

## **Mutual Learning Program for Enhanced Transparency (MLP)** **Reporting of mitigation actions in the agriculture sector under Art.13** **(Azerbaijan - Georgia - Japan - Moldova - Uzbekistan)**

### **- Main Meeting -**

**Date: July 30, 2024 | Place: Baku, Azerbaijan | Format: In-person**

**Venue: Nasimi Room in Radisson Hotel Baku**

**Time: 9:00-17:00 (Registration opens at 9:00)**

**Language: English with simultaneous translation to Russian and Azerbaijani**

**Meeting documents:** <https://iges.app.box.com/folder/260819260229?s=dlq7nkks31e178wi0n1ou4k5y590mhdu>

### **Background:**

The Mutual Learning Program for Enhanced Transparency (MLP), implemented and funded by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ), aims to assist countries to prepare their Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) under the enhanced transparency framework of the Paris Agreement through mutual learning of practices. The MLP is managed by Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting (MURC) in close collaboration with the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP).

In 2023, representatives of the five countries, namely Azerbaijan, Georgia, Japan, Moldova, and Uzbekistan, successfully completed the MLP for reporting of mitigation actions in the energy sector. In 2024, representatives of the same countries started the second phase of the MLP focusing on the agriculture sector.

On May 30 2024, they met together at the kick-off meeting (online) and discussed the detailed plan of the second phase of the MLP including a reporting exercise of common tabular format (CTF)-5 associated with BTRs. Since then, they have worked on the exercise, exchanged and reviewed each other's exercise, and shared their questions and comments.

This main meeting, graciously hosted by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan, aims to provide the opportunity for the country experts to discuss each country's reporting exercise in detail and next steps for the countries to submit the First BTRs by the end of 2024, continuously improve BTRs over time, and link this information to the implementation of NDCs.

### **Expectation shared by countries and objectives:**

At the kick-off meeting in May, countries shared their expectations for the main meeting. Based on their expectation and needs, the main meeting specifically aims to:

- **As several countries are to finalize the draft BTR, the main meeting can be the opportunity to verify the draft's compliance with the BTR requirements and adjust it for improvements.**

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- More specifically, the following topics are the countries' interest/concern (at the time of the kick-off meeting) which can be further discussed:
  - Amount of information, detail, granularity etc.
  - Approaches to quantify expected emission reductions, which are not yet the part of the existing plan
  - How to overcome limited data and reduce uncertainties
  - How to use the flexibility mechanism
  - Impacts of mitigation actions in the sector, including intersectoral policies
  - How to track progress with conditional vs. unconditional targets

### Expected outcomes:

At the end of the main meeting, participants should be able to:

- Increased understanding of how to complete the CTF-5 in the agriculture sector as part of the BTR
- Increased confidence to submit the CTF-5 as part of the BTR
- Shared knowledge of how to make progress and overcome challenges with BTR preparation
- Increased awareness and inspiration of how to link the information of BTRs to NDCs
- Enhanced collaborative networks among the participating experts, organizations, and countries
- Recommendations for future collaboration, including through the MLP and other channels

### Agenda:

Time expressed in Azerbaijan Time (GMT+4)

9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:00	<b>Opening session</b> Opening of the Main Meeting by the Moderator: Chisa Umemiya, IGES Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yashar Karimov, on behalf of the Government of Azerbaijan (TBC)</li> <li>● Mimi Nameki, Director, International Cooperation for Transition to Decarbonization and Sustainable Infrastructure Representative, Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) (Video message)</li> <li>● On behalf of CBIT-GSP (Nailia Timerkhanova)</li> </ul> Self-introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Country representatives and members of the MLP</li> </ul> Group photo
10:00-10:30	<b>Introductory session</b> Objectives and flow of the main meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chisa Umemiya, IGES</li> </ul> Interactive exchange among the countries: What are updates from the kick-off meeting in May for BTR, NDC, agriculture policies etc.? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nailia Timerkhanova, CBIT-GSP</li> </ul>
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-11:15	<b>Main session</b>

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	<p><i>This session provides the opportunity to discuss a country's reporting exercise (CTF-5) in the agriculture sector in detail. <b>Please be reminded that as several countries are to finalise their draft BTRs, the session can be the opportunity to verify their compliance with the BTR requirements and adjust drafts for improvements.</b></i></p> <p><i>It starts with a country presentation on a reporting exercise, followed by questions and comments from participants of other countries. <b>All country participants are requested to actively contribute to the session for "mutual learning of practices".</b></i></p> <p>Country presentation (10-15min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maharram Mehtiyev and Murad Novbarov, Azerbaijan</li> </ul> <p>Questions and Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All countries are asked to provide inputs</li> </ul>
11:15-11:45	<p>Country presentation (10-15min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sopiko Gelashvili, Georgia</li> </ul> <p>Questions and Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All countries are asked to provide inputs</li> </ul>
11:45-12:15	<p>Country presentation (10-15min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takashi Morimoto, Japan</li> </ul> <p>Questions and Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All countries are asked to provide inputs</li> </ul>
12:15-13:30	Lunch break (Lagom Restaurant, 1F)
13:30-13:45	<p>Interactive exchange among the countries: Getting ready for the afternoon sessions!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nailia Timerkhanova, CBIT-GSP</li> </ul>
13:45-14:15	<p>Country presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lilia Taranu, Moldova (10-15min)</li> </ul> <p>Questions and Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All countries are asked to provide inputs</li> </ul>
14:15-14:45	<p>Country presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lyudmila Shardakova, Uzbekistan (10-15min)</li> </ul> <p>Questions and Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All countries are asked to provide inputs</li> </ul>
14:45-15:00	Coffee break
15:00-16:15	<p><b>Discussion session</b></p> <p><b><u>Round-table discussion by all participants</u></b></p> <p>Guiding questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What could you "mutually" learn? What are your main take-aways?</li> <li>• What are the remaining issues for the submission and improvement of a BTR?</li> <li>• What could be steps for linking the information of BTRs with the implementation of NDCs?</li> <li>• Recommendations for future collaboration, including through the MLP and other channels</li> </ul>
16:15-17:00	<p><b>Closing session</b></p> <p>Feedback and evaluation of the MLP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nailia Timerkhanova, CBIT-GSP</li> </ul> <p>Summary and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nailia Timerkhanova, CBIT-GSP</li> <li>• Chisa Umemiya, IGES</li> </ul>