

ICAT long-term work programme

Adopted document for ICAT's programmatic framework until November 2021

I. Introduction

In the extended period of activities up to November 2021, ICAT will engage in the following three components with the activities outlined below. The three components will be implemented in line with the principles and strategic priorities set out in the amended version of the Project Agreements.

It is important to note that there is strong interlinkage between the three components. Work on these components will be closely coordinated, and activities under one component will build as much as possible on work done under other components. For instance, tools and methodologies prepared under component 2 will be utilized to support countries under component 1. Approaches that have proven to be effective in countries under component 1 will feed into training material to be utilized under component 3.

II. Programme components

A. Component 1: Country work

Capacity building in countries for mitigation and adaptation action transparency based on the needs and priorities defined by these partner countries is at the heart of ICAT's work. Activities include support to countries to:

- Build and/or enhance their transparency systems based on MRV capacity needs assessment (using a tool jointly developed with CBIT), including through: institutional capacity building; supporting the development of data systems; GHG emission inventory support; and enhancing data quality;
- Track progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs, including through the qualitative or quantitative indicators chosen by the country;
- Use methodologies/tools to assess impacts (in term of GHG emissions, and socio-economic and sustainable development related impacts) of policies and measures, actions and plans;
- Integrate/aggregate transparency at sub-national level and for non-state actors as relevant for the national transparency systems / national institutional arrangements;
- Identify domestic benefits and synergies from enhanced climate action and policy transparency, including in mobilizing finance.

While not excluding the possibility to engage with other countries than the 35 that ICAT has offered its support to as of January 2019, a special focus will be placed on deeper engagement with the existing partner countries by:

- Developing a second phase for countries where work under the first phase is approaching completion, and priority activities have been identified that ICAT can effectively support; and
- Expanding engagement, in particular with large countries, to offer broader support as part of the initial phase.

Indicators of success: At least 30 countries will have made progress in developing their MRV system, in particular transparency efforts to report on implementation of their NDCs under the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement. At least two thirds of the countries supported by ICAT have utilized tools or methodologies to assess the impacts of climate policies and/or presented their transparency framework to potential investors.

B. Component 2: The ICAT toolbox

Building on and further developing existing ICAT material as well as relevant work done by partner institutions, this component will cover the preparation of methodologies, indicators, tools, training materials/ modules and e-learning tools for both adaptation and mitigation. Focus is put on developing the toolbox based on experience in countries, for example taking tools or methodologies that were successful in one country and adapting them to other countries that face similar needs. Further analytical work will focus on the identification of domestic benefits and synergies from the implementation of enhanced transparency arrangements, including those related to sustainable development, and to mobilize finance.

Activities include:

- Finalizing those guidance documents for which countries have shown interest by September 2019, while work on other documents will be paused until there is country interest;
- Prioritizing the work on adaptation methodologies to be developed, based on needs expressed by partner countries and building on specific country case studies;
- Tailoring guidance documents and tools to partner countries and contextualizing them through additions, broadening the focus towards supporting long-term planning and target setting;
- Creating tools and indicators for policies and measures under the NDCs, in line with the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement, and using, where applicable, the ICAT methodologies;
- Preparing for support to partner countries on their Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) process based on indicators determined by them;
- Undertaking studies on key areas of ICAT's work, including: evidence-based policy making; the link between enhanced transparency arrangements and countries' ability to mobilize finance.

Indicators of success: ICAT tools and methodologies are published and applied in countries. Gaps in knowledge are filled. ICAT uses tools/methodologies prepared by other partners and partners use ICAT tools.

C. Component 3: Broader training activities, other regional activities and knowledge sharing

This component includes training activities prepared and implemented in cooperation with and support of other relevant initiatives, and other regional activities and approaches in enhancing capacities in the areas listed under component 1 above, and in accordance with country priorities. Training and knowledge products use the work done under components 1 and 2. Priority is given to activities undertaken jointly, in an integrated manner with partner organizations.

Specific activities include:

- Global and regional courses, peer-to-peer learning, and online training/e-learning organized in cooperation with and support of other relevant initiatives and organizations;
- Develop and provide systematic and long-term trainings on the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement, with the option of offering a certificate to participants;
- Develop and deliver training of trainers, selecting the appropriate approach based on country context; forming “regional champions”; enabling south-south cooperation;
- Regional mapping of national level capacity and institutions, as well as of support mechanisms available;
- Online knowledge repository for countries.

