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So after developing a fine country NDC to international standard, what factors would make it?

- Because without full the implementation of the NDC the target in the NDC cannot be achieved.
- If the country targets are not met, the global goal would not be achieved.
- If global goal are not met, the climate and poor people suffer.
- To us in Ghana, ambition is only about increasing targets.
- It is do with making sure that NDC work on the ground to better lives, improve the economy and smart climate.
- Thus, significant efforts must be equally dedicated to removing barriers that prevent the full implementation of NDC.
- Otherwise, the NDC become a wish list and cycle of unfulfilled promises.
- Can loose credibility as the national and sub-national level.
For the NDC to work and deliver the multiple development climate outcomes we all want, it will take the following:

- Clear demonstrable policy will.
- Fully embed into national development plan and SDG
- Align with national and sectoral strategies
- Involve the ministry of finance to commit government investment priority
- Bring in private sector (enhance the investment credential)
- Let the implementing ministry decide.
- Involve all
- Be accountable and transparency
Ghana’s 2016 climate commitments

- **31** mitigation and adaptation actions with strong development imperatives.
- NDC can bring real positive social, economic and political change if it addresses the needs of the country and globally.
- **7** priority areas.
  - energy & industry & transport, water & health, agriculture & forestry, gender, climate services & early warning system and infrastructure planning.
- **$22.6** billion investment requirements over 10 years.
  - $6.3 billion to be mobilised domestically (including existing public investments)
  - $16.3 billion international funding
  - Adaptation share ($13 billion) and Mitigation share ($10 billion)
- 2016-2030 timeline.
  - 2016 to 2020 (pre-2020)
  - 2020-2025 (first update),
  - 2025-2030 (second update)
Mitigation and adaptation commitments

- **Mitigation**: 45% less of the projected 2030 BAU emission of 74 Mt.
  - 20 mitigation measures
  - 2 unconditional measures (-15% of 2030 BAU of 74Mt)
  - 18 conditional measures (-30% of 2030 BAU of 74 Mt)

- **Adaptation**: 11 measures
  - 7 unconditional measures (2 in resilience agriculture, 2 in utilisation of forest resources, 1 in health, 1 in water resources and 1 in gender).
  - 4 conditional measures (1 in resilience agriculture, 1 in utilization of forest resources, 1 City-wide resilient infrastructure planning & 1 in Early warning and disaster prevention).
Key challenges

Implementation of the first NDC has not reached the desirable levels as anticipated due to:

- inadequate investments.
- limited awareness.
- capacity gaps.
- policy incoherence between the NDCs and some sectoral policies.
- limited involvement of non-state actors (private sector, CSOs, DPs etc)
- coordination gaps
NDCs update process - building blocks

- Under Article 4.9 of the Paris Agreement countries can update their NDCs.
- Mitigation – raise ambition
- Adaptation planning – more robust
- Transparent communication of NDCs - aiming at high ICTU
Milestones (with COVID-19, Ghana is aiming at Q1 2021)

May, 2020
- Secure high level buy-in
  - Approval of Minister of MESTI to start NDC updates.
  - Cabinet Approval.

June, 2020
- Diagnosis of NDC implementation
  - Evaluate state play of NDC implementation

July, 2020
- Update NDC
- Revise adaptation and mitigation actions, strategies to strengthen implementation, scoping up
  - Effective NDC communication

- Background paper on the socio-economic and political implication of the NDC update
- Political approval and Submission

October, 2020 ??

- Stakeholder engagements
- Awareness and outreach
  - Coordination
  - Linkages with national development

Whole-Ghana approach

Write to line ministries and non-state actors to join the NDC updates
  - Team formation
NDC update process: summary of issues

- Increase the investment credentials of the revised NDCs.
- Localisation of the NDCs.
- Strengthen linkages related initiatives.
- Inclusive and country-driven revision process.
- Raise ambition
- Effective implementation (rapidly scaling efforts)
- Capacities and outreach
- COVID-19 impacts and the green recovery efforts (green, healthy and clean recovery).
- Tracking progress and achievement of the NDCs with the Annual Progress Report.
NDC update process: Areas for greater synergy

- Convergence with:
  - Development of the new medium-term national development policy framework (2021-2024)
  - GCF country programming
  - NAPs
  - NDCs Finance Strategy
  - REDD+ Finance Strategy
  - Article 6 (carbon markets)
  - Circular economy agenda
  - Response measures (Just transition and economic diversification)

- Responding to emerging national flagship policy areas since 2016 as follows:
  - establishment of the bauxite refinery & aluminium value chain
  - establishment of an iron and steel industry
  - gas infrastructure to bauxite refinery sites
  - deepen and expand One District One Factory in diversity and national coverage
Clear and inclusive revision process – “Whole Ghana Approach (WoGA)”

- Secure high-level approval before starting and on conclusion.
- Coherence with national planning process.
- Mobilise stakeholders support
- Mobilise support from NDC implementers
- Clarify Institutional arrangements to determine leadership and coordination
NDC update process - reasons for enhancing the ambition of the NDCs

- Respond to new policy direction.
- Increase implementation (making NDC work effectively)
- Synergies with SDGs.
- Obtain buy-in from line ministries.
- Bring on board sub-national non-state actors.
- Take advantage of missing or new technologies or sector or gases.
- Increase the commercial and investment features of the NDC.
NDC update process - Issues to look at during the updates

- Strengthening implementation of the NDCs.
- Reprioritising NDCs measures (maintain, define new scope, exclude, include new ones).
- Ensuring balance between mitigation and adaptation measures.
- Review greenhouse gas emissions baselines and mitigation targets.
- Reviewing budget, elaborate on investment requirements and strategy to raise funds.
- Avoiding black sliding.
- Demonstrate fairness and ambition of Ghana’s NDC within its national circumstances.
- Linkages with related national process.
NDC update process: Areas for greater synergy

Strengthen linkages with, and opportunities in the following:

- Global SDGs
- Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want.
- African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)
- Kigali Amendment on HFC,
- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction,
- Bonn Challenge,
- Land degradation neutrality
- Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA).
Thanks