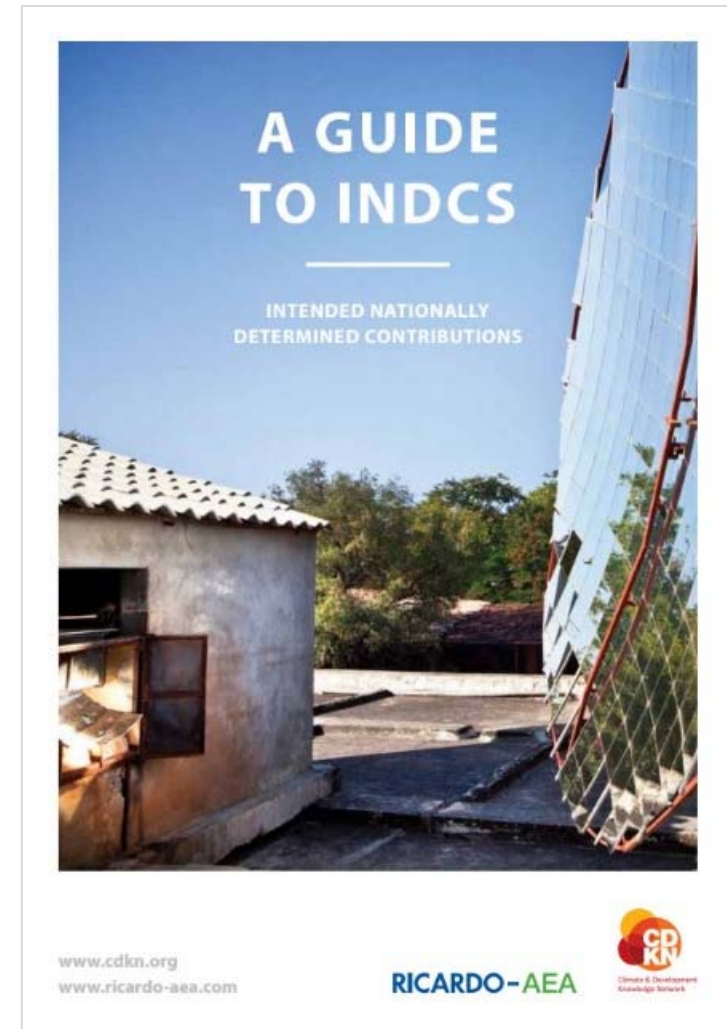


Guide to INDCs for LDCs & SIDS

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Why a 'Guide' specifically for LDCs & SIDS?

- **LDCs and SIDS face a number of common challenges in the preparation and submission of their INDCs:**
 - low emissions in global perspective - but may wish to reduce future emissions
 - prevailing need for economic development and poverty reduction
 - limited capacity for the development and implementation of their INDC
 - certain levels of ambition are likely to be conditional on international support
 - some of the most climate vulnerable countries - adaptation is a likely major focus
- **A number of LDCs and SIDS had expressed a need to CDKN for guidance that was more practical and tailored to their needs and circumstances**
- **No formal standard template for INDCs exists**

Scope of template

- ✓ A **practical example** of how an INDC could be structured and possible key elements, including the use of tables.
- ✓ Each section **cross-references the relevant text from the UNFCCC** Call to Climate Action (Decision -/CP.20), and lists suggested **data sources** for completing the section.
- ✓ **Illustrative examples** indicate how the template could be completed, as well as how an LDC or SIDS might approach the narrative for its INDC
- ✓ Seeks to address the **broad spectrum of approaches** being considered by LDCs and SIDS in preparing their INDCs
- ✗ The template **does not provide guidance regarding how countries should set the level of ambition** for their INDC
- ✗ The template **does not advise how and when stakeholders should be consulted and other national processes** that will be a critical part of drafting and approving the INDC at a country-level

How the 'Guide' was developed

- **Consultation with a range of stakeholders was undertaken during March 2015:**
 - authors of existing INDC guidance
 - LDC representatives
 - suppliers working with CDKN to support domestic INDC preparations
- **Literature review, including:**
 - existing INDC guidance
 - INDCs published to date
- **Launch of 1st Edition:**
 - release of guide on CDKN's & Ricardo-AEA's websites (13 April)
 - release of guide in at the INDC Workshop in Berlin (14-16 April)
 - regional and global webinars to share guide (April & May)
- **Revised Edition:**
 - final revisions following feedback including examples relevant to SIDS (May)
 - launch of revised guide at Bonn in English, French and Spanish (June)

Overview of the Guide

- 1. National context** - overall national context for the INDC, including how actions set out in the INDC fit with national sustainable development priorities & existing plans/strategies
- 2. Mitigation**
 - **Contribution** - summary of the mitigation contribution, inc type of contribution, level of ambition and any conditionality that may be relevant.
 - **Detailed information** - detailed information required to allow full understanding of the contribution at the international level and allow comparability
 - **Fair and ambitious** - why the contribution is considered fair and ambitious in light of the country's national circumstances and the Convention's objective
- 3. Adaptation** - highlight existing efforts as well as the adaptation contributions countries intend to continue and scale up in future.
- 4. Planning process** - existing or planned domestic processes for monitoring and supporting the implementation of the INDC
- 5. Means of implementation** - financial, capacity-building, technology transfer or other types of international support related to the INDC