Indicators of success: The activities above meet the priorities of countries and attract interest demonstrated through active participation in courses and use of online tools and knowledge platforms.

D. Implementation Plan

The Initiative will run until November 2021 unless an extension is agreed upon. The table below provides a general and indicative implementation plan for the three components described above in line with the identified principles and strategic priorities. Activities related to component 2 will be completed after two years of the adoption of the work programme. Most of the activities related to component 1 and 3 will run until the end date of the project. A more detailed description of the scope of work, activities and related outputs will be provided in the annual work plans to be prepared by the Secretariat and approved by the Donor Steering Committee.

Table 1: Implementation plan										
Component 1 – Country Work: The activities described below are the steps for strengthening the capacity building in countries for mitigation and adaptation action transparency. The activities will be carried out in close collaboration with country partners and national experts, and in accordance with country priorities.										
Component Start and End Dates: 01 June 2019 – 01 November 2021										
Activities	2019		2020				2021			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.1 Build and/or enhance their transparency systems based on MRV capacity needs assessment (using a tool jointly developed with CBIT), through: institutional capacity building; supporting the development of data systems; GHG inventory support; and enhancing data quality;										
1.2 Track progress made in implementing the NDCs in accordance with the qualitative or quantitative indicators chosen by the country;										
1.3 Use methodologies/tools to assess impacts (in term of GHG emissions, and socio-economic and sustainable development related impacts) of policies;										
1.4 Integrate/aggregate transparency at sub-national level and for non-state actors as relevant for the national transparency systems / national institutional arrangements;										
1.5 Identify domestic benefits and synergies from the implementation of enhanced transparency systems, including in mobilizing finance.										
1.6 Final report on lessons learnt for 2019.										
Indicators of Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 30 countries will have made progress in developing their MRV system, in particular transparency efforts to report on implementation of their NDCs under the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement; At least two thirds of the countries supported by ICAT have utilized tools or methodologies to assess the impacts of climate policies and/or presented their transparency framework to potential investors. 									
Component 2 – ICAT Toolbox: The activities described below are the steps for building on and further developing existing ICAT methodologies, indicators, tools, training materials/modules and e-learning tools for both adaptation and mitigation. This component will also include activities for further analytical work focus on the identification of domestic benefits and synergies from the implementation of enhanced transparency arrangements.										
Component Start and End Dates: 01 June 2019 – 31 March 2021										
Activities	2019		2020				2021			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.1 Finalizing those guidance documents for which countries have shown interest by September 2019, while work on other documents will be paused;										
2.2 Prioritizing the work on adaptation methodologies to be developed, based on needs expressed by partner countries and building on specific country case studies;										
2.3 Tailoring guidance documents and tools to partner countries and contextualizing them through add-ons, broadening the focus towards supporting long-term planning and target setting;										
2.4 Creating tools and indicators for policies and measures under the NDCs, in line with the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement, and using, where applicable, the ICAT methodologies;										
2.5 Preparing for support to partner countries on their Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) process based on indicators determined by them;										
2.6 Undertaking studies on key areas of ICAT’s work, including: evidence-based policy making; the link between enhanced transparency arrangements and countries’ ability to mobilize finance.										
Indicators of Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAT tools and methodologies are published and applied in countries. Gaps in knowledge are filled. ICAT uses tools/methodologies prepared by other partners and partners use ICAT tools. 									

Component 3 – Broader training activities, other regional activities and knowledge sharing: The activities described below are the steps for development of training activities and other regional activities and approaches aimed at enhancing capacities in the areas listed in components 1. The activities will be carried out in close collaboration with country partners and national experts, and in accordance with country priorities.										
Component Start and End Dates:		01 June 2019 – 01 November 2021								
Activities	2019		2020				2021			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
3.1 Global and regional courses, peer-to-peer learning, and online training/e-learning organized in cooperation with and support of other relevant initiatives and organizations;										
3.2 Develop and provide systematic and long-term trainings on the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement, with the option of offering a certificate to participants;										
3.3 Develop and deliver training of trainers, selecting the appropriate approach based on country context; forming “regional champions”; enabling south-south cooperation;										
3.4 Regional mapping of national level capacity and institutions, as well as of support mechanisms available;										
3.5 Online knowledge repository for countries.										
Indicators of Success	The activities meet the priorities of countries and attract interest demonstrated through active participation in courses and use of online tools and knowledge platforms.									