

**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**

Webinar

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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" to address climate change is "nationally determined" according to its national circumstances and priorities.

Article 4.2 **"Each Party shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions** that it intends to achieve. Parties shall **pursue domestic mitigation measures**, with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions."

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**)

Ambitious efforts undertaken and communicated by all parties: **Efforts of Parties to present progression over time**

With a view to achieving the purpose of Paris Agreement

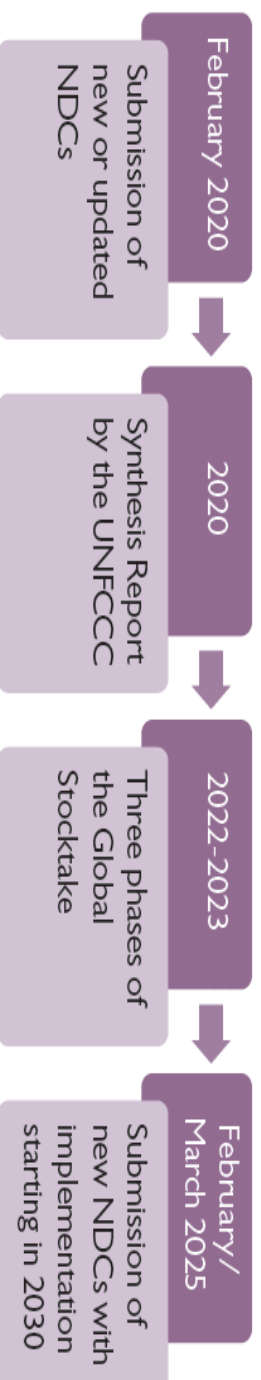
- Limit warming to **well below 2°C** and pursue efforts to limit warming to **1.5°C** above pre-industrial levels (Article 1. a).
- Enhance **adaptation and climate resilience** efforts (Article 1. b).
- Make **financial flows** consistent with a pathway towards low emissions and climate-resilient development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

Cycle of NDCs

- **Develop** and **communicate** NDCs to the UNFCCC.
 - Communication of NDCs **every 5 years** (*may adjust its existing NDC at any time to enhance its level of ambition*)
 - Each successive NDC will present a **progression** beyond the previous one and **reflect highest possible ambition**
 - Reflecting common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capacities, in the light of different national circumstances
- **Implement** 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.
 - Participate in a **“global stocktake”** every five years to assess collective (global) progress towards achieving the goals of the Agreement.
- Use the **information** from the global stocktake for their **next round of NDCs**.

Cycle of the NDCs to be submitted in 2020

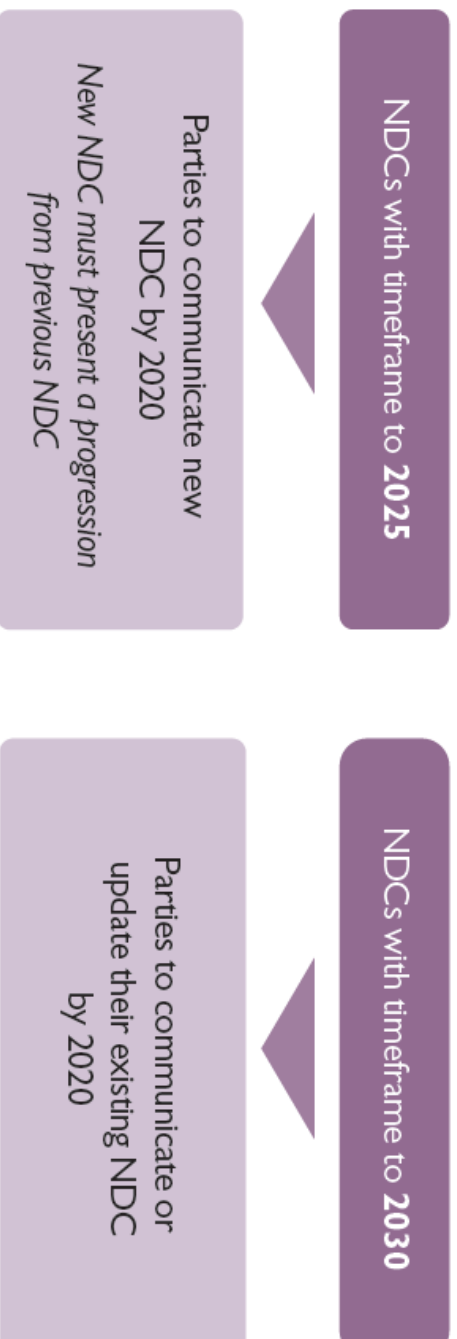
- Parties are urged to **consider** the significant **emission gap** between the aggregate effect of Parties' mitigation efforts in and aggregate emission pathways consistent with 2/1.5°C, **when preparing their 2020 NDCs**.



