Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)

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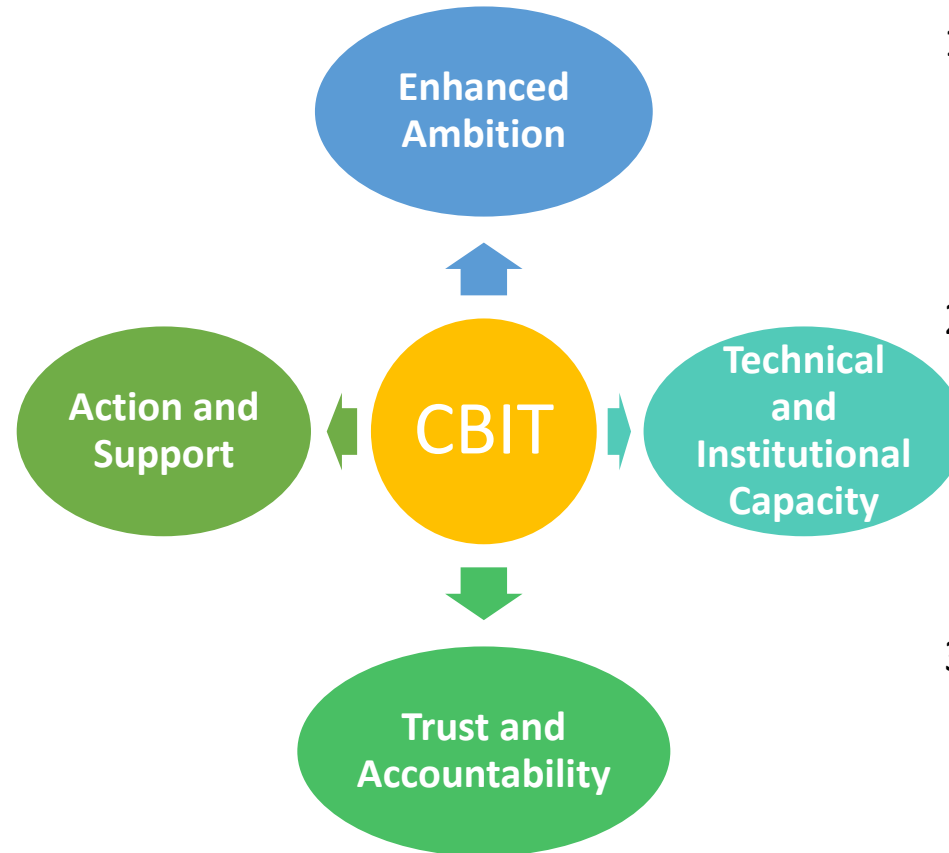
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Establishment of the CBIT

Transparency: cornerstone of the Paris Agreement

✓ Each and every Party decides own contributions to Paris Agreement

✓ Transparency a precondition to raising climate ambition, and builds trust and accountability among Parties

