

**COP26 CATALYST FOR CLIMATE ACTION:
ASSEMBLY AT THE UN REGIONAL CLIMATE WEEK FOR AFRICA**

**Capacity building for transparency and reporting: sharing
experiences from Africa and the Middle East**

**Monday 27th September 17:00 –18:30 Kampala/ 15:00-16:30
BST/ 14:00-15:30 GMT**

Platform: Zoom

Registration: [Register here](#)

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the session**

Languages: Simultaneous translation will be available in English, French and Arabic.

SESSION DESCRIPTION

Strong mechanisms to report on greenhouse gas emissions, progress in achieving NDCs and adaptation plans and 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 Enhanced Transparency Framework – transfer of support and long-term capacity building is crucial if we are to achieve a sustained approach. This session will introduce 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.

Time	Section	Speakers and guiding questions
Tbc	Welcome, scene setting, session format	Yamikani Idriss Ministry of Forestry and Natural Resources, Malawi James Corré COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action
	Keynote remarks	Gebru Jember Endalew Institutions Development and Strategic Partnerships Advisor, Global Green Growth Institute (Ethiopia)
	Introduction to COP26 Catalyst and opening reflections	Eve Deakin Head of Transparency Negotiations, COP26 Presidency (UK)
	Panel session	Daniel Benfoh Energy Resources and Climate Change Unit, Environmental Protection Agency (Ghana)

Sandra Motshwanedi

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Deputy Director: International Reporting on Climate Change (South Africa)

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Framing questions for panelists to address:

1. What are the key capacity building challenges for transparency and reporting in Africa and MENA?
2. How can countries in the region 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 for African countries and the MENA region?

Participants will have the opportunity to contribute comments or put questions to the panel.

	Breakout groups	<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 COP26 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	<p>Eve Deakin Head of Transparency Negotiations, COP26 Presidency (UK)</p> <p>James Corré, Secretariat Lead, COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action</p>