



## Annual Partnership Retreat *“The Enhanced Transparency Framework, Ambition and National Implementation”*

Kakheti, Georgia, 5 to 11 September 2017

### *Introduction*

In 2010 the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (formerly: International Partnership in Mitigation and MRV) was founded with the aim of promoting ambitious climate action through practical exchange.

As a semiformal forum, the Partnership has gained international recognition, with more than 100 countries participating in its various activities. With the Paris Agreement entering into force in 2016, the way has now been paved for the Partnership to focus on implementing the Agreement and particularly on the enhanced transparency framework (ETF).

Accordingly, this year’s Annual Partnership Retreat (APR) will focus on the **enhanced transparency framework** under the new climate regime. The participants will work on further defining the transparency arrangements under the Paris Agreement and exchanging experiences with national implementation of transparency systems. The agenda has been developed so as to highlight the links between the negotiations within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and national implementation and vice-versa, and thus engages both negotiators and domestic practitioners in the discussion.

The objectives of the 2017 APR are to:

- Contribute to further building trust among Parties by providing a space for an open exchange of positions and experiences;
- Provide analysis on the latest developments in the UNFCCC negotiations and facilitate an understanding of the implications of the Paris Agreement for national policy implementation;
- Provide a space for an open exchange of positions and domestic experiences regarding national implementation of the Paris Agreement;
- Facilitate sharing and disseminating of good practices for implementation of transparency systems encompassing mitigation, adaptation and support and, consequently, foster increased ambition of actions and support;
- Inform UNFCCC negotiations through lessons learned.

### *Overview of the agenda*

The agenda for the 2017 APR addresses the key transparency aspects currently being discussed under the Paris Agreement. It includes opportunities for in-depth exchange among participants. The



methodology underpinning the agenda requires an active engagement of all participants. All participants will profit from hearing the experiences, challenges and solutions of one another.

The APR will start by recalling the key conclusions of last year's Retreat, in order to ensure continuity and follow up. We will then set the scene by providing a global outlook through a key note speech addressing leadership and current affairs and discussing the link between ambition and transparency and challenges related to this.

On the second day we will discuss further about NDCs, the ambition mechanism and the data and methodological aspects related with them, including links with the ETF. On Thursday, the 3rd day, the APR will focus more specifically on adaptation, the adaptation communication and its links to the ETF and NDCs. This discussion will lay the grounds for further work on modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs) related to adaptation action later on. On the same day, a general reflection on flexibility will also serve the purpose of facilitating work on the MPGs in the next days.

The 4th day is a field trip, where participants will be offered the possibility to see Georgian climate action in practice. Also, we will meet with other national climate experts during a reception hosted by the German Embassy and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia.

The 5th and 6th days will be devoted to structured discussions on the MPGs of the ETF, starting with MPGs on emissions and mitigation action, followed by adaptation, support and verification. An exchange on the link between the ETF and the facilitation of implementation and a compliance system will follow.

The last day will be dedicated to presenting support options related to setting up national transparency systems. The wrap up will include finalising the key messages from the APR and collecting recommendations for further work within the framework of the Partnership.

	Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th	Saturday 9th	Sunday 10th	Monday 11th
Morning	Welcome, introduction, recap from last year	Taking stock on NDCs, ambition, link with the ETF  GST and FD – inputs and outputs	The adaptation communicati on: link with the ETF and the NDCs	Lunch recep- tion	MPG on emissions and mitigation action	MPGs on support	Support options for capacity building on transparency  Wrap up & closure
Afternoon	Update on the negotiations, international outlook  Leadership	NDC features, information for CTU and accounting	Differen- tiation and flexibility  Benefits of domestic MRV systems	Field Trip	MPGs on adaptation	MPGs on verification, link to compliance	Departure



