Concept Note and Agenda

Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA)

Updates on the Enhanced Transparency Framework and Improving Data Collection and Institutional Arrangements - A practical perspective for the AFOLU sector

Date: April 5, 6, 7, 2022, 8:00-11:00 CEST; 12:30-15:30 IST (GMT+5:30); 13:00–16:00 Bangkok (GMT+7); 16:00-19:00 KST (GMT+9)

Venue: Virtual on MS Teams

Language: English

Version as of 30 March 2022

Purpose of the Regional Group

At COP26, Parties agreed on "Guidance operationalizing the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the enhanced transparency framework referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement"[1], in particular:

a)	The common reporting tables for the electronic reporting of the information in the national inventory reports of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases;

b)	The common tabular formats for the electronic reporting of the information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement;

c)	The common tabular formats for the electronic reporting of the information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support provided and mobilized, as well as support needed and received, under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement;

d)	The outlines for the biennial transparency report, national inventory document and technical expert review report; and

e)	The training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review of biennial transparency reports.

The workshop of the Asia Regional Group of the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA) aims to improve the understanding of the workshop's participants about the outcomes of the COP26 relevant for MRV/Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and further support countries in enhancing their institutional frameworks and data collection in the AFOLU sector.

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1 Decision -/CMA.3 - https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma3_auv_5_transparency_0.pdf

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Along with the recent updates from international negotiations, the workshop will present and discuss practical guidance on tools used to generate consistent and complete GHG emissions/removals time series using examples of best practice of countries within the Asia region and elsewhere.

The workshop draws on the previous regional workshop[2] and the relevant studies conductied[3] for a better overview of transparency and reporting in Asia.

Workshop Content

- Update on the outcomes of COP26 related to the reporting requirements under the ETF, with a focus on the common reporting tables referred to in chapter II of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1 for the electronic reporting of the information in the national inventory reports of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of GHG;
- Addressing the issue of activity data collection in the AFOLU sector, aiming to ensure consistent and complete GHG emission/removals time series, with a focus on practical examples related to:
  - Identifying the most relevant Activity Data (AD) for land representation;

2 Information and outcomes of the previous workshop are available at: https://transparency-partnership.net/news/virtual-workshop-enhancing-data-collection-and-institutional-arrangements-afolu-sector

3 Studies conducted by UNEP DTU Global Support Program: sea_initial_capacity_assessment_report_for_the_gsp_south_asia_network.pdf (un-gsp.org) and sa_initial_capacity_assessment_report_for_the_gsp_south_asia_network.pdf (un-gsp.org)

- Adapting national land classification systems to IPCC land use categories;
- Understanding the creation of land use transition matrices based on land cover maps and;
- Understanding how to generate a consistent time using agreed IPCC gap filling techniques.

- Presenting relevant tools to support country's transition to ETF and enhance data collection and reporting in the AFOLU sector

Objectives

- Provide updates on and enhance understanding of the reporting requirements under ETF pertaining to relevant decisions at COP26
- Learning on MRV/transparency related topics and tools available to advance AFOLU GHG emissions and removals estimates
- Peer-to-peer learning and knowledge sharing on best-practices, challenges and potential solutions in transitioning from the current MRV system under the UNFCCC to the ETF of the Paris Agreement
- Facilitate regional learning, dialogue, networking and collaborative climate action.

Target Audience

Members of the PATPA Asia Regional Group from countries of South and South-East Asia and the Pacific:

- National experts on climate change from government institutions in Asia
- Technical experts involved in setting up and maintaining the national and sectoral GHG inventory, particularly in the AFOLU sector;
- Technical experts involved in the national forestry inventory and in AFOLU statistical data provider; and
- Coordinators and/or general managers of the national GHG inventory
- Relevant stakeholders working on ETF and AFOLU sector

Organizers

-• Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA) in collaboration with the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

Invitation Policy

Participants are the PATPA Focal Points for Asia and those nominated by the Focal Points and country representatives. Up to 3 experts are expected to participate from each country.

