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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.

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Please indicate your Country: *

Sri Lanka

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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

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: *

2/27/2026

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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] Not applicable, planning to provide BTR2 as per the deadline

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

Not applicable, planning to provide BTR2 as per the deadline

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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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How is your country planning to report—or currently reporting—on Loss and Damage (L&D) in its ongoing BTR? *

- ☑ Observed and potential climate change impacts, including those related to extreme weather events and slow onset events.
- ☑ Activities related to averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change.
- ☑ Institutional arrangements to facilitate the implementation of the activities referred to above.
- ☐ Other

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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? *

Insufficient integrated database capturing both data on disaster and climate induced rapid and slow-onset events. The institutional mechanism for L&D to address climate induced, slow onset mechanisms is still being established.

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.* *

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

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Which National Communication (NC) is your country currently preparing for submission to the UNFCCC? *

- [ ] Initial (1st)
- [ ] Second
- [ ] Third
- [x] Fourth
- [ ] Fifth
- [ ] Other

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Please provide the status of each component in your current 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 NC report)*
1. National Circumstances	◉	○	○	○	○	○
2. National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Information	◉	○	○	○	○	○
3. Vulnerability Assessment, Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Measures	◉	○	○	○	○	○
4. Measures to Mitigate Climate Change (Mitigation Assessment)	◉	○	○	○	○	○
5. Other Relevant Information	◉	○	○	○	○	○
6. Constraints & Gaps; related Financial, Technical and Capacity Needs	◉	○	○	○	○	○

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Expected date of completion of draft NC report for Stakeholder consultation: *

9/30/2026

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Expected date of submission of NC to the UNFCCC: *

6/30/2027

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If the expected date of NC 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/2yakw), 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] Not applicable, planning to submit NC4 by the deadline

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

Not applicable, planning to submit NC4 by the deadline

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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Please indicate when you expect to initiate a request for BTR funding for your country. *

- ○ Year 2025
- ○ Year 2026
- ○ Process already initiated
- ◉ Not sure/Not yet decided

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Please indicate the Modality* your country would like to use to apply for funds. *

**Information Note on the Update of the Cost Structure for the Financing of Biennial Transparency Reports, please see: https://shorturl.at/BBIXm*
***The GEF Secretariat has provided an option for countries to access funds for two BTRs and one NC (as applicable) as part of the same enabling activity project. Please refer to para 21 of the Information Note mentioned above (https://shorturl.at/BBIXm)*

- ○ Stand-alone BTRx
- ○ Combined BTRx/NCx
- ○ Bundled BTR1/NCx and BTR2 (or Bundled BTR1 and BTR2/NCx)
- ○ Bundled BTR2/NCx and BTR3 (or Bundled BTR2 and BTR3/NCx)
- ◉ Not sure/Not yet decided

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? *

1. Strong leadership from the Ministry of Environment to coordinate the data collection from the NDC line Ministries/agencies
2. Strong, collaborative stakeholder engagement to collect, verify data for BTR1
3. Developed in-country capacity to fill the CRT and CTF tables

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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 Data collection and archiving systems

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

3 Institutional arrangements (clarity on roles and responsibilities)

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

5 Stakeholders' engagement and communication

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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 Data collection and archiving systems

2 Institutional arrangements (clarity on roles and responsibilities)

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

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

5 Stakeholders' engagement and communication

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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 Data collection and archiving systems

2 Institutional arrangements (clarity on roles and responsibilities)

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

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

5 Stakeholders' engagement and communication

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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 Institutional arrangements (clarity on roles and responsibilities)

3 Stakeholders' engagement and communication

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

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

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

Sectoral ETF systems are presently being established for industry and AFOLU sectors which may help with the data collection and archiving systems. Sectoral ETF systems for waste, energy (including transport) is yet to be developed.

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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
- [x] 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
- [x] Data, Systems and Tools
- [x] Stakeholders engagement and communication
- [x] Availability of Finance
- [x] Very short time span between climate transparency reporting periods

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

Due to the limited time period between climate transparency reporting engaging stakeholders to collect and verify data is challenging. Limited finance to develop MRV systems to streamline this process has made this process more challenging.

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? *

- [x] Strengthening the national legal framework in climate-change planning processes
- [x] Establishing the foundation of strategic climate public policy or instrument
- [ ] Improved access to funding
- [x] Enhancing national capacities through sustainable transparency systems
- [ ] Other

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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:

- [x] Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
- [x] National or Sectoral Adaptation Plans (NAPs)
- [ ] Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs)
- [ ] National Climate Strategy Documents and Action Plans
- [x] Long-term Strategies (LTS)
- [x] 2050 Carbon Net Zero Roadmap and Strategic Plan

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

In updating NDC 3.0 and revised NAP (2025-2035) targets, the indicators were selected in line with CRT and CTF reporting requirements of MPGs

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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: *

ETF systems are being developed for AFOLU and industry sectors. Currently exploring the feasibility of MRVs for energy and waste sectors.

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

- [x] Hard copy documents/files
- [ ] Standard Office tools e.g.: Excel/XML based workbook
- [x] 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. *

Findings and recommendations from BTR1 informed the stocktaking process of NDC 3.0. Further, the CRT and CTF were considered in developing the KPIs for NDC 3.0 targets.

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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]* *

- [ ] Country collects sex disaggregated data through NC, BUR, BTR and national MRV.
- [x] Specific gender-responsive indicators are being monitored and reported in relation to climate actions/measures/projects.
- [x] 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: *

A Climate Change and Gender Action Plan is being developed, specific gender responsive indicators are being developed for NDC sectors. A capacity building programme on gender mainstreaming and gender disaggregated data collection are also planned

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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 *

1. The ETF systems are being developed to streamline data and information for BTRs.
2. A strong coordination mechanism to collect data and information.