

Regional Dialogue on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) – Latin America & the Caribbean

19-21 July 2016
San José, Costa Rica

Location: Park Inn San José by Radisson
Ave 6, Street 28 – 494-1007
San José

AGENDA

CONCEPT AND OBJECTIVES

This Regional Dialogue on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) is co-organized by the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat, the International Partnership on Mitigation & MRV, and the Partnership for Market Readiness. It is hosted by the Government of Costa Rica and supported by a number of donors.¹ The dialogue will convene government representatives from the Latin America & Caribbean region and international organizations/experts involved in NDC implementation.

The dialogue will seek to accomplish the following objectives:

- To take stock of submitted (I)NDCs from the region, NDC-related provisions in the Paris Agreement, and implications for national implementation;
- To discuss next steps in preparing for NDC implementation at the national level, including possible guidance and tools;
- To provide a forum for exchanging country experiences and perspectives on planning for NDC implementation, including envisioned challenges and support needs; and
- To discuss key technical and institutional issues related to NDC implementation (strengthening institutional arrangements, designing implementation plans, developing systems to monitor progress toward NDC goals, mobilizing resources, etc.) in plenary sessions and through smaller breakout sessions.

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DAY 1 – 19 July	
8:30	Registration
Session 1:	Opening & Dialogue Objectives
9:00 – 10:15 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Stephen Gold, UNDP	<p>Welcome (5 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Andrea Meza, Costa Rica <p>Opening Remarks (5 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Alice Harding Shackelford, UN Resident Coordinator / UNDP Resident Representative, Costa Rica - Mr. Donald Cooper, UNFCCC Secretariat - Mr. Steffen Menzel, Support Project for the International Partnership for Mitigation & MRV / GIZ - Mr. Marcos Castro, Partnership for Market Readiness (PMR) Secretariat, World Bank <p>Dialogue Objectives; Setting the Scene for Discussions (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Yamil Bonduki, UNDP <p>Round of Introductions</p>
Session 2:	<p>The Paris Agreement & Submitted NDCs from Latin America & the Caribbean</p> <p><i>The UNFCCC Secretariat will provide an overview of submitted NDCs and highlight key provisions in the Paris Agreement relating to the contributions. This session will also provide an overview of submitted (I)NDCs and trends from the region to provide context for dialogue discussions.</i></p>
10:15 – 11:30 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Steffen Menzel, GIZ	<p>The Paris Agreement & NDC-Related Provisions (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Claudio Forner, UNFCCC Secretariat <p>Submitted NDCs from Latin America & the Caribbean (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Cayetano Casado, UNDP <p>Plenary Discussion</p>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee/Tea Break
Session 3:	<p>Preparing for NDC Implementation</p> <p><i>Following the Paris COP and submission of INDCs, there has been uncertainty around how to move from submitted INDCs to NDC implementation. In this session, initial guidance and tools will be presented in the context of preparing for NDC implementation, including possible next steps at the national level. Countries will also share their national experiences in planning for NDC implementation.</i></p>
12:00 – 13:30 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Marcos Castro, PMR Secretariat, World Bank	<p>Possible Next Steps for NDC Implementation (20 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Michael Comstock, UNDP - Ms. Kelly Levin, World Resources Institute <p>Countries' Experiences in Planning for NDC Implementation (10-12 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Andrea Meza, Costa Rica - Mr. Felipe Osses, Chile <p>Plenary Discussion</p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
Session 4:	<p>Strengthening Institutional Arrangements & Engagement for NDC Implementation</p> <p><i>Successful NDC implementation will require robust institutional structures that allow for effective management of implementation and monitoring, as well as preparation for future NDCs. This includes strengthening the capacity of institutions involved in NDC implementation and improving coordination with sectorial line ministries. NDC implementation will also require concerted efforts to fully engage stakeholders (including local governments and the private sector) and improve national awareness of climate change goals. In this session, panelists will provide perspectives on how to address these challenges.</i></p>

14:30 – 16:00 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Stephen Gold, UNDP	Moderated Panel Discussion on Institutional Arrangements & Engagement (5-8 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vice Minister Carlos Fernando Coronado Castillo, Guatemala - Ms. Ann Gordon, Belize - Ms. Lia Nicholson, Antigua & Barbuda - Mr. Omar Ramírez, Dominican Republic - Mr. Miles Perry, European Commission Plenary Discussion		
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee/Tea Break		
Session 5:	Breakout Session on Institutional Arrangements <i>This breakout session will provide an opportunity for more in-depth discussions around three topics related to institutional arrangements. Participants will divide into smaller groups for these discussions. An opportunity will be provided to share outcomes of the discussions with the broader group of participants.</i>		
16:30 – 18:00	Room A: Institutional and Technical Capacity	Room B: Stakeholder Participation	Room C: Mainstreaming NDC Objectives into Relevant Policy Planning Processes
18:00	End of Day 1		
19:00	Departure for Welcome Dinner		

