

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

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Project Name:	Global Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) Platform Phase II B: Unified Support Platform and Program for Article 13 of the Paris Agreement
Countr(ies):	Global
Implementing Agency:	UNEP

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Global Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) Platform Phase II B: Unified Support Platform and Program for Article 13 of the Paris Agreement

Country

Global

GEF ID

10088

Implementing Agency

UNEP

Executing Entity

Technical University of Denmark/UNEP DTU Partnership
(DTU/UDP)

Trust Fund

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Project Type

FSP

PIR Submission

9/3/2025

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2025 , 3rd PIR

Objective

To provide streamlined support and capacity building at the country, regional, and global level to enable Non Annex I countries under the UNFCCC and developing countries under the Paris Agreement to better respond to reporting requirements and to catalyze increased ambition within country NDCs to contribute to the stated temperature goal of well below 2 degrees and if possible 1.5 degrees.

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Highly Satisfactory

Development Objective

Satisfactory

Overall risk

Low Risk

Project Financing

7,191,464.00

Cumulative Disbursement

4,524,015.00

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval 12/18/2021	Agency Approval 6/1/2022
Implementation Start 6/1/2022	First Disbursement 9/2/2022
Expected MTR 3/3/2025	Actual MTR 12/13/2024
Expected Completion 3/31/2027	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

Rating towards outcomes: The rating remains Highly Satisfactory because the project continues to make strong progress toward its outcomes by providing dedicated, demand-driven support to developing countries to enhance their transparency systems. This support is delivered through a diverse set of modalities, including regional and sub-regional workshops, in-country technical assistance, quality reviews of draft reports (such as BTRs and NIRs), and experience-sharing webinars.

All activities are implemented through the project's ten operational Transparency Networks, each coordinated by a dedicated Network Coordinator who ensures direct engagement with countries and alignment of support with national and regional priorities. These networks have become an effective platform for knowledge exchange, peer learning, and coordination of capacity-building efforts, reinforcing the project's ability to respond to evolving transparency needs across different regions.

Rating towards outputs: The rating is Highly Satisfactory because progress towards outputs has been primarily achieved within the outputs under outcome 1. The progress toward outputs has been strongest under Outcome 1, particularly under Outputs 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3, which focus on supporting country reporting, capacity-building, and peer learning.

Additionally, Output 3, which relates to the documentation and sharing of lessons learned, has also seen continued progress during the reporting period. Progress under Output 1.4, related to support in the MENA region, has significantly increased in the current reporting period (July to June 2025). This acceleration is largely due to the successful recruitment of a dedicated MENA Network Coordinator earlier in 2024, which enabled the rollout of several trainings and activities across the region. Furthermore, a French-speaking GHG expert was successfully recruited in May 2025. All Network Coordinators had their contracts renewed for 2025, ensuring continuity in coordination and delivery. However, the Pacific Network Coordinator resigned at the end of April 2025, and a recruitment process is currently underway to fill the position.

Under Output 1.1, significant progress has been made in the quality review of country reports, with a total of 108 reviews conducted to date, of which 67 were completed during this reporting period. The high volume of reviews was driven by the BTR1 submission deadline of 31 December 2024, which fell mid-way through the reporting cycle. Countries have continued to request quality assurance reviews of full BTRs or specific chapters prior to formal submission to the UNFCCC. Support has also been extended to a few countries still preparing their final BURs.

For Output 2, the project has continued to deliver a wide range of capacity-building activities through its ten regional networks. During the reporting period, this included 18 in-person trainings, 13 experience-sharing events, and 51 technical webinars and online trainings. To date, the project has organized over 200 events, reaching more than 140 countries, with activities tailored to the capacity needs identified in each network.

The project also continues to maintain and expand strategic partnerships with key transparency support providers. Collaboration remains strong with UNDP, especially in the Lusophone and Francophone networks. Ongoing partnerships

with UNFCCC including the CGE, PATPA, ICAT, IGES, US-EPA (until recently), and FAO have helped expand reach, avoid duplication, and enhance cost-sharing. Additionally, new partnerships have been established in the context of events and joint activities with Commonwealth Secretariat, CAREC, AUC, EEA, RECC, UNOSD, and UNESCAP.

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

Overall risk rating: Low

The overall risk level of the project remains low, with mitigation measures actively implemented to address identified risks. However, several external factors pose emerging challenges. The reduction in the UNFCCC and CGE budgets, as well as the discontinuation of the US EPA transparency program, have created gaps in the broader ecosystem of transparency support. This has had a direct impact on project operations—most notably, the cancellation of joint activities in the Asia region where collaboration with the US EPA was planned. These developments place additional pressure on the CBIT-GSP's budget, particularly for workshops and in-country support. Moving forward, it will be critical to further strengthen existing partnerships and proactively pursue new collaborations to ensure the continued delivery of high-quality support and achievement of project outcomes.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

The Second Steering Committee Meeting was held on 15th October 2024.

