

## ***Second Informal Consultation on Financial Support for Biennial Transparency Reports***

**Date: November 17, 2020  
(Tuesday)**

**Time: 8:00-10:00 Eastern Standard Time  
via Webex**

### **Background:**

The modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement were adopted in December 2018 at the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 24) and the third part of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 1.3). The Global Environment Facility (GEF), as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, was requested to support developing country Parties in preparing their first and subsequent biennial transparency reports (BTRs). This request was reiterated at COP 25 in December 2019 in the CMA's decision on Guidance to the GEF.

In response to this guidance, the GEF organized a first informal consultation meeting on June 18, 2020, where possible modalities and support options were discussed with representatives of countries and institutions engaged in UNFCCC reporting support. The summary of meeting discussions as well as presentation materials can be accessed from the GEF secretariat website.<sup>1</sup> Informed by the feedback received during that meeting, the GEF has further developed programming modalities and guidelines. The GEF also plans to post an information document on the subject to the 59<sup>th</sup> GEF Council, which will be held on December 7-11, 2020.

### **Meeting Objective:**

The GEF is organizing a second *Informal Consultation on Financial Support for the Biennial Transparency Reports* to present the modalities and guidelines that will be made available by the GEF for supporting the BTRs and related reporting. Participants will include government representatives, members from the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE), the UNFCCC Secretariat, and relevant GEF Implementing Agencies.

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<sup>1</sup> The information is available at: <http://www.thegef.org/events/informal-consultation-meeting-financial-support-biennial-transparency-reports-under-paris>

**Provisional Agenda  
(as of November 6, 2020)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>
<b>8:00-8:15</b>	<b>Welcome remarks and introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Gustavo Fonseca, Director of Programs, GEF Secretariat</i></li> </ul>
<b>8:15-9:45</b>	<b>Proposed modalities for supporting Biennial Transparency Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderated by Chizuru Aoki, <i>Lead Environmental Specialist</i>, and Milena Gonzalez Vasquez, <i>Climate Change Specialist, GEF Secretariat</i></li> </ul> <p>The GEF will provide an overview of the considerations and the process that went into preparing the proposed modalities, and present the key elements of the proposed modalities, including costing tables for Biennial Transparency Reports (BTR) and BTR/National Communications (NCs), as well as the suggested timelines, and guidelines for the provision of support.</p> <p>Participants are invited to share their views.</p>
<b>9:45-10:00</b>	<b>Closing: outcomes and next steps</b>

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