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A close-up photograph of a woman wearing traditional, colorful headgear and clothing, looking thoughtfully to the side. Her right hand holds a small, delicate green plant against a blurred background of a green landscape under a warm sunset or sunrise.

# THE CAPACITY-BUILDING INITIATIVE FOR TRANSPARENCY (CBIT)

The Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) supports developing countries to build institutional and technical capacity to meet enhanced transparency requirements as defined in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement. The CBIT plays a key role to assist countries with tools and training as they prepare their Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs), due by December 2024.



# Summary of CBIT Support

86 countries as of September 21, 2022

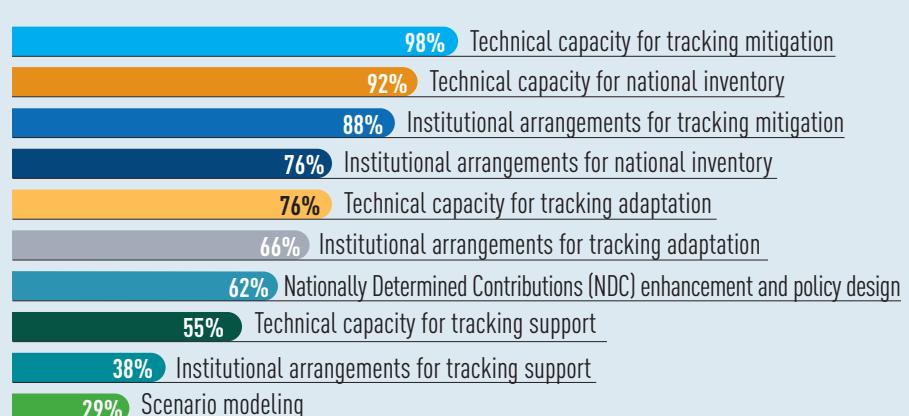


# The CBIT has three aims:

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

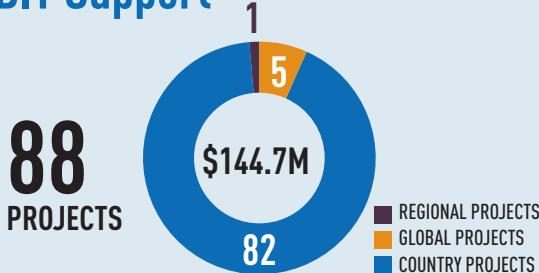
# Country-Led Projects for Enhanced Transparency of Action and Support

As part of the Paris Agreement, all countries agreed to an enhanced transparency framework for action and support, with built-in flexibility for those developing country Parties that need it. CBIT projects build on existing transparency arrangements, as well as on country efforts to develop National Communications, Biennial Update Reports, and other international greenhouse gas (GHG) assessment and review processes. **To date, the most common CBIT project priorities among 88 projects supporting 86 countries include:**



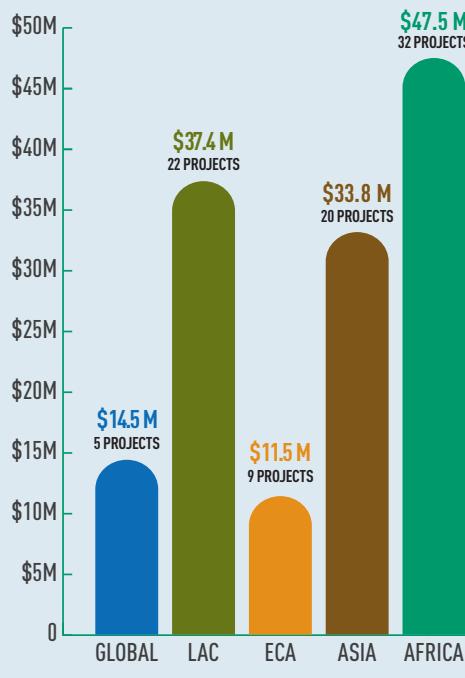


## CBIT Support



- 86 countries supported, including 29 Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and 15 Small Island Developing States (SIDS)<sup>1</sup>
- 74 projects have begun implementation
- 56% of non-Annex I Parties supported to date representing 77% of total non-Annex I GHG emissions
- 5 global projects aim to improve knowledge sharing, coordination and facilitate additional capacity-building
- Countries have GEF implementing agencies of their choice. To date, 7 agencies are involved: CI, FAO, Foreign Economic Cooperation Center, Ministry of Environmental Protection of China (FECO), IDB, UNEP, UNDP, and WWF-US

## CBIT Support by Region



<sup>1</sup> Three countries are LDC SIDS.

## Early Program Observations and Findings

Many CBIT-supported countries have provided information and insights about the significant progress they are making to advance the enhanced transparency agenda at the national level, and how their progress is leading to domestic benefits in the form of:

- New policy tools;
- Improved inter and intra-agency coordination and consolidation of efforts;
- Enhanced trust supporting the implementation of NDCs, both on the national front and with the international community; and
- Improved understanding of how current resources are being utilized and remaining gaps.

**MUCH LIKE THE COUNTRIES THEMSELVES, CAPACITY-BUILDING PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN CBIT COUNTRY PROJECTS VARY GREATLY.**

### ENHANCING INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Strong institutional arrangements are the cornerstone of every country's transparency system. Of the approved CBIT projects, **70 percent** and **88 percent**, respectively, include a component focused on improving institutional arrangements for GHG inventories and for tracking mitigation progress.
- **Papua New Guinea** (PNG) established the Provincial Climate Change Committee (PCCC) in 2015 across 22 provinces to help institutionalize climate change. Building on this, the CBIT project is establishing four transparency regional focal points responsible for coordinating transparency activities at the provincial level in close collaboration with their key climate change authority, the Climate Change Development Authority. The selected focal points will be members of the existing PCCC and help strengthen and incorporate transparency efforts at the provincial level in PNG.