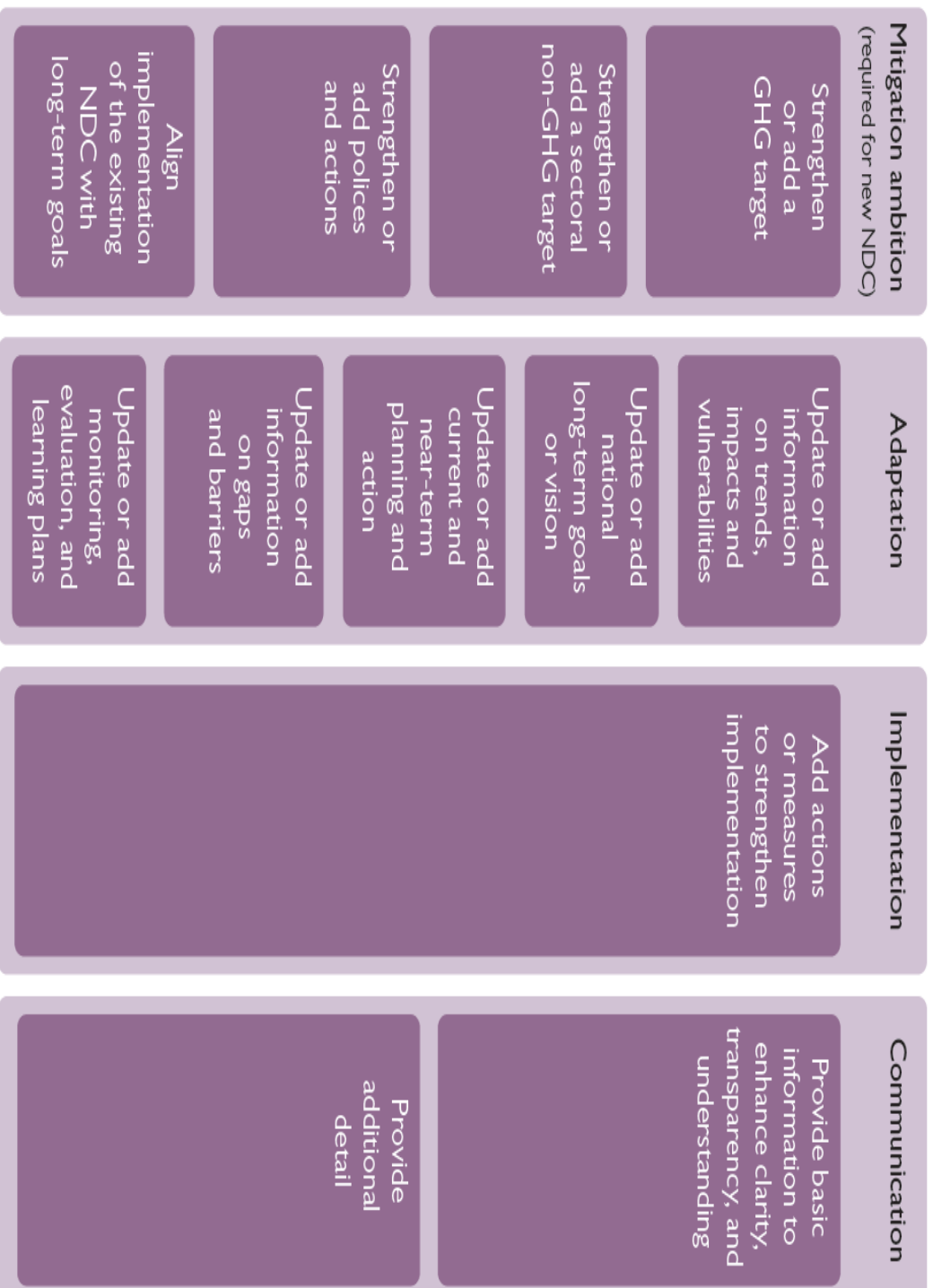
- The secretariat is requested to prepare a **synthesis report for COP 26**
- All Parties are invited to communicate **long-term low emission development strategies**

What NDCs need to be submitted this year

- **Raise ambition**
- Ensure that NDCs have a **timeframe** of at least 2030 : Absence of an agreement of a common timeframe to date (all NDC from 2031 shall have a common timeframe)



What can parties do to enhance their NDCs



What can parties do to enhance their NDCs: Include ICTU

- **Article 4.8 of the Paris Agreement**
 - necessary for clarity, transparency and understanding [...]
 - In communicating their NDCs, all Parties shall provide the information
- **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**
 - It is **based on** elaboration of information elements identified in paragraph 27 of the decision 1/CP.21

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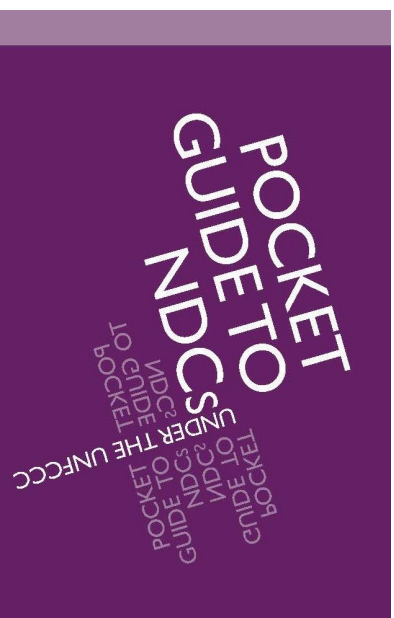
- 1 Quantifiable information on the reference point (including, as appropriate, a base year)
- 2 Time frames and/or periods for implementation
- 3 Scope and Coverage
- 4 Planning Processes
- 5 Assumptions and methodological approaches, including those for estimating and accounting for anthropogenic GHG 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

Though this guidance relates mainly to the mitigation component of NDCs, the Katowice Decision states that it is “*without prejudice to the inclusion of components other than mitigation*” in an NDC (§8)

Status of submissions so far

- **Second NDC:**
 - 2 Parties (Suriname, Marshal Islands)
- **Updated First NDC:**
 - 13 Parties (Democratic Republic of Korea, Norway, Switzerland, Moldova, Singapore, Japan, Chile, New Zealand, Andorra, Rwanda, Jamaica, Vietnam, Cuba)
- **2020 First NDC:**
 - Kyrgystan and Lebanon submitted this year their first NDC



Thank you!

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