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Accessing the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)

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



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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)

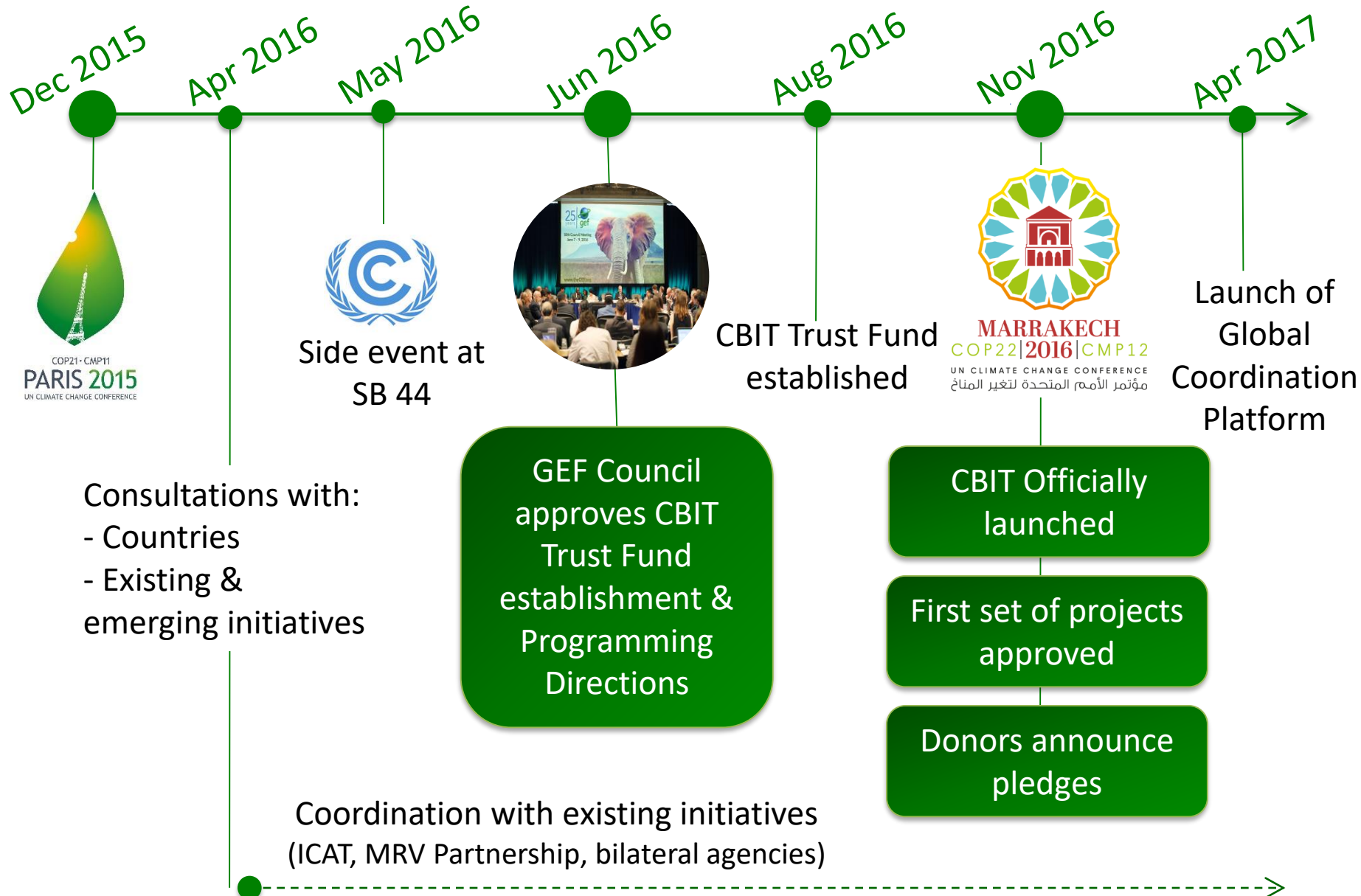
Urges and requests the GEF to make arrangements to support the establishment and operation of the CBIT as a priority reporting-related need, including through:

- 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



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



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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.



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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, 11 projects have been approved under the CBIT for a total of \$12.7 million:
 - ✓ Cambodia
 - ✓ Chile
 - ✓ Costa Rica
 - ✓ Ghana
 - ✓ Kenya
 - ✓ Mongolia
 - ✓ Papua New Guinea
 - ✓ South Africa
 - ✓ Uganda
 - ✓ Uruguay
 - ✓ CBIT Global Coordination Platform



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Approved CBIT Projects: Examples

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: Examples

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: Examples

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



- To kick start a global CBIT coordination platform to **share lessons learned** and facilitate **peer-to-peer knowledge exchange**
- Leveraging and building on existing initiatives, such as ICAT's Pilar I work on methodologies and guidance



National projects continue to be approved by the GEF (not by the platform)



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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 national policy-development
- ✓ Linkage with the Global Coordination Platform



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Update on Trust Fund Status

Latest status:

- ✓ \$48 million paid into the CBIT Trust Fund (Trustee report as of June 30, 2017)
- ✓ \$12.7 million approved
- ✓ \$35.3 million available for new CBIT projects
- *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 53rd GEF Council Meeting (November 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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Optional slides for Q&A



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From *Programming Directions*

Proposals will be prioritized based on demonstrated responsiveness to Paris Agreement transparency requirements under Article 13.

Proposals will also be prioritized for those countries that are in most need of capacity-building assistance for transparency-related activities, in particular small island developing States (SIDs) and least developed countries (LDCs).*

**Pursuant to paragraph 90 of the COP decision adopting the Paris Agreement, LDC Parties and SIDS may submit information under the enhanced transparency framework at their discretion.*



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CBIT Trust Fund

- The CBIT Trust Fund was established in order to accept voluntary contributions
- Governed by the GEF Council; World Bank serving as Trustee
- All GEF policies and procedures apply to projects supported by the CBIT
- Projects can be implemented by any of the GEF Agencies
- Sunset provision and to be fully integrated into GEF-7 to continue CBIT support



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Ongoing Coordination

✓ GEF continues to engage and coordinate with relevant initiatives and activities, including:

- Existing GEF projects and programs on reporting and Convention obligations
- Emerging and existing initiatives, including the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT), the Coalition on Paris Agreement Capacity Building, the International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV, and initiatives that support NDC implementation
- Other entities engaged in enhancing transparency, such as national institutions, bilateral agencies, international organizations, and others



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Results Framework

- ✓ Harmonized with GEF-6 Climate Change Mitigation results framework
- ✓ Ensuring alignment with existing GEF support
- ✓ Additional qualitative indicator on institutional capacity built for transparency-related activities under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement
- ✓ GEF Gender Equality Action Plan applies



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