



TRAINING REPORT

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Training Report

BACKGROUND

Belize is a Party to the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement and is taking measures to implement relevant decisions and address the causes and impacts of climate change to promote resilience. Belize has submitted its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) which includes both mitigation and adaptation contributions as well as unconditional and conditional contributions.

As a means to catalyse the implementation of NDCs, in 2015 the Paris Agreement established an enhanced transparency framework (ETF), with the goal of building mutual trust and confidence amongst countries, and to promote its effective implementation (Art. 13). This is considered to be the backbone of the Paris Agreement, and essentially the central mechanism to catalyse and track progress of the implementation of countries' NDCs. Reporting through the ETF will contribute to increased ambition, and ultimately achieve the Paris Agreement's goal of keeping the increase in temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels while pursuing efforts to limit it to 1.5°C.

For all applications, measuring, reporting and verification (MRV) systems are key elements to guarantee transparency, precision, and comparability on climate change information. In response to the needed actions presented by the Paris Agreement, Belize requires a robust MRV system for national policy decisions through the tracking of national GHG emission levels, the tracking of climate finance flows received and the impact of mitigation actions. MRV facilitates sharing information and lessons learnt and allows assessing whether set targets have been achieved. Transparency is a key element of MRV systems, and shows the continuity of a country's actions, indicates progress towards national and global emission targets, and enhances trust for sound climate finance and investment.

Building upon these MRV needs and strengthening national arrangements to meet the enhanced transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement, Belize is engaging with the Initiative for Climate Action and Transparency (ICAT) through its international implementing partners, UNEP DTU Partnership (UNEP DTU) and the Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA). Through this collaboration, it is expected that current national MRV arrangements are enhanced to improve the quality and access to relevant climate change information and data, leading to informed assessment of climate policies and improved decision making and enhanced ambition.

1. TRAINING OBJECTIVE

The objectives of the one-day training were as follows:

- To increase the understanding of participants on climate changes project/interventions planning on the links among actions, targets and indicators for proper monitoring, reporting and verification.
- To educate the participants on how to use the developed MIS.
- To educate the participants on how to share documents among a group and provide feedback using the developed MIS.
- To educate the participants on how to use the developed MIS to break the actions into activities and track the timeframe of those activities as well as reporting on the indicators.

2. AGENDA

1. Introduction to the web-based management information system
2. System Administration
 - a. Role-Based Security
 - b. Creating user(s)
3. Logging into the system
4. Document Management and Revisions
 - a. Creating working groups
 - b. Uploading files into a group
 - c. Providing comments for a shared document
 - d. Member document approval
 - e. Document approval
5. Project, Programs, and Interventions
 - a. Frameworks & Policies
 - b. Goals, Targets, and Indicators
 - c. Defining Programs and Interventions
 - d. Outcomes and Indicators
6. Activities and work break down structure
7. Monitoring and Evaluation
8. Reports

3. PARTICIPANTS

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4. PARTICIPANTS' EVALUATION

1. The software was easy to manipulate. It was clearly explained how to operate the program. However, I had to click on several buttons to keep adding data. This method could probably be accessed more easily.
2. Positive. Can we do one example tomorrow together on the screen?
3. Day One training was excellent. System is very straightforward and user friendly. Regardless of the minor modification, it is a good system. Learned a lot in a day!
4. The MVR Online platform is an important mechanism of information management at the national and sub-national level. System can be a little more user-friendly. Presentation needed more details regarding functionality/user cases.
5. Further hands on and tutorials needed to navigate system. Description needed of required input in each cell. Would prefer the system moves automatically from each input area to the next. Currently, allows for errors and oversight in inputting data.
6. Great training! Facilitators were well versed in the thematic area. Information was well received at my end. The platform is very user friendly.
7. Love the software, wish could use it for everyday activities/management. Interface display could be more user friendly and informative on how to navigate

the options chosen. Log in needs some work. Choosing multiple sets of images is annoying and cumbersome. Big thumbs up on reloading time and accuracy of information offer reload.

8. Enjoyed the walk through of the system. System is user friendly. Color of some of the buttons needs to be brighter. System very well thought out and put together.
9. Objectives are clearly presented and we do need a project database under the climate change program.
10. Easy tool to use with minor modifications on the interface to make it more user friendly.
11. As I mentioned, I really like the overall set up of the website. I like that it doesn't feel "heavy" and the site can be a great tool for reporting and verification. Additionally, with improvements I suggested, I can see and visualize how entities can contribute.
12. Overall, it is a good platform, it just needs to be more user friendly as described throughout the training sessions- More flow, better icons for the various actions in terms of visibility.
13. Approach to the platform was easy to understand and follow along. Facilitator was helpful in showing each aspect of the platform , i.e, Open to questions and suggestions from group

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. More training sessions need to be implemented.
2. Users need to start using the system as a mean of change management and system fine tuning.