1. National Context

- **Aim:** Provides overall national context for the INDC, including how the actions fit with national development priorities and existing plans and strategies
- **Key data sources:** National development plans; climate change strategies/action plans; National Communications to the UNFCCC
- **Possible content:**
 - Articulation of link between climate change and national development priorities
 - Overview of climate impacts and vulnerability
 - Identification of priority sectors and themes for both mitigation and adaptation
 - Overview of national, sub-national or sectoral strategies, plans and legislation
 - Existing climate change pledges and commitments
 - Summary of key points of INDC

2.1 Mitigation contribution

- **Aim:** Summary of country's mitigation contribution including type, level of ambition and conditionality. May include long-term aspiration as well as short term contribution.
- **Key data sources:** National climate change strategies/action plans; National Communications to the UNFCCC; statements at UN Climate Summit; new analysis undertaken during INDC process
- **Possible content:**
 - Outcome of national INDC preparation process i.e.
 - List of action-based contributions (e.g. Renewable Energy Plan, NAMAs)
 - Economy-wide or sectoral outcome based contributions (e.g. GHG emissions target)
 - High level information
 - Name or title of activity
 - Description of action including type, overview, funding source etc.
 - Objectives - quantitative or qualitative.
 - Aggregate impact of proposed actions on future emissions

2.2 Information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding

- **Aim:** Detailed information to allow full understanding of contribution
- **Key data sources:** National GHG inventory; Nat Comms; Biennial Update Reports; NAMAs; CDM projects; national or sectoral climate change strategies/action plans; new analysis undertaken during INDC process
- **Possible content:**
 - Applicable to all: timeframe, scope and coverage (gases, sectors, geographies), assumptions and methodological approaches
 - Action-based contributions: name, base year, methodology for assessing emissions, anticipated emissions reductions
 - Outcome-based contributions: depends on type - Base year outcome; Fixed level outcome; Intensity outcome; Baseline scenario outcome
 - Long term goal and/or peak year

2.3 Fair and ambitious

- **Aim:** How the contribution is considered to be fair and ambitious in light of national circumstances and Article 2 objective
- **Key data sources:** Information on national circumstances; metrics relating to fairness and effort sharing; any studies undertaken on fairness and related metrics.
- **Possible content:**
 - Narrative explaining why the contribution set out in section 2.1 is considered to be fair and ambitious
 - Relevant national circumstances – emissions trends, economic trends, population trends, existing mitigation policies and support for climate action
 - Mitigation potential, related costs and extent to which mitigation contribution seeks to achieve this potential.
 - Capability – can include both constraints and opportunities (in relation to delivery of development, economic, social and environmental co-benefits)

3. Adaptation

- **Aim:** Opportunity to outline current and future adaptation actions and priorities, and support required for implementation and building local capacity.
- **Key data sources:** NAPAs, NAPs, Nat Comms, National development plans, disaster risk reduction plans.
- **Possible content:**
 - National adaptation priorities developed to date in light of country specific needs, priorities, capabilities and benefits
 - Future adaptation intentions, including requirements for capacity development, finance and technological support
 - Highlight how synergies between adaptation and mitigation have been captured in INDC process
 - Mitigation co-benefits of adaptation activities (NB These should be captured in Mitigation section as well)
 - Adaptation co-benefits of mitigation activities (e.g. impact of REDD+ on water resources)
 - Plans for monitoring and reporting of adaptation activities

4. Planning process

- **Aim:** Overview of existing and planned domestic processes for implementing the INDC and monitoring progress.
- **Key data sources:** National climate change plans, legislation, Nat Comms, climate change institutional structures, MRV systems identified in BURs
- **Possible content:**
 - Existing or proposed national and sub-national planning processes for implementing climate change activities
 - National MRV systems including GHG inventories and NAMA frameworks
 - Existing or planned national legislation and institutional structure
 - Sectoral action plans led by relevant line ministries and related legislation
 - Synergies with National Development Plans and M&E frameworks
 - Related awareness raising, stakeholder engagement and capacity building activities

5. Means of implementation

- **Aim:** Overview of international support requirements in terms of finance, capacity-building and technology
- **Key data sources:** Technology Needs Assessments; national climate change strategies; bilateral and multilateral support to date; NAMAs; Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review (CPEIR)
- **Possible content:**
 - Financial support – anticipated domestic contribution as well as current domestic spending on climate change; and the scale and type of international finance needs related to the INDC.
 - Capacity building – including any support required to implement and monitor the INDC, with reference to specific needs relating to specific elements of the INDC
 - Technology transfer – the scale and types of environmental technologies required to deliver the INDC
 - If possible, this should be captured in a summary table specifying the types of support required, their scale and timing alongside specific activities identified in the INDC.

Further Information

- **Revised Guide now available:**

- English <http://cdkn.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/CDKN-Guide-to-INDCs-Revised-May2015.pdf>
- French http://cdkn.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/CDKN_Guide-de-Preparation-des-INDC_0515.pdf
- Spanish <http://cdkn.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Spanish-INDC-Guide-WEB.pdf>

- **Any questions?**

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