✓ Many Parties lack capacity to effectively track, report, and enhance

➔ **GEF requested in Paris Agreement decision to support establishment and operation of CBIT**
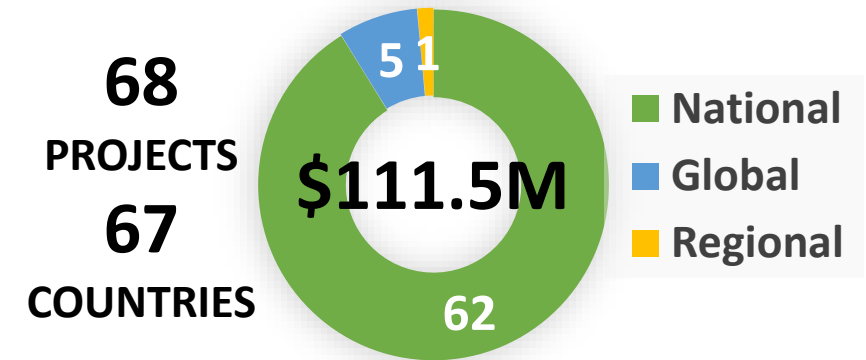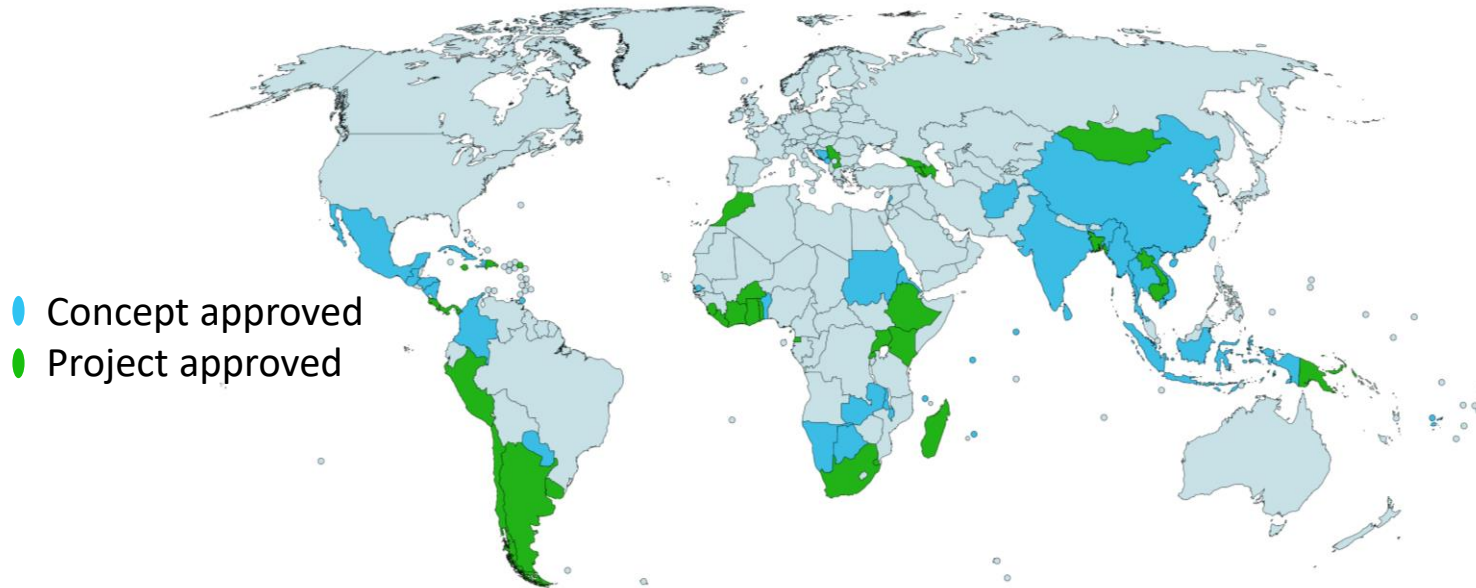
Enhanced Ambition

Action and Support

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Technical and Institutional Capacity

Trust and Accountability

The CBIT has three aims:

1. To strengthen national institutions for transparency-related activities in line with national priorities;

2. To provide relevant tools, training and assistance for meeting the provisions stipulated in Article 13 of the Agreement;

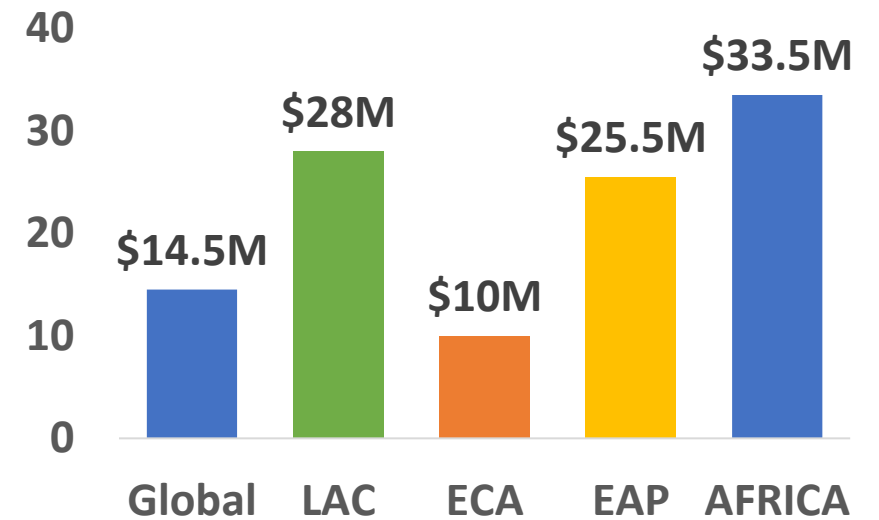3. To assist in the improvement of transparency over time.

