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Call for Registration

Facilitated E-learning Course on Climate Transparency and the Enhanced Transparency Framework

Registration Period: 17 June 2021 – 07 July 2021
Training Period: 16 August 2021 - mid/end September 2021

1. Introduction

Climate transparency has garnered significant attention as a process that involves collecting data for effective climate action and policy development, builds accountability and trust, and enables tracking progress and challenges in achieving the targets identified by the Parties to the Paris Agreement. In addition to improving credibility and facilitating the tracking of progress, effective national transparency frameworks also enable countries to capture the sustainable development impact of their climate actions and thereby develop evidence-based policy responses that serve domestic needs and priorities.

Countries around the world are at varying starting points in developing effective climate transparency frameworks, and there is a significant need and demand for capacity development. In response to this need, the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat, United Nations Environment Programme Global Support Programme (UNEP-GSP), UNEP DTU Partnership (UDP), and the United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC), have collaborated to develop this course that aims to support developing countries to boost national capacity to implement the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement. In particular, this course will help countries to assess and develop mitigation policies, in a way that will advance domestic and international climate objectives and enable the realization of national priorities and Sustainable Development Goals.

2. Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will get:

- Insights into the context of the role of ministries and governments pertinent to the objectives and requirements of the Paris Agreement and its ETF, and how to implement the ETF in a way that advances both domestic and international objectives;
- An enhanced perspective of the data needs and methods for assessing and reporting on mitigation actions, to enable development of effective climate policies and tracking of NDCs;
- An overview on where to access good practice guidance, knowledge resources, methodologies, guidelines and tools related to climate transparency;

- Background to facilitate the preparation of national institutional arrangements and the mobilization of resources and support for the implementation of the ETF.

3. Course Methodology

This course will follow a facilitated online approach, with e-learning modules, exercises and weekly virtual interactive sessions with subject matter experts and peers. A facilitator will guide and assist participants throughout the course, providing real-time feedback on activities and exercises. The user-friendly, social online learning platform will also provide participants with the opportunity to connect with peers from diverse backgrounds, fostering peer-to-peer learning.

While being interactive and participatory, participants will also have the opportunity to complete activities when it best fits their schedule. Participants are largely free to determine their own weekly study plan and the majority of course elements will be self-paced.

This course will last for 5 weeks and consist of 5 core modules, each being a week in duration. For participants who are engaged in technical roles related to data collection and reporting national climate actions, 4 additional technical modules will be offered. These modules will be offered in the 2 weeks following the conclusion of the core modules. Participants are required to invest up to 6 hours per week to complete the course.

Participants who have successfully completed the e-learning and are involved in policy decision-making processes may be selected for an in-person workshop in Bonn, Germany. Due to the current pandemic situation an exact date for this in-person workshop is still to be confirmed and will likely take place in 2022.

Course Contents

Week 1: The Need for Climate Transparency

Week 2: Unpacking the Enhanced Transparency Framework

Week 3: Assessing the GHG Impacts of Mitigation Actions

Week 4: Assessing Sustainable Development & Transformational Impacts

Week 5: Implementation and Practice

For technical roles related to data collection and climate reporting¹

Week 6 | Technical Module 3A: Assessing Mitigation Actions in the Transport Sector

Technical Module 3B: Assessing Mitigation Actions in the Energy Sector

Week 7 | Technical Module 4A: Assessing Sustainable Development Impacts

Technical Module 4B: Assessing Transformational Impacts

¹ Participants who do not have roles related to data collection and climate reporting may also voluntarily attend these sessions.

4. Eligibility Criteria and Registration

Participants from African countries where English or Portuguese is one of the national languages,² that fit either of the following profiles:

1. **Senior government officials** working in ministries/national bodies relevant to national climate change actions, with some responsibility in supporting the development of national policies, climate reporting and/or implementing transparency arrangements.
2. **Technical practitioners** working in the domain of reporting, data collection and climate action transparency at core and ancillary ministries. This can also include non-public sector practitioners supporting the data collection processes at national and subnational levels.

In addition, participants are expected to have:

1. For Senior Government Officials: A minimum of 5 years of relevant experience.
For Technical Practitioners: A minimum of 3 years of relevant experience.
2. Advanced proficiency in English as the course will be delivered exclusively in English.³
3. Intermediate level of IT proficiency.

Documents required for successful registration:

1. Completed Registration Form (registration is by nomination only, please contact your UNFCCC national focal point for more details on how to register)
2. CV/Resume in English
3. Letter of permission signed by supervisor

5. Cost of participation

Free of charge to participants who are selected to take part in the course. The fee for this course is covered by ICAT.

Certificates will be awarded to participants upon successful completion of the course.

² Participants from the following countries are eligible to apply: Nigeria, Ethiopia, South Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda, Ghana, Cameroon, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Namibia, Lesotho, Botswana, The Gambia, Mauritius, Eswatini, Seychelles, Eritrea, Somalia, Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Equatorial Guinea

³ French and Spanish versions of the course will be run in the future.