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# Output 3.2: Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) supported (forest and land use focused)

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| *Within the framework of the UN Climate Promise, supporting countries to enhance the climate ambition of their forest and land sector, in line with the global 1.5oC target. This comprises support along the NDC cycle, including coordination, stakeholder engagement, review, enhancement, financing and implementation (thus contributing to Outcome 1), as well as the associated Enhanced Transparency Framework. The NDC support will integrate acceleration, ambition, and inclusivity.* |

# The challenge

The important role of the forest and land use sector in meeting national climate goals is broadly recognized, with approximately 85% of NDCs including the land-use, land-use change, and forestry (LULUCF) sector.

The Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement provides a framework to track and report on greenhouse gas inventory data and NDC implementation progress, through the Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs), with the first submissions due by 31 December 2024.

UN-REDD partners have been supporting countries on preparation of BTR submissions, as well as through initiatives focused on data transparency, as a direct contribution to ETF implementation. The goal is to leverage the capabilities and expertise within the UN-REDD programme – maximizing efficiencies of the UN system - to support countries in a way that reduces transaction costs associated with this more frequent, regular UNFCCC reporting.

# The value proposition

FAO, UNDP and UNEP all play varying key leading roles in the context of transparency-related support, including CBIT-GSP and the associated support to the regional transparency networks, CBIT AFOLU, and CBIT-Forests.

As of 31 March 2025, 100 Parties had submitted BTR1s. Developing countries submitted 66 BTRs, including 15 from SIDS and LDCs. There were 19 BTR1 submissions so far, from Africa; Asia and the Pacific with 21, and LAC with 19. Many of these submissions were supported by UN-REDD partners.

In terms of Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), there are a number of existing partners and partnerships, including those which UN-REDD partner agencies are already actively engaged in. The partners and initiatives include, in particular, PATPA, IGES, ICAT, GHGMI and UNFCCC.

In the 2026-2030 timeframe, UN-REDD is well-placed to contribute to these various streams of existing support, when it comes to the forests and land-use.

# Scenarios

UN-REDD will – in coordination with and complementing the other existing ETF/BTR support programmes and initiatives across the three partner agencies, including FAO's “Building global capacity to increase transparency in the forest sector (CBIT-Forest) – support developing countries to measure and report on progress against their NDC and submit the BTRs (Building on Output 1.1), in line with the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement. Countries will be supported to meet the ETF Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines (MPGs) and enhance their systems and reports over time, with a focus on forests and land use. The policy analysis work in Output 3.3 will also provide further inputs in support of this output.

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| **Deliverables** | **Types of Activities** |
| 1. Strengthening capacity to fulfil ETF requirements to accurately measure and report on progress against their NDC targets and goals | 1. Support ETF readiness assessments 2. Strengthen institutional arrangements, data-sharing agreements, data collection to support more comprehensive ETF and BTR submissions responding to NDCs |
| 1. Strengthening systems for tracking NDC progress for the forests and land-use | 1. Support to develop and refine indicators for tracking NDC progress in the forest sector 2. Support to adapt and enhance ETF |
| 1. Supporting biennial submission of BTR reports, ensuring compliance with the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement. | 1. Support to incorporate and address key capacity-building needs and constraints communicated by the TER in BTR projects 2. Support the embedding of outputs of policy feedback systems into BTR reports (Output 3.3.) 3. Support to Article 6.2 reporting as part of the BTR (where relevant for forest-focused cooperative approaches/ITMOs |
| 1. Support to the BTR review process | 1. Country support provided to: 2. respond to comments and recommendations raised by TER teams 3. incorporate recommendations from the TER to revise/enhance the BTR submission |
| 1. Facilitating Knowledge exchanges | 1. Virtual and in-person trainings provided on different aspects of applying ETF requirements, with a focus on LULUCF |