Programming Strategy

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Summary of CBIT Support

68 PROJECTS

67 COUNTRIES

Donut chart: $111.5M — National 62, Global 5, Regional 1
- National (green)
- Global (blue)
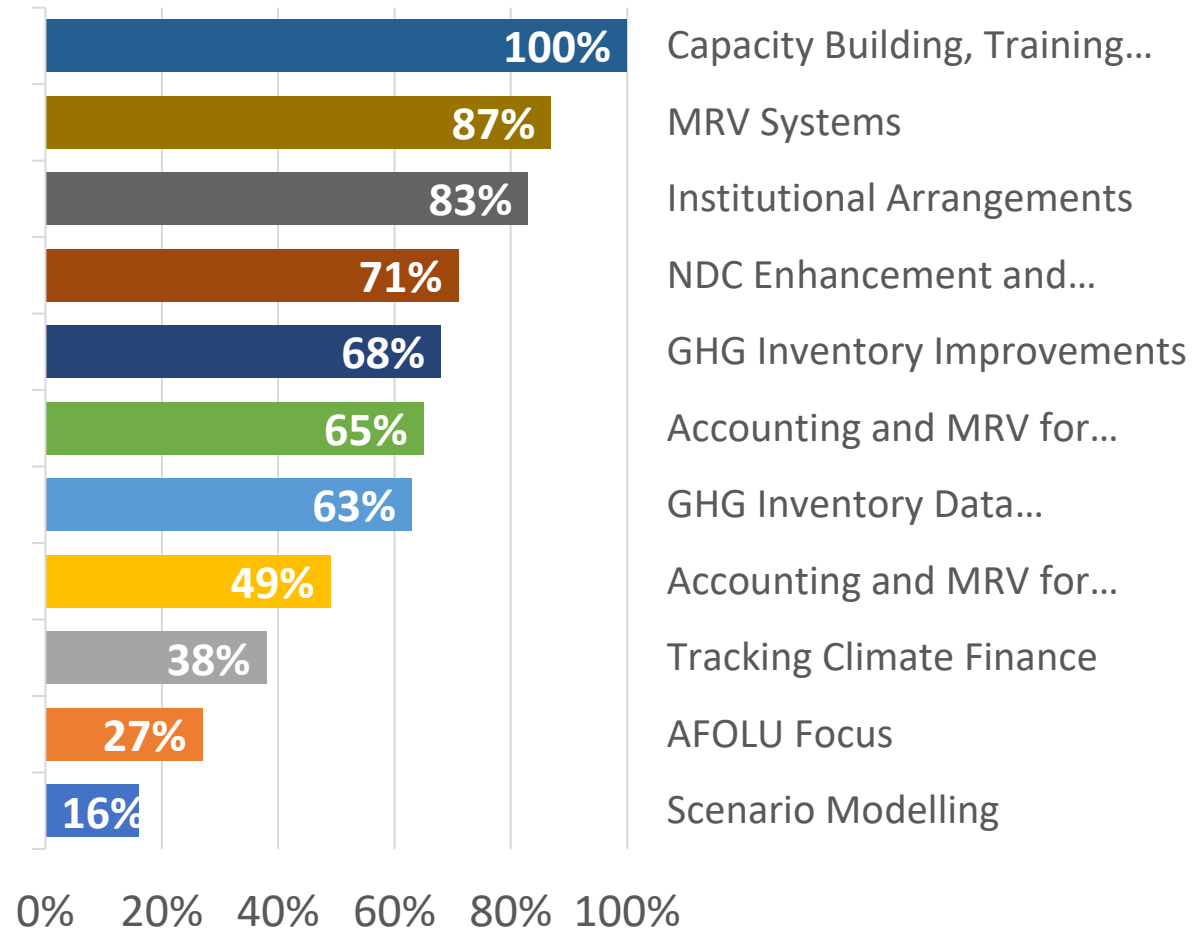- Regional (yellow)