Format

Day 1:

- Update on the reporting requirements under the ETF, with a focus on the common reporting tables referred to in chapter II of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1 for the electronic reporting of the information in the national inventory reports of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of GHG.

- Introduction to the Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) Guidance and Roadmap Tool, jointly developed by PATPA and FAO. The Tool guides developing countries in planning their preparation process for their first BTR as well as preparing a roadmap for implementing it.

Day 2:

- Understanding the 2006 IPCC GL requirements for the creation of consistent time series of IPCC land use categories and land use change matrix.

- Adapting national land classification systems to IPCC land use categories and how to use national statistical databases for the purpose of estimate GHG AFOLU emissions/removals.

Day 3:

- Understanding how to generate a consistent time series using agreed IPCC gap filling techniques

- Parallel Session: Collect Earth Tool for generating consistent and complete time series

- Parallel Session: LOGIC Tool to create tables for land representation for GHG estimates in the LULUCF sector using input data from the Collect Earth tool or similar software

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Agenda

Day 1, April 5, 2022

08:00 - 11:00

- **Welcome**
  Roziya Kirgizbekova, PATPA Secretariat

- **Opening and Introduction**
  Moderator

- **Reporting requirements under the ETF, with a focus on the common reporting tables for the electronic reporting of the information in the national inventory reports**
  Tugba Icmeli, UNFCCC Secretariat

- **Q&A**
  Moderator

- **Reflection session in break-out groups**
  Moderator

- **Reporting from groups**
  Moderator and participants

- **Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) Guidance and Roadmap Tool**
  Carlos Essus, PATPA Secretariat

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Day 1, April 5, 2022

08:00 - 11:00

- Q&A
  Moderator

- Reflection session
  Moderator

- Reporting from groups
  Moderator and participants

- Closing remarks and evaluation of Day 1
  Moderator

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Day 2, April 6, 2022

08:00 - 11:00

- Welcome
  Dong-hyuk Shin, Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Research Center of Korea (GIR), Ministry of Environment

- Summary of Day 1 & Introduction
  Moderator

- Understanding the 2006 IPCC GL requirements for the creation of consistent time series of IPCC land use categories ad land use change matrix
  Iordanis Tzamtzis, FAO

- South Korea's experience in applying the 2006 IPCC GL for GHG inventory in the land use sector
  Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Research Center of Korea (GIR), Ministry of Environment

- Q&A
  Moderator

- Adapting national land classification systems to IPCC land use categories and how to use national statistical databases for the purpose of estimate GHG AFOLU emissions/removals
  Sekai Ngarize, Ricardo Energy and Environment

Day 2, April 6, 2022

08:00 - 11:00

- Q&A
  Moderator

- Reflection Session
  Moderator

- Reporting from the groups
  Moderator and Participants

- Closing remarks and evaluation of Day 2
  Moderator

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Day 3, April 7, 2022

08:00 - 11:00

- Welcome
  Roziya Kirgizbekova, PATPA Secretariat

- Summary of Day 1 & 2, Introduction
  Moderator

- Understanding how to generate a consistent time series using agreed IPCC gap filling techniques
  Sekai Ngarize, Ricardo Energy and Environment

- Q&A
  Moderator

- Collect Earth: Lessons, learned, practical examples and best practices for generating consistent and complete time series: Q&A
  FAO

- Reflection session
  Moderator

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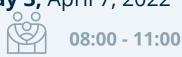**Greenhouse Gas Inventory
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Day 3, April 7, 2022

08:00 - 11:00

- LOGIC Tool: Tool to create tables for land representation for GHG estimates in the LULUCF sector; Q&A
  Iordanis Tzamtzis, FAO

- Reflection session
  Moderator

- Participants Key take-aways from the workshop
  Moderator and Participants

- Summary of the day and evaluation of Day 3
  Moderator

- Closing remarks
  Roziya Kirgizbekova, PAPTA Secretariat

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