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SURVEY INTRODUCTION AND GUIDANCE FOR RESPONDERS

We kindly request your support in completing this status questionnaire on the implementation of your country's National Communication (NC), Biennial Update Report (BUR), and/or Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) projects. This Annual Status Survey, conducted once a year, is a joint reporting requirement of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the UNFCCC. It is carried out in accordance with the GEF Monitoring Policy (https://shorturl.at/8164l) and plays a critical role in supporting accurate and timely reporting to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation in preparation for COP30. The 2024 GEF report to UNFCCC COP29, based on the survey responses, is available here (https://www.thegef.org/documents/gef-report-unfccc-cop29).

Please answer the questions as accurately as possible. The survey includes both multiple-choice and open-ended questions and is expected to take approximately 20 minutes to complete. **The deadline for survey responses** is **16 June 2025**.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

If you have any questions, please contact the relevant focal point of the GEF Implementing Agency.

Country Information

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Please indicate your Country: *

Republic of Serbia

Contact Details of Survey Responder

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IMPLEMENTATION OF BIENNIAL TRANSPARENCY REPORT (BTR)/OR COMBINED BTR/NC PROJECT

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Is your country currently preparing a "Biennial Transparency Report" (BTR) or "Combined BTR/NC" for submission to the UNFCCC? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

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Which Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) is your country currently preparing for submission to the UNFCCC? *

- ( ) Standalone BTR1
- ( ) Combined BTR1/NCx
- ( ) Standalone BTR2
- (●) Combined BTR2/NCx

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If you are completing your BTR under the combined BTR/NCx modality, it is expected that the BTR and NC will be prepared as a single report*. Please confirm if this is your country's intention.

*[*The main BTR components are as follows: (1) National GHG inventory report (shall) (2) Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs (shall) (3) Information on financial, technology transfer and capacity building support needed and received (should) (4) Information related to climate change impacts and adaptation (should) For more information. please see: https://unfccc.int/news/understanding-the-enhanced-transparency-framework-new-handbook-published-0] **

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

Please provide the status of each component in your current BTR (or combined BTR/NC): *

	Not yet initiated *(No activities initiated)*	**< 25% completed** *(Project launched, sectoral experts constituted, contracts/agreements signed)*	**25-50% completed** *(Data collection commenced)*	**50-75% completed** *(Analysis of different sectoral reports and drafting of chapters commenced)*	**> 75% completed** *(Draft chapter prepared and circulated for review and comments)*	**Completed** *(Final chapter reviewed and endorsed (by national stakeholders) for inclusion in the BTR or NC/BTR report)*
1. National inventory report of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases	○	◉	○	○	○	○
2. Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement	○	◉	○	○	○	○
3. Information related to climate change impacts and adaptation under Article 7 of the Paris Agreement	○	◉	○	○	○	○
4. Information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support needed and received under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement	○	◉	○	○	○	○
5. Other Information	○	◉	○	○	○	○
6. Research and systematic observations (RSO) and education/training and public awareness *(Applicable for combined BTR/NC)*	○	◉	○	○	○	○

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Expected date of completion of draft BTR (or combined BTR/NC) report for Stakeholder consultation: *

9/1/2026

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Expected date of submission of BTR (or combined BTR/NC) to the UNFCCC: *

12/31/2026

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If the expected date of submission to the UNFCCC, as reported in the previous question has been revised compared to the date which was mentioned in the 2024 survey (please see: https://shorturl.at/pCwHN), please select the relevant reasons: *

- [ ] Political instability
- [ ] Change/turnover in Government
- [ ] Government endorsement/validation process
- [ ] Stakeholder engagement
- [ ] Availability/Quality of Data
- [ ] Administrative constraints (e.g., procurement, recruitment, fund transfer/availability)
- [x] BTR1 was submitted in the expected date (31 December 2024)

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Please explain the reason(s) behind the option(s) you selected in the previous question: *

BTR1 was submitted in the expected date (31 December 2024)

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Parties may submit their Adaptation Communication as a component of, or in conjunction with, a BTR or other documents (9/CMA.1). Is your country planning to submit an Adaptation Communication? *

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No
- (•) Not sure
- ( ) Already submitted

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Parties may voluntarily include a REDD+ Technical Annex as part of their BTR submission, in line with Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, and consistent with the relevant UNFCCC guidance. Is your country planning to submit a REDD+ Technical Annex with your ongoing BTR? *

- ( ) Yes
- (•) No
- ( ) Not sure

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Parties are encouraged—but not required—to report on Loss and Damage (L&D) in their BTR preparation to enhance understanding of climate impacts and related support needs (Decision 18/CMA.1). Is your country planning to report, or already working on reporting, on L&D as part of the ongoing BTR? *

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No
- (•) Not sure

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What are the key challenges in reporting on Loss and Damage (L&D) as part of the BTR preparation, and what good practices or lessons learned can you share? *

The Methodology for estimation of the losses and damages derived from climate change will be prepared in the next period. Nevertheless, INDC, NDC2 and draft NDC3 of the Republic of Serbia refers to losses and damages associated with extreme weather events and indicates the need to adapt to climate change.

IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL COMMUNICATION (NC) PROJECT

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Is your country currently preparing a "Standalone National Communication" (NC) for submission to the UNFCCC?

**Clarification: A "standalone National Communication" means that your country is preparing and submitting the NC independently, in accordance with the relevant project document, and not as part of a combined report with the BTR.* *

- ( ) Yes
- (•) No

IMPLEMENTATION OF BIENNIAL UPDATE REPORT (BUR)

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Is your country currently preparing a "Biennial Update Report" (BUR) for submission to the UNFCCC? *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

ACCESS TO FUNDING FOR BIENNIAL TRANSPARENCY REPORT (BTR)/OR COMBINED BTR/NC

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Is your country planning to initiate a funding request for the preparation of a subsequent BTR? *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

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If the answer is "**No**", please clarify your answer from previous question. *

The Republic of Serbia is currently preparing the combined BTR2 and NC4.

KEY CHALLENGES AND SUPPORT NEEDED

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Has your country already submitted its BTR1 or combined BTR1/NCx to the UNFCCC by the deadline of 31 December 2024? *

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

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What are the three (3) most important factors that contributed to its successful submission to the UNFCCC? *

Strong intuitional coordination and political commitment, robust data systems and technical capacity, external support and international technical assistance.

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GHG Inventory : **please rank the challenges in order with 1st being the most challenging and 5th the least challenging**

(Guidance to the Responder: Drag and drop options or click arrow up/down to change the order of your preferences) *

1 Technical capacity (i.e. use of tools, estimation methods, vulnerability assessment)

2 Stakeholders' engagement and communication

3 Data collection and archiving systems

4 Normative capacity (i.e. knowledge of MPGs, IPCC guidelines)

5 Institutional arrangements (clarity on roles and responsibilities)

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NDC Tracking/Mitigation Analysis : **please rank the challenges in order with 1st being the most challenging and 5th the least challenging**

(Guidance to the Responder: Drag and drop options or click arrow up/down to change the order of your preferences) *

1 Technical capacity (i.e. use of tools, estimation methods, vulnerability assessment)

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5 Institutional arrangements (clarity on roles and responsibilities)

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Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation (incl. Loss & Damage): **please rank the challenges in order with 1st being the most challenging and 5th the least challenging**

(Guidance to the Responder: Drag and drop options or click arrow up/down to change the order of your preferences) *

1 Stakeholders' engagement and communication

2 Data collection and archiving systems

3 Normative capacity (i.e. knowledge of MPGs, IPCC guidelines)

4 Institutional arrangements (clarity on roles and responsibilities)

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Financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support needed and received: please rank the challenges in order with 1st being the most challenging and 5th the least challenging

(Guidance to the Responder: Drag and drop options or click arrow up/down to change the order of your preferences) *

1 Data collection and archiving systems

2 Normative capacity (i.e. knowledge of MPGs, IPCC guidelines)

3 Stakeholders' engagement and communication

4 Institutional arrangements (clarity on roles and responsibilities)

5 Technical capacity (i.e. use of tools, estimation methods, vulnerability assessment)

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Please explain the reasons behind your ranking responses and also describe any other challenges, if applicable: *

N/A

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Please indicate support needed from the GEF Implementing Agency and/or Transparency networks* to facilitate the finalization and timely submission of your ongoing NC, BUR and/or BTR (or combined BTR/NC):** *

**E.g., Regional networks managed under UNEP-GEF Capacity-Building Initiative For Transparency – Global Coordination Platform (CBIT GSP); Enhancing Climate Transparency (ECT) Program under UNDP Climate Promise.*

***An overview of BTR components are: 1. National GHG inventory report (shall) 2. Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs (shall) 3. Information on financial, technology transfer and capacity building support needed and received (should) 4. Information related to climate change impacts and adaptation (should)For more information, please see https://unfccc.int/news/understanding-the-enhanced-transparency-framework-new-handbook-published-0*

- [x] Capacity Building (incl. ETF requirements, and relevant guidelines)
- [ ] Technical Assistance
- [x] Peer learning and knowledge exchanges
- [ ] Access to financial support
- [ ] Other

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Please select and describe problems and challenges faced in conforming to reporting frequency requirements, i.e. submission of a NC (every four years), BUR (if ongoing) and BTR (every two years)* *

**According to decision 18/CMA.1, para. 3, the first BTR must be submitted by all Parties no later than 31 December 2024. Least developed countries and small island developing states have discretion to submit their first BTR later (decisions 1/CP.21, para 90 and 18/CMA.1 para.4).*

- [x] Institutional or Organizational capacities and resources
- [ ] Data, Systems and Tools
- [ ] Stakeholders engagement and communication
- [ ] Availability of Finance
- [ ] Other

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Please explain the reason(s) behind the option(s) you selected above *

Climate Change Department within the Ministry of Environmental Protection has a insufficient number of trained employees to deal with the reporting obligations under the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement.

