

## CONCEPT NOTE

### Side event: Progress in establishing the national transparency systems in Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus: challenges and opportunities

04 December 2023 | 15:00 - 16:30 |

Venue: CAREC - Central Asian Pavilion, 28th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP-28), Expo Centre Dubai, Dubai, The United Arab Emirates

#### Background

Properly constructed, national systems for transparency in Central Asia can improve domestic policy making, create efficiencies in climate actions, and bolster support for international climate finance. Internationally, one of the key pillars of the Paris Agreement, is the Enhanced Transparency Framework as set in Article 13, which requires countries to provide national Greenhouse Gas Inventories and information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) as well as encourages them to provide information related to climate change and adaptation and information on, technology transfer, capacity building, and support needed and received.

Over the recent years, the support on transparency has increased for the countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus. Capacity building initiatives from GEF via FAO national CBIT projects, ICAT/CAREC ReCATH regional project and global CBIT-GSP initiative for transparency aim to support the non-Annex 1 parties in developing their capacities to build and manage a robust, transparent framework that allow them to effectively implement the Paris Agreement and facilitates the transition of countries to the new reporting requirements under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF).

The countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus evolved to the stage when the national, global and regional projects on capacity building for transparency entered an implementation phase, bringing lessons learned and achievements, which look forward to future activities. The countries have gained experience in various areas of reporting and can definitely share their knowledge and skills as well as with challenges they are facing in transitioning towards the ETF.

#### Objectives of the Side event

The main objective of the side event is to **share knowledge on the progress the countries of Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus** made so far on establishing the national transparency systems and transitioning towards the ETF.

**Other objectives include:**

- Introduce key supporting agencies on climate transparency in the region and learn on their support on capacity building for transparency in the next years.
- Engage with the main stakeholders in the area of transparency and climate reporting and learn from each other.
- Foster regional collaboration and partnership for effective climate action transparency.

## Format of the event

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**Format of the event:** Hybrid

**Zoom registration link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrf-irpjsrHNBg1X4picSxrcgAzEhOfItV>

**Note:** Register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The zoom link is for all the sessions to be conducted on December 4th, 2023 in CAREC-Central Asian Pavilion.

**Meeting time and date:** 04 December 2023 |15:00 - 16:30 |

Location	Local time
Almaty (Kazakhstan) Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)	17:00 – 18:30
Ashgabad (Turkmenistan) Dushanbe (Tajikistan) Tashkent (Uzbekistan)	16:00 – 17:30
Yerevan (Armenia) Baku (Azerbaijan)	15:00 – 16:30
Istanbul (Turkey)	14:00 – 15:30
Bonn (Germany) (CET)	12:00 – 13:30

## Target audience, language and duration

The Side-event is jointly organized by CAREC, ICAT, FAO and UNEP-CCC. The event will bring together UNFCCC NFP, key experts and specialists of the countries in Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus on transparency and climate reporting, international organizations, such as FAO, GIZ, ICAT, CAREC, UNFCCC, UNEP-CCC, UNDP, IDBs, and climate funds, which deal with the transparency agenda in the region.

The meeting will be held **in Russian** with simultaneous translation in **English/Russian**. Duration of the session is 1.5 hrs.

## AGENDA

### Progress in establishing the national transparency systems in Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus: challenges and opportunities

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<b>Session 1: Progress of the countries towards establishing the climate transparency systems and transitioning towards ETF</b>	
<i>Moderator: Dilovarsho Dustzoda, ReCATH project manager</i>	
15:00 – 15:15	<b>Opening Remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ms. Mirella Salvatore, on behalf of FAO</li> <li>– Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi, on behalf of UNEP-CCC</li> <li>– Dr. Henning Wuester, on behalf of ICAT</li> <li>– Mr. Zafar Makhmudov, on behalf of CAREC</li> </ul>
15:15 – 16:00	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Armenia</li> <li>– Kazakhstan</li> <li>– Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>– Tajikistan</li> <li>– Uzbekistan</li> </ul>
<b>Session 2: Challenges and Opportunities: transitioning towards ETF</b>	
16:00 – 16:20	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ms. Nailia Timerkhanova, on behalf of CBIT-GSP</li> <li>– Ms. Evetta Zenina, on behalf of FAO</li> <li>– Mr. Oleg Bulanyi, on behalf of ICAT</li> <li>– Ms. Oxana Kravtsova, on behalf of CAREC</li> </ul>
16:20 – 16:30	Wrap-up and closing remarks