

Second Consultative Dialogue on the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency

Date: 25 August 2016

Time: 9:00-12:00 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Location: 1899 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC

Background

As part of the Paris Agreement, Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) agreed to establish a Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT). The CBIT, as stated in Paragraph 84 of the COP decision, seeks to build institutional and technical capacity, both pre- and post-2020 to support developing country Parties, upon request, in meeting enhanced transparency requirements as defined in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement in a timely manner. The CBIT, as per paragraph 85 of the COP decision adopting the Paris Agreement, aims:

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

Paragraph 86 of the COP decision urged and requested the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to make arrangements to support the establishment and operation of the CBIT as a priority reporting-related need, including through voluntary contributions to support developing countries during GEF-6 and future replenishment cycles, to complement existing support under the GEF.

The GEF was also requested to include in its COP 22 report the progress of the work in the design, development, and implementation of the CBIT from 2016. Parties decided to assess the CBIT implementation in the context of the upcoming seventh review of the financial mechanism for the UNFCCC.

Progress to Date

The GEF considers the CBIT establishment and operationalization as an important part of its contribution towards the Paris Agreement implementation. Significant progress has been made in

establishing the CBIT in the first half of 2016. The 50th GEF Council approved the establishment and programming directions of the CBIT Trust Fund in June 2016. To facilitate dialogue during the approval process and to facilitate collaboration, the GEF Secretariat organized a series of meetings, including a first Consultative Dialogue with entities engaged in various aspects of enabling activities and transparency-related activities (11 April 2016), Informal Consultation Meeting with government representatives (13 April 2016), and an event at the UNFCCC Climate Change Conference in Bonn (19 May 2016).

Since the June 2016 GEF Council approval, the CBIT Trust Fund proposal is undergoing the World Bank's review and approval in accordance with applicable World Bank procedures for establishing a trust fund. Upon approval, the Trust Fund is to be established by the Trustee to receive contributions from donors, before the October 2016 GEF Council meeting.

As indicated in the Programming Directions document, subject to the approval of the Trust Fund establishment and programming directions, availability of resources in the CBIT Trust Fund and technically cleared projects, efforts will be made to approve the first set of projects prior to the 22nd COP to UNFCCC in November 2016.

Aim of Second Consultative Dialogue

The GEF is organizing a Second Consultative Dialogue on the CBIT with representatives of GEF Agencies, organizations involved with transparency-related activities, and interested countries. The objectives of this dialogue are as follows:

1. To provide an update on the status of the CBIT Trust Fund establishment and operations
2. To discuss priorities for national and global/regional programming, towards COP 22 and beyond
3. To exchange information and explore opportunities for collaboration

This meeting is thus an opportunity to discuss the GEF CBIT programming directions, timeline of project concept development and approval, and partnership and collaboration opportunities with ongoing and emerging initiatives with similar goals. Types and size of projects to be prioritized will be discussed, informed by the Trust Fund establishment status and projected resource availability/flow.

Participants are invited to share their views and perspectives, to help inform the way forward for the CBIT operations in a practical manner. Institutions that wish to participate in the meeting are requested to contact the GEF Secretariat by 12 August 2016 by e-mail (contact: dschinn@thegef.org). Briefing materials to be presented and/or made available are to be submitted to the GEF Secretariat by 19 August 2016.

Agenda

Time	Topic
8:30-9:00	Registration and Coffee
9:00-9:15	Welcome Remarks and Participant Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gustavo Fonseca, Director of Programs, GEF
9:15-9:30	Status of CBIT Trust Fund Development <p>The Trustee will provide an update on the status of the CBIT Trust Fund establishment and remaining steps towards its operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee representative, World Bank
9:30-9:45	CBIT Trust Fund Programming Directions, Project Preparations, and Alignment with Ongoing Work <p>The CBIT programming directions, approved by the GEF Council, will be presented to discuss operational priority setting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gustavo Fonseca, Director of Programs, GEF • Chizuru Aoki, Lead Environmental Specialist, GEF
9:45-10:00	Project Development and Alignment with Ongoing Work <p>CBIT project preparations, including expected results and targets, and projected timeline for project submissions will be discussed. An update on GEF's ongoing support for reporting and other existing programs, and potential alignment with CBIT will be provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Rodgers, Climate Mitigation Coordinator, GEF • Rawlestone Moore, Senior Climate Change Specialist, GEF
10:00-11:45	Dialogue <p>Participants will share and discuss their transparency-related work related to CBIT, and their views regarding priority setting and project development. They are also invited to present opportunities for collaboration for both national and global/regional levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List to be finalized based on confirmation
11:45-12:00	Wrap up and the Way Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gustavo Fonseca, GEF
12:00-13:00	Informal Working Lunch

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