As a global project, stakeholder engagement continues to be at the core of the CBIT 2B project and active and close engagement has been pursued during the reporting period with a variety of stakeholders. This includes primarily other transparency support providers and GEF agencies such as UNDP, UNFCCC, PATPA, FAO, ICAT, UNSSC and, IGES with a view to foster synergies, streamline efforts and avoid overlaps wherever possible, in addition to sharing costs. The project has collaborated closely with those and other support providers, notably through the co-organization of several workshops in various regions: Anglophone Caribbean Regional Workshop: PATPA, GHGMI, CCMRV Hub and the Government of Grenada; Spanish-speaking LAC Regional Workshop: PATPA, UNFCCC/CGE and the Government of Peru; Eurasia and Central Asia & the Caucasus Regional Workshop: FAO, UNFCCC, UNDP and the Government of Türkiye; Francophone Network Workshop: UNDP, PATPA, UNEP-CCC, CITEPA, CCNUCC, CGE, African Development Bank (ADB); Lusophone Cluster Workshop: UNDP, UNFCCC/CGE; Anglophone Africa Regional Workshop: PATPA, UNFCCC/CGE, AUC, the Commonwealth Secretariat, and the Government of the Seychelles; and Pacific Regional Workshop: GIZ/NDC Hub, GGGI, UNFCCC/CGE and the Government of Fiji.

In addition to the regional workshops above, the project collaborated with different partners for the following activities in this reporting period: Training on Reporting on Climate Adaptation and Finance for the Eurasia network with the European Environment Agency (EEA); Mutual Learning Programme for the Eurasia and Central Asia and the Caucasus regions with IGES and Ministry of Environment of Japan (MoEJ); Regional in-person workshop on adaptation reporting for Central Asia and the Caucasus with CAREC; and Adaptation Academy in Asia: Empowering Climate Adaptation Reporting Across the Region, organised with UNFCCC-CASTT, UNEP APA, KEI and KACCC

A close collaboration with UNDP is of particular importance, since two Transparency Networks (the Francophone Network and the Lusophone Cluster) are implemented in collaboration with UNDP and their Network Coordinators are hired by UNDP respectively.

Importantly, close and frequent communication with the UNFCCC transparency team has been maintained throughout the reporting period to coordinate transparency efforts and stay informed about the latest developments regarding transparency, explore collaboration opportunities, and secure a space in flagship UNFCCC side events during the SBs and COPs. Several in-country support was also conducted in collaboration with the UNFCCC secretariat in three countries. In this reporting period, for several of the regional workshops held, the CGE and UNFCCC collaborated with the CBIT-GSP and other partners. The project has contributed to all three regional hands-on workshops of the CGE in 2023, one of which was provided during the reporting period in September in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

In addition, the project team has participated in multiple outreach and advocacy events, during partner events, and notably through side-events at the UNFCCC climate negotiations. At the Conference of Parties (COP) 28, the CBIT-GSP organised in four (4) side-events, including a side event under the #togetherfortransparency banner and one at the UNFCCC Capacity-building Hub by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building and participated to three others. The project further participated in the four online regional workshops on available support to developing countries organized by the UNFCCC Secretariat following the request from the CMA. Furthermore, the project team also participated in the in-session facilitative dialogue on sharing of experience in gathering, analysing and managing data which was held in the sideline of the SB 60. At the Conference of Parties (COP) 29 in Baku, the project team took part in a number of side events. This included two events under the #together4transparency banner, two events in collaboration with the Government of Azerbaijan, two events from the UNFCCC, as well as hosting a Gender Focus Group event. At the June Climate Meetings in Bonn (SB62), the project team took part in 3 events with several different partners including UNFCCC, UNEP, UNDP, ICIM.OD, and the Commonwealth

The project regularly contributes to the ETF Group of Friends newsletter to keep other support providers up to date of the latest as well as upcoming activities and events and participates in its events. The project also acts as one of the coordinators for the ETF Group of Friends, coordinating the MENA and Africa region.

Following the Support Providers meeting in Tokyo, Japan that took place after the Global Transparency Forum, organised by the project a decision was made to strengthen collaboration among support providers through regular coordination meetings. This enhanced collaboration aims to streamline efforts, promote efficiency, and eliminate redundancies across the support providers' activities. To achieve this, each region has been assigned a dedicated support provider responsible for organizing and leading regional coordination efforts. CBIT-GSP is coordinating the work within the African region.