- Concept approved
- Project approved

✓ Supporting 43% of non-Annex I Parties
✓ 19 Least Developed Countries (LDCs), 10 Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and 2 LDC/SIDS
✓ 38 projects have begun implementation
✓ 5 global projects aim to improve knowledge sharing, coordination and facilitate additional capacity-building
✓ 6 agencies involved: CI, FAO, FECO, IDB, UNEP, UNDP

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

Bar chart:
- Global: $14.5M
- LAC: $28M
- ECA: $10M
- EAP: $25.5M
- AFRICA: $33.5M

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Priorities in CBIT projects

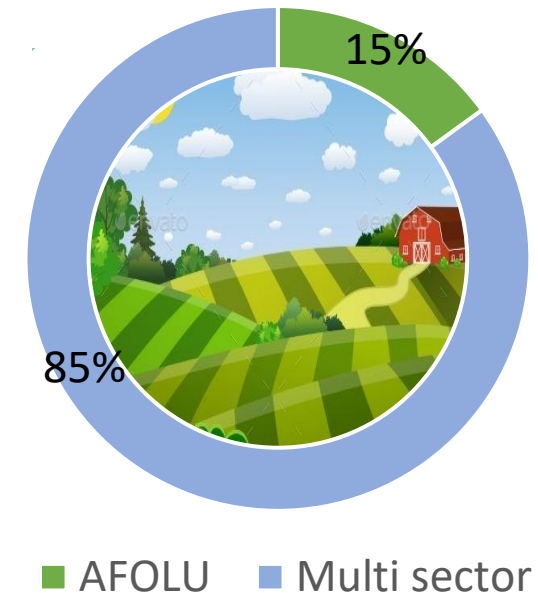| Priority	Percentage
Capacity Building, Training...	100%
MRV Systems	87%
Institutional Arrangements	83%
NDC Enhancement and...	71%
GHG Inventory Improvements	68%
Accounting and MRV for...	65%
GHG Inventory Data...	63%
Accounting and MRV for...	49%
Tracking Climate Finance	38%
AFOLU Focus	27%
Scenario Modelling	16%