### STRENGTHENING NATIONAL MEASUREMENT, REPORTING AND VERIFICATION (MRV) SYSTEMS

- CBIT countries are using GEF support to address specific technical gaps in their domestic MRV systems — **19 percent** for GHG inventories, **11 percent** for tracking mitigation progress, and **6 percent** for tracking adaptation progress.
- Recognizing the important role of local self-governments in reporting and tracking of mitigation actions and measures, the CBIT project in Serbia is supporting the development of a Climate Smart Information System for local self-governments that will cover mitigation-relevant sectors such as transport, energy, and waste, providing a centralized way to collect and store data. This tool will be linked to a comprehensive national MRV tool.

## INFORMING NDC ENHANCEMENT AND DECISION-MAKING

- Enhanced transparency can help countries make more informed decisions and develop data-driven policy options, especially as they relate to future NDC commitments. CBIT projects, about **62 percent** of them, include components addressing NDC enhancement and policy design.
- **Chile's** CBIT project is generating medium- and long-term projection scenarios, both at national and sectoral levels, by working collaboratively across various ministries. The project has played an active role in the updating of the Chilean NDC and analyzing the technical and economic feasibility of GHG neutrality by 2050, included in the Framework Law on Climate Change. The National Prospective System aims to strengthen the national institutional capacities for long- and short-term GHG forecasting capacities and will play a critical role for permanent monitoring of the NDC and updating future NDCs.

## ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY IN THE AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND OTHER LAND USE (AFOLU) SECTOR

- In many developing countries, the AFOLU sector is often responsible for over half of total GHG emissions. However, the sector also presents distinctive challenges in the quantification of GHG emissions and removals, due to inadequate systems and tools to measure, collect, and monitor data; weak institutional arrangements; and insufficient human resources. About **40 percent** of CBIT projects include an AFOLU component as part of their transparency efforts.
- **Mongolia** is developing a measurement and reporting framework for adaptation by identifying a total of 63 key indicators in four AFOLU sectors based on existing national monitoring and evaluation systems, and developing guidelines for establishing meta data parameters. For assessment of the land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector, the project is using the Collect Earth tool that improves the quality of the assessment by providing high resolution satellite imagery.
- Two global CBIT projects, **CBIT-Forest and CBIT-AFOLU**, address critical data collection and reporting challenges related to these sectors. **CBIT Forest** aims to build institutional arrangements and technical capacities on forest-related data collection, analysis, and dissemination processes to enable developing countries to meet Article 13 requirements. The project aims to enhance national forest monitoring system (NFMS) of countries to enable them to better track progress towards achieving a country's NDC and has identified pilot countries for implementation.
- **CBIT-AFOLU** aims at strengthening institutional arrangements and technical capacities to establish systems for MRV and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) in the agriculture and land-use sectors, and serves as an umbrella program for national projects addressing specific challenges such as data unavailability, weak institutional arrangements, and low levels of

The GEF was requested to support the establishment and operation of the CBIT, including through voluntary contributions to support developing countries during GEF-6 (2014–2018) and future replenishment cycles.

In June 2016, the GEF Council approved the CBIT strategy and established a CBIT Trust Fund to support its implementation, for which donors pledged over \$60 million. The CBIT Trust Fund successfully programmed all available resources by October 31, 2018.

The CBIT is an integral part of the GEF's climate change support during GEF-8 (2022–2026). The GEF-8 Resource Allocation Framework has notionally allocated \$75 million to the CBIT – 36.4% higher than what it was allocated for CBIT in GEF-7.

methodological sophistication and technical capacity in the AFOLU sector. Both projects have created knowledge and best practice-sharing opportunities including virtual exchanges and online training tools to expand their global reach.

## GLOBAL COORDINATION PLATFORM

- The CBIT Global Coordination Platform is a web-based platform that aims to bring together practitioners from countries and agencies in an effort to foster coordination of transparency actions and needs, share lessons learned through regional and global meetings, and facilitate access to existing and emerging guidance on climate transparency.
- The platform contains CBIT project profiles for each country, includes interviews with country implementers, links to GHG methodological guidance, and houses presentations and other meeting materials from CBIT workshops and other fora.

## FACILITATING GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING

- The GEF coordinates with other important transparency initiatives to help implement the CBIT. Partners include: the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT), the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA), the NDC Partnership, the Partnership to Strengthen Transparency for Colnnovation (PaSTI), and others.

## ABOUT THE GEF

The Global Environment Facility is the world's largest funder of biodiversity protection, nature restoration, pollution reduction, and climate change response in developing countries. It finances international environmental conventions and country-driven initiatives that generate global benefits. The GEF partnership connects 184 member governments with civil society, Indigenous Peoples, and the private sector, and works closely with other environmental financiers for efficiency and impact. Over the past three decades, the GEF has provided more than \$22 billion in grants and blended finance and mobilized another \$120 billion in co-financing for more than 5,000 national and regional projects, plus 27,000 community-led initiatives through its Small Grants Programme.

For more information about the CBIT, visit:  
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