

Government of Liberia/GHGMI/ICAT Side event at the UNFCCC SB 56, Bonn

The role of transparency on sustainable development impacts for NDC financing and implementation

Concept Note and Programme

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Date: 10 June 2022, 18:30 - 20:00

Location: Berlin Room, World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB), Bonn, Germany

Format: In-person

Language: English

Background

The Initiative for Climate Action Transparency supports developing countries to build the transparency frameworks needed to take effective climate action and advance national sustainable development priorities. Transparency is the backbone of the Paris Agreement. The Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) establishes core obligations for both developed and developing countries and most notably requires tracking of implementation of countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

How strong NDCs are and how they are implemented will determine whether the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement are achieved. ICAT's work in countries has shown that maximizing synergy between sustainable development and NDC implementation can build the engagement required for success. This entails optimizing mutual benefits and reconciling potential trade-offs. ICAT countries exploring work in this regard include Belize, Cambodia, Ghana, Liberia, Mozambique and Viet Nam.

The ICAT project in Liberia in particular aims to build capacities of technical experts in the Environmental Protection Agency, relevant sector ministries and other stakeholders to be able to assess the impact of mitigation policies, measures, actions and plans and track and monitor progress in NDC implementation. The focus lies with three priority

sectors: energy, transport and waste. In addition, the project includes a component on Sustainable Development and Transformational Change impact assessment of selected NDC policies/actions.

Objectives

The official side-event is co-organised by Liberia, GHGMI and ICAT with a purpose of offering a space for exchange between countries sharing knowledge, experiences and lessons learned in the context of transparency for NDC financing and implementation, by giving transparency to sustainable development impacts of climate action and policies.

As a second objective, the event aims to raise awareness among government officials, policy makers and other actors on the importance of focusing on domestic benefits from transparency, in particular connected to NDC implementation, when preparing for the Paris Agreement's ETF.

Approach, format and setting

The event will contribute to the UNFCCC SB 56 sessions by inspiring, empowering and connecting policy-makers and practitioners from different regions to build the transparency frameworks needed to advance NDC implementation and ultimately achieve more effective climate action. The side event, hosted by the Government of Liberia, co-organised by GHGMI and ICAT/UNOPS, will bring together perspectives from several countries, including Belize, Cambodia, Ghana, Mozambique and Vietnam. The UNFCCC secretariat will be invited to contribute opening remarks. The side event will start off with a high-level opening and statements by country representatives, and then enter into practitioner-focused roundtables. An open discussion will follow and the session will end with closing remarks.

The event is planned to be held in an in-person format. It will be conducted in English.

A small reception will follow in the vicinity of the event room.

Participants

The event aims to attract around 100 participants, including government officials, transparency and climate change experts and other interested parties, to receive inspiration and exchange knowledge and experience to be used toward enhancing their country's transparency frameworks or supporting such efforts.

Programme

Welcome and introduction	Dr. Henning Wuester, ICAT Director (Moderator)
Opening remarks	Jigme, Manager, UNFCCC Transparency Division
High-level Opening Keynote	<p>Liberia: <i>“Building capacity for assessing sustainable development impacts of policies, measures, actions and plans in Liberia’s NDC”</i>, Prof. Wilson K. Tarpeh, Executive Director/CEO, Environment Protection Agency of Liberia (EPA)</p>
Round-table : Transparency for assessing sustainable development impacts for NDC financing and implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Belize: <i>“Assessing and monitoring impact of Sustainable development impacts of the National Climate Change Agenda”</i>, Dr. Lennox Gladden, Chief Climate Change Officer, Ministry of Sustainable Development Climate Change & Disaster Risk Management ● Mozambique: <i>“National experiences: Mozambique’s application of the ICAT Sustainable Development Assessment Guide”</i>, Paula Panguene, ICAT Project Coordinator, National Directorate of Climate Change, Ministry of Land and Environment ● Fiji: <i>“National experiences: Fiji’s application of the ICAT Sustainable Development Assessment Guide in the agriculture sector”</i>, Mr. Ravneeth Dewan, ICAT National Focal Point, Climate Change & International Cooperation Division (CCICD), Ministry of Economy ● Cambodia: <i>“Building national capacity in assessing sustainable development impacts, using the ICAT Sustainable Development Assessment Guide”</i>, Dr. Mao Hak, Climate Change Department, General Secretariat of

	<p>the National Council for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ghana: <i>“Evaluating SD impacts and costs of NDC actions”</i>, Dr. Antwi-Boasiako Amoah, Deputy Director, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ● Liberia: Arthur R.M. Becker, Project Officer & National Project Facilitator-ICAT Liberia Project, Environment Protection Agency of Liberia (EPA)
Q&A and discussion	
Reflections and Wrap-up	

Contact

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