

COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Assembly at the UN Regional Climate Week for Latin America and Caribbean

Capacity building for transparency and reporting: sharing experiences from Latin America, the Caribbean and beyond

Friday 14 May 2021 at 13:00-14:30 Santo Domingo; 18:00-19:30 London

Zoom meeting: [please share [this registration link](#) with anyone who would like to join the session]

SESSION DESCRIPTION

Strong mechanisms to report on greenhouse gas emissions, progress in achieving NDCs, transfer of support and capacity building needs are key to achieving ambitious outcomes under the Paris Agreement. All countries need to be able to produce reliable, transparent and comprehensive information on emissions, climate actions and support under the ETF. This session will open the COP26 Catalyst's work on transparency and reporting: outlining existing support, challenges and experiences from the region and beyond. Attendees will be welcome to share their views on capacity building and support challenges in this area and to suggest potential areas of focus for our work.

SESSION OBJECTIVES

The aim of the session is to explore capacity building in relation to transparency under the Paris Agreement, to lay out key challenges that Parties and partners may face in the implementation of the Enhanced Transparency Framework and to gather ideas and solutions from participants to inform the work of the COP26 Catalyst's Action Group on Transparency and Reporting.

(Invitations issued, ^ denotes to be confirmed)

Section	Length	Speakers and guiding questions
Welcome, scene setting, session format	5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Awad Menassa, Project Officer, UNDP Climate Change Projects, Ministry of Environment, Lebanon • Yamikani Idriss, Climate Change Negotiator, Government of Malawi • James Corré, Secretariat Lead, COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action
Opening remarks	15 minutes	<p>{approx 3 minutes per speaker please}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agripina Jenkins, Adviser, Climate Change Directorate, Government of Costa Rica • Macarena Moreira, Climate Change Mitigation Coordinator, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Argentina • Rueanna Haynes, Senior Legal Advisor, Climate Analytics • Lennox Gladden, Chief Climate Change Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment and Sustainable Development, Belize • Noa Rose, Transparency & Mitigation COP26 Presidency (UK)
Panelists' opening reflections or presentations	15 minutes	<p>{approx 3 minutes per panelist please}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vintura Silva, Regional Lead, Regional Collaboration Centre for the Caribbean, UNFCCC, Grenada • Paulo Cornejo, Coordinator, Technical Support, RedINGEI (Latin American Network on Greenhouse Gas Inventories), UNDP Chile

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirella Salvatore, Climate Change Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) • Henning Wuester, Director, UNOPS Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) <p>Framing questions for panelists to address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the key capacity building challenges for transparency and reporting in the Latin American and Caribbean region? 2. How can LAC countries build their national capacities for transparency and reporting (e.g. through collaboration, peer to peer learning, support programmes)? 3. What support does your organisation provide that could benefit capacity building for transparency in the LAC region?
Q&A and/ or comments from participants	20 minutes	Participants will be able to post questions in the chat; the moderator will invite a small number to speak their questions or comments aloud.
Breakout groups	25 minutes	<p>Guiding questions for breakout discussions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the key current capacity building challenges around reporting that you experience in your country? 2. What future capacity building challenges do you expect your country will experience whilst transitioning to the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF)? 3. What topics should the Glasgow Catalyst Action Group on Transparency focus their efforts on this year, in order to support and promote capacity building in this area going forward?
Return to plenary and close	5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noa Rose, Transparency & Mitigation, COP26 Presidency (UK) • James Corré, Secretariat Lead, COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action • Yamikani Idriss, Junior Climate Change Negotiator, Government of Malawi