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CBIT-Forest

Building global capacity to increase transparency in the forest sector

WHAT: "Building global capacity to increase transparency in the forest sector (CBIT-Forest)" is a two-year-long FAO project under the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) trust fund of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

The global project will strengthen the institutional and technical capacities of developing countries to collect, analyze and disseminate forest-related data. It will support countries in meeting the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) requirements of the Paris Agreement and contribute with information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving the nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

WHO: The FAO Forestry Department will implement the project, through its Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) and National Forest Monitoring (NFM) teams.

HOW:

- By ensuring that relevant national institutions responsible for forest-related data are able to report and respond to the transparency requirements thanks to improved institutional capacity;
- By enhancing technical capacity of governmental counterparts in pilot countries in reporting, accuracy and consistency of forest-related data;
- By increasing knowledge sharing among transparency practitioners and experts.

IMPACT: The project will directly benefit 26 targeted countries and more broadly some 185 countries and territories that are part of the global network of National Correspondents for the Global Forest Resources Assessment. Project activities will be linked closely with FAO's ongoing global and national forest monitoring work currently supported by the European Commission, Norway and a number of other donors.

FUNDING: USD 1.9 million by the GEF.

COLLABORATION: The project will ensure on-going coordination and collaboration with United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Global Forest Observations Initiative (GFOI), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), UNEP-DTU, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) among others.



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