Launch of the new Pocket Guide to NDCs

Requirements of the Paris rulebook on the submission/revision of NDCs and status of submissions so far

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submission/revision of NDCs and status of requirements of the Paris rulebook on the launch of the new Pocket Guide to NDCs
NDCs under the Paris Agreement

Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are actions that Parties to the Paris Agreement plan to undertake to address climate change. A Party’s contribution is nationally determined to address climate change according to its national circumstances and priorities. Each Party shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions (NDCs) that it intends to achieve domestically. Pursue domestic mitigation measures, with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions.

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Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)

Global response to climate change

As nationally determined contributions to the global response to climate change, all Parties are to undertake and communicate ambitious efforts as defined in Articles 4 (Mitigation), Article 7 (Adaptation), Article 9 (Finance), Article 10 (Technology development and transfer), Article 11 (Capacity building), Article 13 (Transparency), and Article 17 (Transparency) of the Paris Agreement.

Ambitious efforts undertaken and communicated by all Parties:

- Make financial flows consistent with a pathway towards low emissions and climate-resilient development (Article 1.c).
- Enhance adaptation and climate resilience efforts (Article 1.b).
- Limit warming to well below 2°C and pursue efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels (Article 1.a).

With a view to achieving the purpose of the Paris Agreement over time, efforts of Parties to present progression of their efforts.

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Use the information from the Global Stocktake for their next round of NDCs.

- Develop and communicate NDCs to the UNFCCC.
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- Participate in a "Global Stocktake" every five years to assess collective (global) progress towards achieving the goals of the Agreement.

- Reflecting common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capacities, in the light of different national circumstances.

- Implant them, and monitor implementation at the national level.

- Report on implementation to the UNFCCC, as part of the Agreement’s “enhanced transparency framework”, for international expert review.

- Each successive NDC will present a progression beyond the previous one and reflect highest possible ambition.

- Communicate the NDCs every 5 years (may adjust its existing NDC at any time to enhance its level of ambition).
Parties are urged to consider the significant emission gap between the aggregate effect of Parties' mitigation efforts in and aggregate emission pathways consistent with 2/1.5°C, when preparing their 2020 NDCs.

The secretariat is requested to prepare a synthesis report for COP 26.

- All Parties are invited to communicate Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategies.
What NDCs need to be submitted this year

- Raise ambition

NDCs with timeframe to 2030

By 2020
Update their existing NDC
Parties to communicate or

NDCs with timeframe to 2025

From previous NDC
New NDC must present a progression
NDC by 2020
Parties to communicate new

Ensuring that NDCs have a timeframe of at least 2030: Absence of an agreement at a common timeframe to date (all NDC from 2031 shall have a common timeframe)

Raise ambition
What can parties do to enhance their NDCs?
What can Parties do to enhance their NDCs: Include

- Article 4.8 of the Paris Agreement
- ICTU

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It is based on elaboration of information elements identified in Paragraph 27 of the decision 1/C.21

The guidance for new/updated NDCs in 2020 is to be applied from the second NDC - but Parties are strongly encouraged to apply guidance is as applicable to the respective NDC (no one-size-fits-all)

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What can parties do to enhance their NDCs: Include ICTU

1. Quantifiable information on the reference point (including, as appropriate, a base year) for implementation
2. Time frames and/or periods for implementation
3. Scope and coverage
4. Planning processes
5. Assumptions and methodological approaches, including those for estimating and accounting for anthropogenic GHG emissions and, as appropriate, removals
6. How the Party considers its NDC is fair and ambitious in the light of its national circumstances
7. How the NDC contributes towards achieving the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2

Information to be provided as applicable to the nature of the NDC

Through this guidance, the Katowice Decision states that it is without prejudice to the inclusion of components other than mitigation in an NDC.
Status of submissions so far

- Kyrgyzstan and Lebanon submitted their first NDC

- 2020 First NDC:
  - Singapore, Japan, Chile, New Zealand, Andorra, Rwanda, Jamaica, Vietnam, Cuba

- Updated First NDC:
  - 13 Parties (Democratic Republic of Korea, Norway, Switzerland, Moldova,
    - 2 Parties (Suriname, Marshall Islands)

- Second NDC:
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Thank you!

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