000	450,000	440,000	
Project management cost	32,000	50,000	44,000	10% per GEF guidelines
Total	352,000	500,000	484,000	

Indicative Cost for Combined first BTR/NC

BTR/NC Components		Indicative Cost (US\$)
I.	National inventory report of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases	160,000
II.	Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement	120,000
III.	Information related to climate change impacts and adaptation under Article 7 of the Paris Agreement	100,000
IV.	Information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support needed and received under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement	20,000
V.	Other relevant information including supplemental NC chapters (research and systemic observation; and, education, training and public awareness)	40,000
VI.	Publication and submission of report, and project execution support	30,000
Sub Total BTR/NC		470,000
Project management cost (10%)		47,000
Total		517,000



Summary of agreed modalities for *first* BTR support

Stand-alone BTR	Combined BTR/NC	Additional financing (top-up)
Up to \$484,000 set-aside funding	Up to \$517,000 set-aside funding	Up to \$200,000 set-aside funding
Available from January 2021 (GEF-7)	Available from January 2021 (GEF-7)	Available from January 2023 (GEF-8)

Countries can also opt to top-up the amounts above with additional STAR resources, as done by some countries in GEF-7.

Status of first BTR support (as of February 24, 2022)

- **11** countries with approved GEF support for their first BTR
 - **5** have requested stand-alone BTR1
 - **6** have requested BTR1/NC
- **US\$13.6 million** have been committed under GEF-7
- Brazil and Nigeria used their **STAR allocation**
- **35 more countries** are expected to request support for BTR1 before the end of GEF-7
- It has taken an average of **2.5 months** between submission by Implementing Agency and GEF approval of BTR projects

Countries that have received support from GEF to prepare their BTR1



Key question to explore

Which cost elements merit adjustments
in the current agreed full cost amounts for BTR support,
based on the adopted modalities, procedures and guidelines
(MPGs),

and how could they be adjusted?