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# Accessing the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)

Side event @ SB46  
Bonn Climate Change Conference  
May 16, 2017

# CBIT and the Paris Agreement

## Paris Decision (Paragraph 84)

- Decides to establish a Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency in order to build institutional and technical capacity, both pre- and post-2020
- This initiative will support developing country Parties, upon request, in meeting enhanced transparency requirements as defined in Article 13 of the Agreement in a timely manner



# Aims of CBIT

## Paris Decision (Paragraph 85)

1. To strengthen national institutions for transparency-related activities in line with national priorities;
2. To provide relevant tools, training and assistance for meeting the provisions stipulated in Article 13 of the Agreement; and
3. To assist in the improvement of transparency over time.



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# CBIT and the GEF's Role

## Paris Decision (Paragraph 86)

Urges and requests the GEF to make arrangements to support the establishment and operation of the CBIT as a priority reporting-related need, including through:

- voluntary contributions to support developing country Parties in the sixth replenishment of the GEF
- and future replenishment cycles
- to complement existing support under the GEF



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# CBIT Establishment

Dec 2015



COP21-CMP11  
PARIS 2015  
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Apr 2016



Side event at  
SB 44

Consultations with:  
- Countries  
- Existing &  
emerging initiatives

Coordination with existing initiatives  
(ICAT, MRV Partnership, bilateral agencies)

May 2016



GEF Council  
approves CBIT  
Trust Fund  
establishment &  
Programming  
Directions

Jun 2016

Aug 2016

CBIT Trust Fund  
established

CBIT Officially  
launched

First set of projects  
approved

Donors announce  
pledges

Nov 2016



MARRAKECH  
COP22|2016|CMP12  
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE  
مؤتمر الأمم المتحدة لتغير المناخ

Apr 2017

Launch of  
Global  
Coordination  
Platform

# Formal Launch at COP 22

- Segment on CBIT during High-level Policy Discussion on Means of Implementation
- Keynote statement by GEF CEO
- Announcements totaling over \$55M from contributing participants
- Statements from first recipient countries



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# GEF Project Cycle

## Medium-Sized Project (MSP)

- < \$2 million
- CEO Approval on a rolling basis
- CEO Endorsement within 12-months
- One-step approval option  
A complete Endorsement Request with Project Document, Tracking Tools, etc. can be submitted for CEO Endorsement

## Full-Sized Project (FP)

- > \$2 million
- Requires GEF Council Approval
- CEO Endorsement within 18-months
- Next Work Program is in October 2017 – deadline for new PIF early September



# Eligibility

In line with the Paris Agreement and its decision, all developing country Parties will have access to CBIT, upon request



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# National Level Support

## Activities to strengthen national institutions for transparency-related activities in line with national priorities:

- ✓ Support to national institutions to lead, plan, coordinate, implement, monitor, and evaluate policies, strategies, and programs to enhance transparency;
- ✓ Support on how to integrate knowledge from transparency initiatives into national policy and decision-making; and
- ✓ Assistance with deployment and enhancement of information and knowledge management structure to meet Article 13 needs.



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# National Level Support

## **Activities to provide relevant tools, training, and assistance for meeting the provisions stipulated in Article 13:**

- ✓ Access to tools, templates, and applications to facilitate the use of improved methodologies, guidelines, datasets, and database system tools and economic models;
- ✓ Country-specific training and peer exchange programs on transparency activities such as establishing domestic MRV systems, tracking NDCs, enhancement of GHG inventories and economic and emissions projections;
- ✓ Country-specific emissions factors and activity data;
- ✓ Quantifying and reporting impact of policy measures;
- ✓ Clarifying key NDC information, e.g. baseline projections including for business-as-usual targets, and reporting progress towards achieving NDCs;
- ✓ Quantifying and reporting on support provided and received.



# National Level Support

## Activities to assist with **improvement of transparency over time:**

- ✓ Capacity needs assessment for transparency, in particular to assess institutional arrangement for data collection, analysis, and reporting; and
- ✓ Support to introduce and maintain progress tracking tools for transparency-related actions and progress towards targets/goals.



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# Global/Regional Support

- ✓ “Modular” approach to global/regional support
- ✓ Coordination platform:
  - sharing of best practices
  - exchange of practitioners
  - tracking progress
  - collaboration with existing/emerging initiatives, UNFCCC bodies, IPCC and other initiatives supporting UNFCCC process
- ✓ GEF Secretariat will be actively involved to ensure coordination with other initiatives



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# Approved CBIT Projects

- To date, 7 projects have been approved under the CBIT for a total of \$8.2 million:
  - Costa Rica
  - Ghana
  - Kenya
  - South Africa
  - Uganda
  - Uruguay
  - CBIT Global Coordination Platform



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# Approved CBIT Projects

## Costa Rica's Integrated Reporting and Transparency System (UNEP, CBIT: \$1 million)



- To enhance capacity for nationwide climate actions, inventory, and MRV methodology framework
- To share lessons with others in the region

## Strengthening National Institutions in Kenya to Meet the Transparency Requirements of the Paris Agreement and Sharing Best Practices in the East Africa Region (CI, CBIT \$1 million)



- To strengthen national institutions for transparency-related activities
- To enhance methodological frameworks for land based emissions (70% of Kenya's GHGs)



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# Approved CBIT Projects

Capacity Building Programme to Implement South Africa's Climate National System (UNEP, CBIT \$1.1 million)



- To enhance capacity building and implementation of its National Climate System, through coordination with academic institutions to address capacity needs

Building institutional and technical capacities to enhance transparency in the framework of the Paris Agreement in Uruguay (UNDP, CBIT \$1.1 million)



- To enhance institutional arrangements for transparency-related activities
- To strengthen domestic MRV system and national GHG inventories



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# Approved CBIT Projects

CBIT Global Coordination Platform (UNEP/UNDP,  
CBIT \$1 million)



- To kick start a global CBIT coordination platform
- Leveraging and building on existing initiatives, such as ICAT's Pilar I work on methodologies and guidance



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# Additional Considerations for Project Design

- ✓ Alignment with NDC
- ✓ Address identified capacity needs
- ✓ Alignment and coordination with other GEF support
- ✓ Inter-ministerial coordination
- ✓ Feedback of data and information into policy-development
- ✓ Linkage with the Global Coordination Platform



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# Update on Trust Fund Status

## Latest Trustee reports:

- ✓ \$44 million paid into the CBIT Trust Fund
- ✓ \$8 million approved

→ *\$36 million available for programming*

→ *Additional payments expected*

→ *Additional donors have expressed interest in pledging*



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# Next Steps

- Continue to review and process projects for approval
- Continue outreach and coordination
- Progress report on CBIT at 52<sup>nd</sup> GEF Council Meeting (May 2017)
- Continue coordination with various UNFCCC workstreams and bodies
- CBIT integrated into GEF-7 replenishment process



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Thank you!  
Any questions?

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