



# Building and Strengthening Liberia's National Capacity to Implement the Transparency Element of the Paris Climate Agreement (CBIT)

## National Stakeholders Engagement Workshop Report

"Increasing Awareness on the Role and Responsibilities of Stakeholders in GHG governance and Data Value Chain Management, Gender Mainstreaming on GHG and MRV"

Corina Hotel ,24<sup>th</sup> Street, Monrovia Liberia, September 18, 2019





## Introduction

As part of the Paris Agreement, Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) agreed to establish a Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT). The goal of the CBIT is to strengthen institutional and technical capacity of developing countries to meet the enhanced transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement in both the pre- and post-2020 period. These enhanced transparency requirements are defined in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement. Therefore, the objective of this project to build and strengthen Liberia's national capacity to implement the transparency elements of the Paris Climate Agreement. The CBIT enables countries to establish or strengthen their in-house capacity to track progress on national commitments made under the Paris Agreement and to produce more comprehensive and accurate reports capturing their implementation in the medium to long-term.

The CBIT also supports countries to build capacity to enhance the level of ambition under the Paris Agreement, including by enhancing capacities for the generation of accurate and updated data on emissions in all sectors as well as in the impacts of adaptation measures in increasing resilience of communities and ecosystems.

## Objectives and Participants

The workshop was geared towards gender and NDC implementation with the aim to elaborate and strengthen entry points for gender mainstreaming in transparency activities and develop guidelines for gender mainstreaming on GHG and MRV.

The workshop had two objectives: 1. To raise awareness on the role and responsibilities of stakeholder in GHG governance and data value chain management; 2. To Developed a guideline for gender mainstreaming on GHG and MRV.

The workshop brought together 51 professionals from key Government Ministries and Agencies, National Youth and Student Organizations, Civic Society Organizations, Academia, Private Sectors, NGOs, Forest Dependent People and Development Partners to brainstorm and developed guidelines for gender mainstreaming on GHG and MRV.

59 professionals attended the workshop of which 28 were male and 31 were females all of which from government, civil society, academia, NGOs, Forest Dependent People, Development Partners, Student and Youth Organizations; 47% male while 53 % men.



## OVERVIEW OF THE WORKSHOP

Workshop was organized in collaboration with partner institutions to raise awareness on stakeholders involved in GHG and transparency activities in Liberia and their roles and responsibilities. Experts were contracted to facilitate the process which included the elaboration on the roles and responsibilities and solicit stakeholder input and feedback on the proposed roles in GHG governance and data value chain management. The workshop also highlighted gender and NDC implementation, with the aim to elaborate and strengthen entry points for gender mainstreaming in transparency activities. Gender institutions were targeted for participation, and guidelines for gender mainstreaming on GHG and MRV were developed.

The workshop contracted four expert facilitators that presented on gender mainstreaming and GHG.

### Presentation 1: Background and Achievement of CBIT Liberia Project

Mr. Arthur R. M. Backer, the national focal person presented the background, objectives, expected outcome, stakeholders and sectors, achievement, approved CBIT project globally and international engagements.

The presentation can be accessed by clicking the following link: [Arthur M. Becker Presentation](#)

Feedback received from stakeholders:

- Ensure the accomplishment of data collections are done in a time frame of the project.
- The team should make sure to include a good number of civil society organizations.
- The land authority should be engaged.

### Presentation 2: Liberia gender and climate change policy

Madam Patricia Togba from the Ministry of Gender presented on Liberia gender and climate change policy in relations to the NDC sectors, with emphasis on key concept of definition around gender, NDC sector and linkages. She also provided understanding in mainstreaming gender in a precise manner.

The presentation can be accessed by clicking the following link: [Patricia Togba Presentation](#)

Feedback received from stakeholders:

- Gender inclusion in the GHG activity
- Designed Program relating to sustainability
- Ensure gender balance.



### **Presentation 3: Guidelines for Mainstreaming gender, GHG and MRV.**

Madam Margert Beyslow of the EPA provided an overview for developing guidelines for gender mainstreaming, GHG and MRV with emphasis on the local people.

Presentation can be accessed by clicking the link: [Margaret M. Beyslow Presentation](#)

### **Presentation 4: NDC and the Paris Agreement: Reducing the impacts of climate change in Liberia.**

Atty. Urias Goll, former Deputy Executive Director of the EPA presented on the background/international intervention, impact, NDC focus, gaps and limitation.