DAY 2 – 20 July	
Session 1:	Report Back from Previous Breakout Session
9:00 – 9:30	Recaps of Each Breakout Session (5-10 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rapporteurs from each breakout group
Session 2:	Transparency & Monitoring NDC Progress <i>Effective monitoring systems will be central to tracking progress toward countries' goals, as well as reporting on NDC progress as part of the Paris Agreement's enhanced transparency framework. Developing countries have indicated that national systems for monitoring and reporting implementation efforts will be critical, including finding efficient mechanisms for linking to other existing reporting efforts, such as those for the National Communications and Biennial Update Reports. Countries will present their plans for establishing/strengthening monitoring systems for NDCs, opportunities for building on these existing efforts, and capacity development needs.</i>
9:30 – 11:00 <u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Lisa Herrmann, GIZ	Monitoring Progress toward NDC Goals; Transparency in the Paris Agreement (20 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Ximena Aristizabal Clavijo, GIZ Mexico - Mr. Rodrigo Villate River, GIZ Costa Rica Countries' Plans for Monitoring NDC Progress (10-12 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Lorenzo Eguren, Peru - Ms. Claudia Octaviano, Mexico Plenary Discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session 3:	Breakout Session on Transparency & Monitoring <i>This breakout session will provide an opportunity for more in-depth discussions around topics related to transparency and monitoring. Participants will divide into smaller groups for these discussions. An opportunity will be provided to share outcomes of the discussions with the broader group of participants.</i>

11:30 – 12:45	Room A: Group Exercise: Transparency of NDCs and Accounting Rules		Room B: Clinic: Monitoring Progress in the Transport Sector
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch		
Session 4:	Report Back from Previous Breakout Session		
13:45 – 14:15	Recaps of Each Breakout Session (5-10 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rapporteurs from each breakout group 		
Session 5:	Initiatives Related to NDC Implementation		
14:15 – 14:45 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Michael Comstock, UNDP	Updates on NDC Partnership and NDC Cluster (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Kelly Levin, World Resources Institute - Mr. Steffen Menzel, Support Project for the International Partnership for Mitigation & MRV / GIZ Question & Answer		
Session 6:	Financing & Support for NDC Implementation <p><i>NDC implementation will require an assessment of the costs of underlying mitigation and adaptation actions, as well as the development of funding strategies. These strategies should comprehensively consider: 1) national budgets and planned investments, 2) opportunities for engaging the private sector and incentivizing investment, and 3) international support that may be needed. This session will provide suggestions for undertaking this process and call on countries to share their related plans.</i></p>		
14:45 – 16:15 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. José Garibaldi, Energeia	Assessing NDC Implementation Costs & Developing Funding Strategies (20 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Yamil Bonduki, UNDP - Ms. Jennifer Doherty, Inter-American Development Bank Countries' Plans for Developing NDC Funding Strategies (10-12 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Ethel Estigarribia, Paraguay - Mr. Germán Romero, Colombia Plenary Discussion		
16:15 – 16:45	Coffee/Tea Break		
Session 7:	Breakout Session on Financing & Support <p><i>This breakout session will provide an opportunity for more in-depth discussions around three topics related to financing and support. Participants will divide into smaller groups for these discussions. An opportunity will be provided to share outcomes of the discussions with the broader group of participants.</i></p>		
16:45 – 18:00	Room A: Public Funding for NDC Implementation	Room B: Engaging the Private Sector in NDC Implementation	Room C: International Support for NDC Implementation
18:00	End of Day 2		

DAY 3 – 21 July (half day)	
Session 1:	Report Back from Previous Breakout Session
9:00 – 9:30	Recaps of Each Breakout Session (5-10 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rapporteurs from each breakout group

Session 2:	Implementing Adaptation Actions in the Context of NDCs <i>A majority of countries submitted adaptation components as part of their INDCs in order to catalyze climate-resilient development and address climate risk. Achieving the adaptation goals and visions laid out in countries' INDCs requires translating goals into concrete policies, programs, and projects. This session will discuss designing/strengthening National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) in the context of NDC implementation, links with national development strategies, and challenges of monitoring and evaluation frameworks for adaptation actions. It will also discuss experiences in establishing national coordination systems; identifying and prioritizing adaptation measures with government counterparts and other stakeholders; conducting technical analysis relating to implementing adaptation options; and potential links with mitigation in certain sectors.</i>
9:30 – 11:00 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Yamil Bonduki, UNDP	Developing Concrete Adaptation Actions to Achieve NDC Goals (20 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Mónica Araya, Nivela Countries' Approaches to Translating Adaptation Goals into Action (10-12 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Rhianna Neely, Bahamas - Mr. Pascal Girod, Costa Rica Plenary Discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session 3:	NDCs in the Context of Long-Term Development Strategies <i>The Paris Agreement invites countries to develop by 2020 long-term, “mid-century” strategies for low-emission development. These strategies can serve as a long-term vision that provides a framework for countries' subsequent NDCs from 2020 onward. In this session, panelists will provide their perspectives on the link between NDCs and these long-term strategies, as well as implications for near-term NDC implementation issues (e.g., establishing durable institutional arrangements, designing monitoring systems that can be used for subsequent NDCs, etc.).</i>
11:30 – 13:00 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Claudio Forner, UNFCCC Secretariat	Moderated Panel Discussion on NDCs & Long-Term Development Strategies (5-8 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Betsy Bandy, Jamaica - Mr. Cedric Nelom, Suriname - Mr. Roberto Portillo, Honduras - Mr. Adriano Santhiago de Oliveira, Brazil Plenary Discussion
Session 4:	Conclusions & Next Steps
13:00 – 13:15	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vice Minister Irene Cañas Díaz, Ministry of Energy, Costa Rica - Dialogue co-organizers
13:15	Adjourn and Lunch