

Regional Technical Dialogues and Other Support for Domestic Preparations of INDCs

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Regional Technical Dialogues on INDCs: Overview



- Responds to **request from COP 19** for support for the preparation of Parties' INDCs
- Initiative carried out by UNDP, in collaboration with UNFCCC, to support countries in the process of **preparing and putting forward their INDCs**
- Funding from **Australia, Austria, Belgium, European Union, France, Germany, Norway, UK, and US**

First Round of Regional Dialogues

Bogota, Colombia: April 2014 (Latin America and the Caribbean)

Accra, Ghana: May 2014 (Africa)

Hanoi, Vietnam: July 2014 (Asia-Pacific-Eastern Europe)

*Taking into account the ongoing UNFCCC discussions, the dialogues are an opportunity to discuss the **technical issues** of INDCs*

Regional Technical Dialogues on INDCs: Overview



- **Objectives:**
 - 1) Discuss **technical elements, institutional context, and consultation processes** for the preparation of INDCs
 - 2) Share **experiences and best practices** in areas related to the contributions, and identify potential solutions to challenges
 - 3) Identify issues related to the underlying **technical basis** required to prepare robust, realistic and achievable contributions
 - 4) Identify **follow-up actions and support required** to reach domestic agreement on the contributions
- **Over 200 participants:** 87 developing countries, 9 developed countries, technical experts, bilateral and multilateral organizations
- Complete **meeting reports** from all three dialogues publicly available

Regional Technical Dialogues on INDCs: Main Challenges in Preparing INDCs



- Lack of certainty and guidance on **what should be included** in the INDCs and the legal and economic implications
- Securing high-level **endorsement** for climate change actions. Educating and involving **stakeholders**
- Limited data and modeling expertise for **technical analysis**
- Limited **resources** for undertaking consultations and technical analysis for the preparation of INDCs
- **Short timeframe** for institutional processes, technical analysis, etc. to prepare INDCs

Regional Technical Dialogues on INDCs: Key Takeaways Expressed by Participants (1)



- INDCs could include **mitigation action + adaptation + support ?**
- INDCs should reflect diversity of **national circumstances** and recognize **varying capacities and capabilities**
- **National priorities** and analysis will determine the contribution type and magnitude
- **More analysis** on mitigation potential, costs, co-benefits needed



Regional Technical Dialogues on INDCs: Key Takeaways Expressed by Participants (2)



- Contributions must **link to sustainable development plans**, respond to science and be fair, equitable and transparent
- **Ministerial mandate** and political buy-in are critical
- Need to engage **stakeholders**
- Developing countries have a number of **experiences and information** to base their contributions on: NCs, GHG inventories, CDM, NAMAs, NAPAs, NAPs, LEDS, etc
- **Support for preparation** (technical analysis, process) is needed. Some countries want/need guidance from ADP process

Resources: INDC Guide (1)



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Handbook/guide being developed by UNFCCC, WRI and UNDP in response to requests from participants in the Technical Dialogues. Will be shared with countries for comments in November

- The guide provides examples of **good practices** and outlines key issues to be considered
- **No perfect formula** for preparing an INDC (depends on national priorities, data availability, etc.), but key steps and practices can help. Guide is not prescriptive – it is up to countries to decide whether to use it or not



Not meant to prejudice the outcome of the **UNFCCC negotiations**

Resources: Mapping of Support Available for INDC Preparation (2)



- Provides an overview of **support available** to developing countries for preparing their INDCs. Includes relevant initiatives that could provide inputs to INDCs
- Includes review of **new initiatives** specifically aimed at INDC preparation (up to Sept 2014) and relevant on-going initiatives
- Many of the initiatives focus on **exchanging technical experiences and building institutional capacity**
- **Financial support available** to countries for preparation of INDC (Bilateral, GEF and others)



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Types of Activities Supported by INDC-related initiatives

- **Workshops** to exchange technical experience
- National **consultations** with the key stakeholders
- Strengthening **institutional capacity**
- **Baseline** studies
- Evaluation of **mitigation potential**
- Economic & GHG emissions **modeling**
- Linking mitigation to **national development priorities**
- **Inventory** preparation
- Support to **civil society**

Next Steps

- Second round of **Technical Dialogues**
 - Recommended by countries from the first round to go into more detail on specific topics
 - Mexico City, Mexico (Latin America and the Caribbean): November 2014
 - TBC (Africa): January 2015
 - Bangkok, Thailand (Asia-Pacific-Eastern Europe): February 2015
- Share draft **INDC Guide for comments by countries**
- **Mapping of Support for INDC** made available

Thank you

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