Presentation can be accessed by clicking the link: [Urias S. Goll Presentation](#)

### **Technical Session**

After the various presentations, a technical session was held, and participants were divided into four groups with three assigned questions on how to mainstream gender into GHG activity, create guideline for GHG and MRV and identification of stakeholder's role and responsibility.

***To Mainstreaming Gender the below responses were animated from the groups:***

- *To train more female stakeholders on GHG emission*
- *To include female in the Data collection and Analysis process on GHG*
- *Provide capacity and training for female*
- *Improved gender bias on GHG*
- *Provide equal opportunities on level field on GHG related activities*
- *Mainstream gender into climate change policy document*
- *Commission communication on GHG*
- *Impact assessment on GHG*
- *Ensure research is conducted on regular biases to improve their livelihood on climate change.*

***Developed guidelines for gender Mainstreaming in GHG and MRV:***

- *Social inclusion in leadership*
- *Row in decision making process at all levels*
- *Create equal access to opportunities for all*
- *Create a monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure compliance*



*Question on the role and responsibility of stakeholders:*

- Civic Society Organizations are to create awareness on climate change (its causes, control mechanisms, etc.) and *inform the public on the risk and disaster face with increased GHG activities.*
- *Ministry of gender and child protection is to Ensure genders balance, equality with equal participation and responsibility*
- *Land Authority to Regulate lands usage*
- *Ministry of Internal Affairs is to carry on awareness on GHG across the counties*

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### **Building and Strengthening Liberia's National Capacity to Implement the Transparency Elements of the Paris Climate Agreement (CBIT) September 18, 2019 AGENDA**

#### **Objectives:**

- To raise awareness on the roles and responsibilities of stakeholder in GHG governance and data value chain management.
- To developed guidelines for gender mainstreaming on GHG and MRV

Time	Activity	Responsible Person
8:30am-9:00am	Participants Registration /Breakfast	<b>Anthony Nimely-</b> Conservation International
9:00-9:15am	Opening Remarks	<b>Hon. Rondall Massaquoi Dobayou</b> Deputy Executive Director/DED Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
9:15-9:45am	Overview of the Liberia NDC and Paris Agreement	<b>Mr. Uris Goll</b>
9:45-10:15am	An overview of Liberia Capacity Building Initiate and Transparency	<b>Arthur R. M. Becker,</b> National CBIT focal Point/ EPA
10:15-11:50am	Presentation on Liberia National Gender and climate change policy in relations to the NDC sectors	<b>Patricia Togba</b> Ministry of Gender Children and Social Protection
11:50-12:20 PM	Gender mainstreaming- a perspective of the Liberia Biennial Update Report (BUR) and National Communication (NC)	<b>Dr. Charles Asumana, Sr.</b> BUR Coordinator
12:20 – 1:00 PM	GROUP EXERCISE – a. GHG Stakeholder identification and Mapping b. Outline the role and responsibilities of each stakeholder identified	Facilitator
1:00-2:00PM	LUNCH -----LUNCH	ALL
2:00 – 2:10 Pm	GROUP PRESENTATION	Facilitator

2:10-2:45PM	Overview for developing guidelines for mainstreaming gender on GHG and MRV processes	<b>Margert Beyslow</b>
2:45-3:30PM	GROUP EXERCISE- a. guidelines for mainstreaming gender on GHG and MRV processes	Facilitator
3:30-3:50PM	Group Presentation	Participants
3:50-3:55PM	Wrap up for the day	<b>Mr. Yekeh P. Johnson,</b> Project Manager CBIT
3:55- 16:00 PM	Closing remarks	<b>Mr. Peter G. Mulbah,</b> DCD/Conservation International



# ANNEX II. PARTICIPANT LISTING



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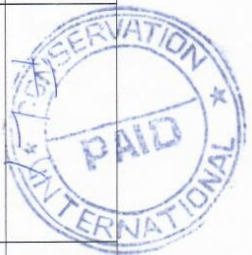
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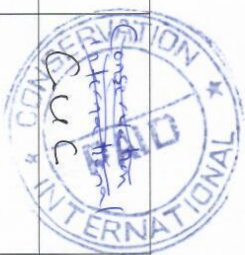
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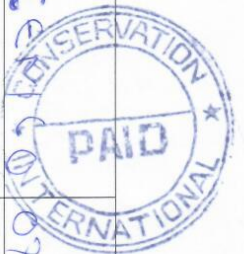
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