OTHER QUESTIONS

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Beyond fulfilling international reporting requirements, how has your country used its experience, knowledge, and expertise from the implementation of the enabling activities (and development of the NCs, BURs and BTRs) to promote action against climate change at the national level? *

- [ ] Strengthening the national legal framework in climate-change planning processes
- [ ] Establishing the foundation of strategic climate public policy or instrument
- [ ] Improved access to funding
- [ ] Enhancing national capacities through sustainable transparency systems
- [x] Enchasing coordination between vast stakeholders in the field of climate change at the national level

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If you have selected '<u>Establishing the foundation of strategic climate public policy or instrument</u>' in the previous question, please also select from the options below:

No answer provided.

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Please provide a detailed explanation of your answers to the previous two questions: *

Enhancing coordination and communication among climate change stakeholders is essential for ensuring cross-sectoral alignment, efficient data sharing, coherent policy implementation, stronger stakeholder ownership, improved access to finance and technical support, and a more resilient, well-informed national response to climate challenges.

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Please provide information concerning the status of the National Transparency system(s) (GHGI, NDC tracking, mitigation, M&E for adaptation and loss and damage, and support) in your country: *

- ○ No steps taken to establish MRV/transparency system in the country
- ○ MRV/transparency system in development.
- ◉ MRV/transparency system partially in place (i.e., ready for some sectors) and requiring improvements.
- ○ MRV/transparency system is fully in place and functioning.

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Please provide a detailed explanation of your answer to the previous question: *

The MRV system was created through the CBIT project, but it needs more work to become fully operational, including upgrading of the national MRV-CIS system, ensuring synergy with the GHG Permitting System (as appropriate) and establishment of a national system for GHG projections.

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What technologies and platforms are your "National MRV/Transparency framework system" based on *[Please select all options that apply]*:** *

- ☐ Hard copy documents/files
- ☐ Standard Office tools e.g.: Excel/XML based workbook
- ☑ Server or cloud-based file system/off-the-shelf solution
- ☐ Digital Integrated Management System (IMS)/Custom built server or cloud-based software solution
- ☐ Other

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In what ways has the preparation of your country's Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) informed or contributed to the revision or development of your Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0)? Please describe key areas where the BTR process added value (e.g., data systems, institutional arrangements, capacity assessments, or policy coherence) and any systemic or technical obstacles that affected integration. *

The preparation of Serbia's BTR has directly informed the development of NDC 3.0 by strengthening national data systems, enhancing institutional coordination mechanisms, and identifying key gaps in mitigation data and sectoral reporting, while challenges such as fragmented data sources and limited technical capacity in certain sectors hindered full integration and highlighted the need for more systematic data collection and cross-sectoral engagement moving forward.

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Please provide information on your country's efforts to integrate gender into national reporting (NCs, BURs, BTRs) and the MRV systems/Transparency System? *[Please select all options that apply]* *

- [x] Country collects sex disaggregated data through NC, BUR, BTR and national MRV.
- [ ] Specific gender-responsive indicators are being monitored and reported in relation to climate actions/measures/projects.
- [ ] Country has a Climate Change and Gender Action Plan that has clear actions to support or strengthen gender mainstreaming in monitoring and reporting systems.
- [ ] Country has undertaken capacity building surrounding gender mainstreaming and MRV/ETF through NC, BUR, BTR and other reporting instruments/ processes.
- [ ] Gender analysis and sex disaggregated data is actively analyzed to influence climate policy, planning, and reporting.
- [ ] Other

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Please provide a detailed explanation of your answer to the previous question: *

Serbia has made efforts to integrate gender into its national climate reporting and MRV system by gradually incorporating sex-disaggregated data in sectors such as agriculture, energy, and education through its National Communications (NCs) and Biennial Update Reports (BURs). These efforts aim to capture gender-differentiated impacts and support inclusive climate action, while institutional collaboration and capacity-building have helped raise awareness among national experts. However, challenges remain due to limited baseline data and the need for stronger integration of gender indicators across sectoral monitoring frameworks, which Serbia seeks to address in the ongoing development of its MRV system and NDC 3.0.

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Based on your experience with national reporting and setting up transparency system(s) and/or its components (GHG inventories, mitigation actions and their effects, climate change impacts and adaptation, and support), are there any good practices/lessons learnt you would like to share with other countries? Please provide concrete examples *

Serbia's experience highlights the value of early and continuous engagement with sectoral institutions and national experts over the climate reporting process. One good practice has been the integration of capacity-building activities directly into the development of National Communications and BTR, which has strengthened institutional memory and technical readiness for future reporting. Additionally, Serbia's collaboration with educational institutions and the Serbian Environmental Protection Agency has proven effective in improving data quality and exploring opportunities for integrating climate and socio-economic indicators. These approaches may serve as useful models for other countries seeking to enhance transparency and institutional coordination under the Enhanced Transparency Framework.