## Agenda

Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup>		
10:00 15'	Welcome	Gizo Chelidze, Georgia; Edgar Endrukaitis, GIZ
10:15 30'	Introduction to the Annual Partnership Retreat and its objectives, introduction to the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement	Kirsten Orschulok, Germany; Mactavish Makwarela, South Africa; Jae Jung, Korea
10:45 15'	Introduction of trainers, experts, support team and logistics	Hanna Reuter, GIZ
11:00 60'	Group exercise/ game: Introduction of participants including their expectations and special interests	Konstantine Magradze
11:00 15'	<b>Input:</b> Re-cap and main take-aways from last year's Retreat	Gonçalo Cavalheiro
12:15	Lunch	
13:15 15'	Energizer	Konstantine Magradze
13:30 30'+10'	<b>Input:</b> Status of international negotiations related to NDCs and the enhanced transparency framework (30 min)  <b>Q&amp;A/discussion</b>	Ruta Bubniene, UNFCCC Secretariat
14:15 30'	<b>Key note speech:</b> A new world order: searching for climate leadership	Subhi Barakat, IIED
14:45 20'	<b>Comments</b>	Beomwoong Park, Korea; Felipe Osses Mc Intyre, Chile
15:05 25'	<b>Facilitated discussion</b>	Gonçalo Cavalheiro
15:30	Coffee break	
16:00 30' + 15'	<b>Key note speech:</b> The link between transparency and ambition / UNEP Gap Report  <b>Facilitated discussion</b>	Anne Olhoff, UNEP DTU
16:45 20'+25'	<b>Country inputs:</b> Key methodological transparency issues in preparing and operationalising the NDC (2 examples, 10 min each)  <b>Facilitated discussion:</b> How does lack of or low quality data impact operationalising NDCs? How to deal with this challenge?	Wafa' Daibes, Jordan
17:30	Wrap-up of the day	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Konstantine Magradze



Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup>		
9:00 15'	Start of the day: Summary of previous day and preview of the day's programme	Selected participants
9:15 30'+15	<b>Key note speech:</b> Understanding the global goal – its meaning, paths and timeframes  <b>Q&amp;A</b>	Anne Ohlhoff, UNEP DTU
10:00 20'+10'	<b>Input:</b> The inputs and the outcomes of the facilitative dialogue (FD) and the global stocktake (GST): the link to the ETF and to enhanced <i>nationally determined</i> ambition  <b>Q&amp;A</b>	Ruta Bubniene, UNFCCC
10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00 60'+15'	<b>Group discussion/work:</b> How to use ETF information in the FD 2018 and GST?  Presentation of group discussion	Facilitation: Gonalo Cavalheiro and Cynthia Elliot, WRI
12:15	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:15	Energizer	Konstantine Magradze
13:30 20'+10'	<b>Input:</b> NDC features and information for clarity, transparency and understanding (CTU) – presentation of the 2016 APR Knowledge Product  <b>Q&amp;A</b>	Gonalo Cavalheiro
14:00 60'	<b>Group work:</b> Additional guidance on features and information for CTU	Facilitation: Gonalo Cavalheiro
	Coffee break (at groups' discretion )	
15:30 30'	<b>Presentation of group work</b>	Participants
16:00 30'+15	<b>Input:</b> Accounting under the Paris Agreement  <b>Q&amp;A</b>	Cynthia Elliot, WRI; Anke Herold, Germany
16:45 10' + 10' + 10'	<b>Country inputs:</b> Using accounting for policy planning and decision making  <b>Q&amp;A</b>	Jae Jung, Korea; Diana Camila Rodriguez Vargas and Paula Andrea Lopez Arbelaez, Colombia
17:15	<b>Wrap up</b>	Gonalo Cavalheiro, Konstantine Magradze



Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup>		
9:00 15'	Start of the day: Summary of previous day and preview of the day's programme	Selected participants
09:15 30'+15'	<b>Input:</b> The adaptation communication: link with the ETF and the NDCs  <b>Q&amp;A</b>	Anne Ohlhoff, UNEP DTU
10:00 15'+30'	<b>Input:</b> Is there a difference between M&E and MRV?  <b>Discussion in small groups + short feedback to plenary</b>	Timo Leiter, GIZ
10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00 30 +15'	<b>Country inputs:</b> National adaptation action, adaptation in the NDC: approach to reporting  <b>Q&amp;A</b>	Ekaterine Mikadze, Georgia; Jewel Kudjawu and/or Michael Onwona-Kwakye, Ghana
12:00	Lunch	
13:00	Energizer	Konstantine Magradze
13:15 15'+25+20'	<b>Input:</b> Providing flexibility to countries taking into account their capacities  <b>Panel discussion</b>  <b>Q&amp;A</b>	Thapelo Letete, ERM  Mary Awad, Lebanon; Christine Dragisic, USA; Monica Echevoyen, ICAT
14:15 20' + 15'	<b>Input:</b> How will domestic MRV systems need to evolve in order to prepare for the ETF?  <b>Q&amp;A and discussion</b>	Thapelo Letete, ERM
14:50	Coffee break	
15:20 20' + 20' + 20'	<b>Country inputs:</b> How to use domestic MRV for planning processes and stakeholder engagement  <b>Facilitated discussion</b>	Azwimpheleli Mac Makwarela, South Africa; Rafael Martínez Blanco and Yutsil Sanginés Sayavedra, Mexico
16:20 30'	<b>Writeshop 1:</b> Participants formulate key messages from days 1-3	Participants
16:50	<b>Wrap up</b>	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Konstantine Magradze

Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Lunch reception with German Embassy and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia (MoENR)</b> <b>Welcoming remarks /</b> Solomon Pavliashvili, First Deputy Minister, MoENR; Monika Lenhard, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy <b>Introduction of the Partnership /</b> Kirsten Orschulok, Advisor, BMUB, Germany <b>Inputs: Climate action in Georgia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated Sustainable Mobility Plan of Batumi / Lasha Nakashidze, Project Manager of Green Cities</li> <li>Promotion of biomass production and utilization in Georgia / Vakhtang Berishvili, Project Manager at UNDP)</li> </ul> <b>Closing, buffet and musical/dance performance</b>
<b>Field trip and dinner</b>



Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup>		
10:00	Start of the day: Summary of previous workshop day and preview of the day's programme	Selected participants
10:15 15'	<b>Input:</b> Structure of the MPGs as per the informal note out of Bonn	Gonçalo Cavalheiro
10:30 20'	<b>Input:</b> MPGs for transparency of emissions and mitigation action – key elements	Ana Danila, EU
10:50 20'	<b>Comments:</b> MPGs for emissions and mitigation action	Xian Gao, China
10:10 20'	<b>Facilitated discussion</b>	Facilitation: Gonçalo Cavalheiro
11:30	Coffee break	
12:15 75'	<b>Group work:</b> Drafting key elements and characteristics of MPGs for transparency of emissions and mitigation action	Facilitation: Gonçalo Cavalheiro
	Lunch	
14:15	Energizer	Konstantine Magradze
14:30 30'	<b>Report back from group work</b>	Participants
15:00 30+10'	<b>Input:</b> MPGs for transparency of adaptation – key elements <b>Q&amp;A</b>	Timo Leiter, GIZ
15:40 15' + 15' + 10'	<b>Country input:</b> Transparency for adaption: Domestic M&E systems – processes and indicators <b>Q&amp;A</b>	Tran Thuc, Viet Nam; Nicole Kranz, Germany
16:20	Coffee break	
16:45 60'	<b>Group work:</b> Drafting key elements and characteristics of MPGs for adaptation	Facilitation: Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Timo Leiter
17:45 30'	<b>Report back from group work</b>	Participants
18:15	Wrap-up of the day	Gonçalo Cavalheiro, Konstantine Magradze

Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup>		
9:00	Start of the day: Summary of previous day and preview of the day's programme	Selected participants
09:15 20'+10' +20' + 10	<b>Input – part 1:</b> Key methodological issues for transparency of support <b>Q&amp;A</b> <b>Input – part 2:</b> MPGs for transparency of support – key elements <b>Q&amp;A</b>	Jane Ellis, OECD
10:15 15'+15'+15'	<b>Country inputs:</b> Good practices in transparency of support <b>Q&amp;A</b>	Felipe Jose Osses McIntyre, Chile; Erik Adriansson, Sweden
11:00	Coffee break	



Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup>		
11:30 60'	<b>Group work:</b> Drafting key elements and characteristics of MPGs for support	Facilitation: Gonalo Cavalheiro, Jane Ellis
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	<b>Group picture</b>	
13:45 30'	<b>Report back from group work</b>	Participants
14:15 30'+15'	<b>Input:</b> MPGs for verification Q&A	Gonalo Cavalheiro
15:00 60'	<b>Group work:</b> drafting MPGs on verification and discussing the link with compliance	Participants
	Coffee break (at groups' discretion)	
16:30 30'	<b>Report back from group work</b>	Participants
17:00	<b>Writeshop part II:</b> Participants formulate key messages from days 4-6	Participants
17:30	Wrap-up of the day	Gonalo Cavalheiro, Konstantine Magradze

Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup>		
9:00	Start of the day: Summary of previous day and preview of the day's programme	Selected participants
09:15 60'	<b>Video inputs and market place:</b> Capacity building for transparency Q&A	Monica Echegoyen, ICAT; Klaus Wenzel and Hanna Reuter, GIZ Video inputs by: GEF, UNDP, WRI
10:15	Coffee break	
10:45 30'	<b>Short review</b> of the topics and the outcomes of the APR	Gonalo Cavalheiro
11:15 30'	<b>Tour de table:</b> Stimuli for the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement <b>Comment</b>	Hanna Reuter Mactavish Makwarela, South Africa; Nicole Kranz, Germany
11:45	Closing and farewell	Hanna Reuter, GIZ
12:30	Lunch (optional)	
	<b>Departure</b>	