Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

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BRIEF HISTORY

2013 COP 19
Warsaw
Outcome: Invited all Parties to prepare INDCs and communicate before COP 21.

2014 COP 20
Lima call for climate action: Reiterated invitation to all Parties to communicate INDCs before COP 21 and agreed on a brief set of information to be provided.

2015 COP 21
Paris Agreement adopted:
Decided each Party shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive NDCs.

1st INDC communicated by March’15

2016/2017 COP 22/23
Paris Agreement entered into force (4/11/16).
Continued negotiations on providing further guidance on NDCs.
Convened Talanoa Call for Action.

1st NDC communicated by April’16

2018 COP 24/CMA 1
Katowice climate package:
Adopted
- Guidance on ICTU and accounting of NDCs
- Guidance on adaptation communication
- Public registry
- MPGs for ETF

2018 Updated/new NDCs to be communicated to the secretariat

2020

NDCs under the Paris Agreement

Article 3

Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)

- Global response to climate change
- Ambitious efforts undertaken and communicated by all Parties
- Efforts as defined in Articles 4, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 13
- With a view to achieving the purpose of Paris Agreement
- Efforts of Parties to present progression over time

Purpose of the Paris Agreement

- 2°C/1.5°C
- Resilience and low emission
- Climate finance
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<th>All Parties</th>
<th>Developed Country Parties</th>
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<td>• Prepare, communicate and maintain successive NDCs and pursue domestic mitigation measures to achieve the objectives of their NDCs</td>
<td>• continue taking the lead by undertaking economy-wide absolute emission reduction targets</td>
<td>• may prepare and communicate strategies, plans and actions for low GHG emissions development reflecting their special circumstances</td>
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<td>• Successive NDCs will present a progression and reflect highest possible ambition</td>
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<td>• Mitigation co-benefits from adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans can contribute to mitigation outcomes</td>
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<td>• Communicate NDCs every 5 years</td>
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<td>• Account for their NDCs (emissions and removals corresponding to their NDCs)</td>
<td>• continue enhancing their mitigation efforts and encouraged to move towards economy-wide emission reduction or limitation targets in the light of different national circumstances</td>
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<td>• May anytime adjust existing NDC to enhance its ambition</td>
<td>• Support shall be provided to developing country Parties for implementing mitigation actions</td>
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Provisions for NDCs

**Paris Decision (1/CP.21)**
- Parties to communicate, by 2020:
  - An NDC, if not yet done so
  - A new NDC, for those with a time frame up to 2025
  - Updated NDC, for those with a time frame up to 2030
- To develop further guidance for NDCs on ICTU and accounting
- To develop MPGs for ETF

**Katowice Climate Package (1/CP.24, 4/CMA.1, 9/CMA.1, 18/CMA.1)**
- Reiterates the requests on communications of NDCs & new/updated NDCs
- The secretariat to prepare a synthesis report for COP 26
- Provides further guidance on:
  - ICTU of NDCs
  - accounting for NDCs
  - tracking progress (MPGs)
  - adaptation comm.s

**Chile Madrid Time for Action (1/CMA.2)**
- Recognizes the emission gap between the aggregate effect of Parties' mitigation efforts and the emission pathways consistent with 2/1.5°C
- Requests Parties consider this gap when preparing their 2020 NDCs and to reflect the highest possible ambition, reflecting its CBDR&RC

Provisions for NDCs - ICTU

Based on: Article 4.8 of the Paris Agreement
- In communicating their NDCs, all Parties shall provide the information necessary for clarity, transparency and understanding […]

4/CMA.1
- All Parties shall provide the information necessary to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding (ICTU), while communicating their NDCs
- Guidance is as applicable to the respective NDC (no one-size-fits all)
- It is to be applied from the second NDC – but Parties are strongly encouraged to apply the guidance for new/updated NDCs in 2020
- Information Elements: (i) quantifiable information of reference point and target, (ii) time frames/period for implementation, (iii) scope, (iv) planning process, (v) methodologies, (vi) fairness/ambition considerations, (vii) contribution of NDC to the overall objectives

*ICTU: the information necessary to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding
Provisions for NDCs – Accounting

- Based on: Article 4.13 of the Paris Agreement
  - Parties shall account for their NDCs. […]

- 4/CMA.1
  - All Parties shall account for their NDCs in accordance with this guidance
  - Guidance is as applicable to the respective NDC (no one-size-fits all)
  - It is to be applied from the second NDC – but Parties may elect to apply the guidance for new/updated NDCs in 2020
  - Key principles: TACCC*, environmental integrity, avoidance of double counting
  - Provides guidance for common metrics and methodologies (IPCC), use of own methodologies for PAMs, rules for applying technical changes to reference points, establishes the principle of “no backsliding”, requires Parties to explain exclusion of any category corresponding to the NDC.
  - The information on accounting will be provided in the biennial transparency reports, including through a structured summary

*TACCC: Transparency, accuracy, completeness, comparability, consistency
Provisions for NDCs – Adaptation communication

**Paris Agreement (Adaptation)**

- Each Party should submit and update periodically an adaptation communication, which may include its priorities, needs, plans and actions.
- This communication can be communicated as a component of its NDC.

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Interim NDC Registry

→ [https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NDCStaging/Pages/Home.aspx](https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NDCStaging/Pages/Home.aspx)

To access all NDCs through country pages

Latest Submissions: To access the NDCs arranged by the date of submission

187 Parties have submitted their first NDCs
3 Parties have submitted their second NDCs

Gender @ NDCs

- ≈ 1/3; reference to a broader strategy
- > 1/2; participation to planning
- Some; decision making & agents of change
- None! Gender responsive budgeting
Thank you!