In June 2025, CBIT-GSP and UNEP, including the CBIT Task Managers, had a coordination meeting among the various GEF agencies implementing CBIT projects. The primary objective of the meeting was to introduce each other and discuss ways to enhance the coordination and collaboration among the various CBIT projects at the national, regional and global level. This meeting facilitated co-sharing ideas on how to better collaborate, and the groups agreed to continue having frequent coordination calls throughout the year, with the aim of having a second call prior to COP30 in November.

The project is currently coordinating the second support provider meeting to take place after the second 'Global Transparency Forum', in collaboration with the UNFCCC secretariat. This follows the first successful forum held in Tokyo, Japan in May 2024, which brought together 180 participants from 12 support providers. At these conferences, trainings and workshops in particular, the project team exchanged actively with developing country participants as the primary target group of the project, including bilateral discussions.

D. Gender Equality

In each of events conducted in the project and in-country support provided specific attention is given to achieving a gender balance, and gender-aggregated indicators are gathered accordingly. An overall rate of 51.0% women participation, among all its beneficiaries. In this reporting period from July 2024 to June 2025, the overall participation rate of women was slightly below the project average of 50.70%. Across the whole project, the participation of women in experience sharing webinars is particularly high with 55.2%. In this reporting period, there was also a particularly high turnout of women participating in the in-person trainings, with approximately 56% of participants being women.

E. Knowledge Management

Knowledge management remains to be at the core of the project and the Climate Transparency Platform serving as the primary knowledge management tool for the project overall and the transparency networks. All activities of the project are captured in the Climate Transparency Platform, including information on activities in the networks as well as the global project. The CBIT-GSP activities page covers events, in-country activities, reviews, knowledge products, news and outreach activities.

In addition to this, all activities in the Networks are captured on the Climate Transparency platform, including webinars, trainings, and in-country support. The dedicated pages for the individual transparency networks serve as knowledge hubs for the networks and include a dedicated forum for knowledge exchange among network countries.

In this reporting period, the Networks have developed an Annual Report summarising activities within their networks in 2024, providing lessons learned, details on partnerships, comparison to 2023 activities, and opportunities for 2025.

Regarding outreach, the project captures the lessons learned and best practices in the networks through good practice briefs. In addition, the main results of the project in 2023 have been captured through a flyer which was widely shared at COP 28, the flyer was updated with project results until May and shared during the global transparency forum and subsequent events.

In October and November 2024, the CBIT-GSP team, along with experts from across Partner Organisations, hosted two 'Ask the Experts' webinar events for all CBIT-GSP Networks. These webinars provided space for countries to ask dedicated experts questions relating to different areas of Transparency, such as GHG inventories, GHG tools etc. Following these webinars, the questions and subsequent answers were uploaded to the Climate Transparency Platform, currently in the space of 'Communities of Practice'. However, it is noted that in this reporting period, the CBIT-GSP team have rebranded this page to 'Ask the Experts', which will provide a hub of questions and answers on the platform, for platform users, which will enhance knowledge management.

In this reporting period, several Good Practice Briefs have been prepared across the transparency networks. These good practice briefs focus on lessons learned and approaches on the work carried out under the CBIT-GSP project and showcase successful examples and outcomes from activities and work undertaken. Good practice briefs have been published in the [Knowledge Centre](#) on the Climate Transparency Platform. Those published in this reporting period cover topics such as Gender Mainstreaming, NDC Tracking, Cooperative Approaches for Capacity Building, and Transparency Systems.

In this reporting period, several Knowledge Products have been developed under the CBIT-GSP. This includes a knowledge product series on the lessons learned from the quality reviews undertaken on country draft BTRs. At present, three short reports have been developed under this series, on GHG Inventory, NDC Tracking and cross-cutting elements. These are currently in the process of being finalised and will be published in the coming weeks. Another knowledge product covers an analysis on the reporting of information relating to the Global Goal on Adaptation within the submitted BTRs that contained the adaptation chapter. The team are also working closely with the UNFCCC secretariat to develop a knowledge product on Response Measures, recruitment for the consultant to develop this report is currently in its final stages.

For internal knowledge management and coordination with the network coordinators, MS Teams is used which facilitates the storing and filing of documents related to all network and project activities.

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	
Components and Cost	A minor amendment was undertaken to reallocate US\$ 150,000 budget amount from MENA International consultants' budget line to MENA regional network budget line as per the decision of the project steering committee.
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	

Financial Management	
Implementation Schedule	
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	
Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	
Risk Analysis	
Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	
Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
UN City, Copenhagen, Denmark	55.70	12.60	2,618,425

Location Description:

Activity Description:

V. ANNEX

Uploaded Document

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