0%   20%   40%   60%   80%   100%

Key considerations in CBIT projects

- Alignment with Art. 13 and COP outcomes
- Alignment with NDC
- Address identified capacity needs
- Alignment and coordination with other support (i.e. GEF, ICAT, etc.)
- Inter-ministerial coordination
- Feedback of data and information into policy-development
- Linkage with the Global Coordination Platform
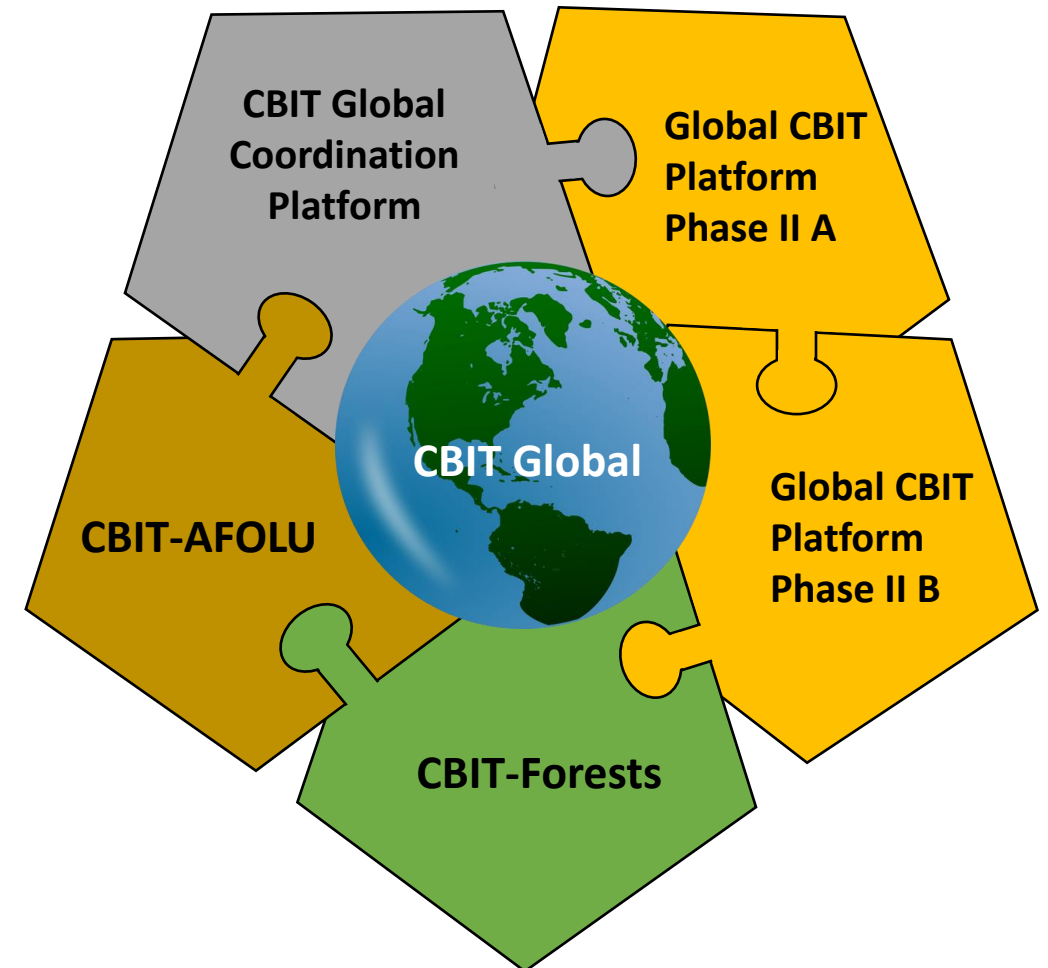
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Overview of projects including AFOLU sector

- ✓ 15% focus only on AFOLU sector (12 projects)

- ✓ Countries with important agriculture and forest sectors

- ✓ Regions: mainly Asia and LAC

- ✓ Must meet the 3 CBIT objectives: institution, tools and transparency over time

- ✓ Specific challenges (quantification, removals…)

- ✓ Budget average: $1.2 million

- ✓ ⚠️ Eligibility criteria: Need for strong alignment with NDC!

15%

85%

■ AFOLU   ■ Multi sector

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5 Global projects supporting CBIT countries

- ✓ Interconnection as a whole global community of practice and knowledge sharing

- ✓ 3 leading agencies: UNDP, UNEP and FAO

- ✓ Total budget: $13 million

- ✓ 2 global projects focused on AFOLU to address sectors specificity.

- ✓ In addition: Facilitating global knowledge sharing through partnership with other global initiatives

CBIT Global Coordination Platform

Global CBIT Platform Phase II A

CBIT-AFOLU

CBIT Global

Global CBIT Platform Phase II B

CBIT-Forests

Key Takeaways and Outlook

- ✓ **Projects must support national priorities and needs**—as reflected in NDCs and other national reports—and respond to provisions of Article 13

- ✓ **Linking transparency to national development** agenda is key to ensuring ownership and sustainability of new arrangements and systems

- ✓ **Global CBIT projects are key to enhance partnerships, maximize learning opportunities, and enable knowledge sharing**

- ✓ **CBIT support will continue**

Thank you

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