

# The NDC Cycle in the Paris Agreement

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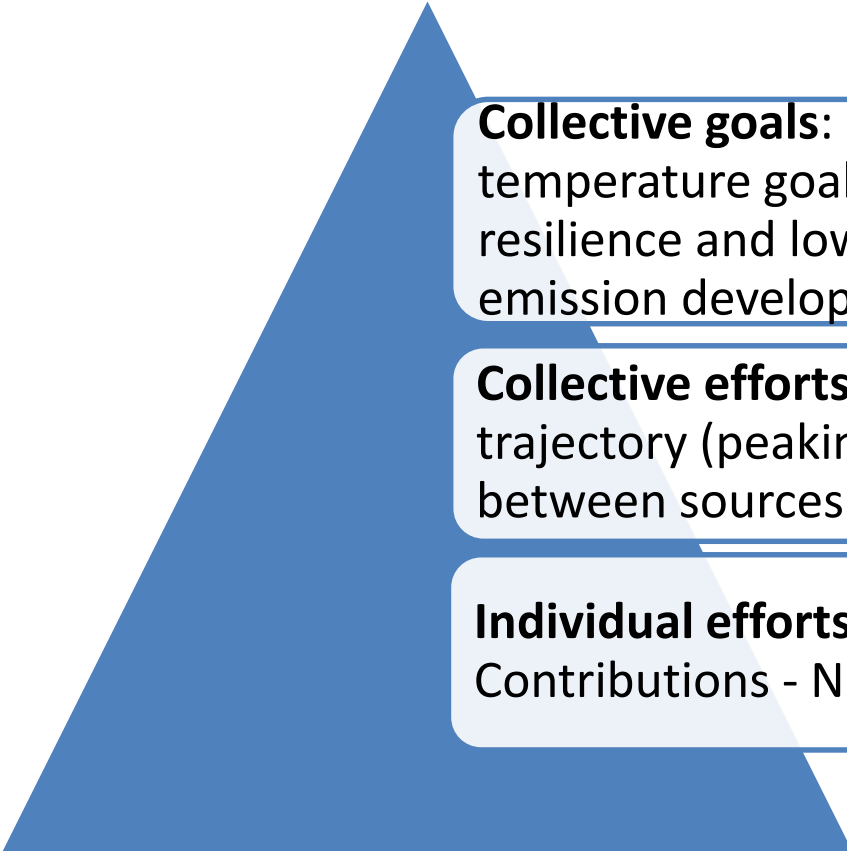


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## The Paris Agreement and its objectives



**Collective goals:** long term temperature goal; resilience and low GHG emission development;

**Collective efforts:** a global emission trajectory (peaking, reduction, balance between sources and sinks)

**Individual efforts:** successive Nationally Determined Contributions - NDCs

## Mitigation NDCs in the Paris Agreement

**“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.” (Article 4.2)**

→ The Paris Agreement (Art. 4.16) allows Parties to fulfil the core obligations under Art. 4.2 jointly (e.g. the EU).



## What are NDCs

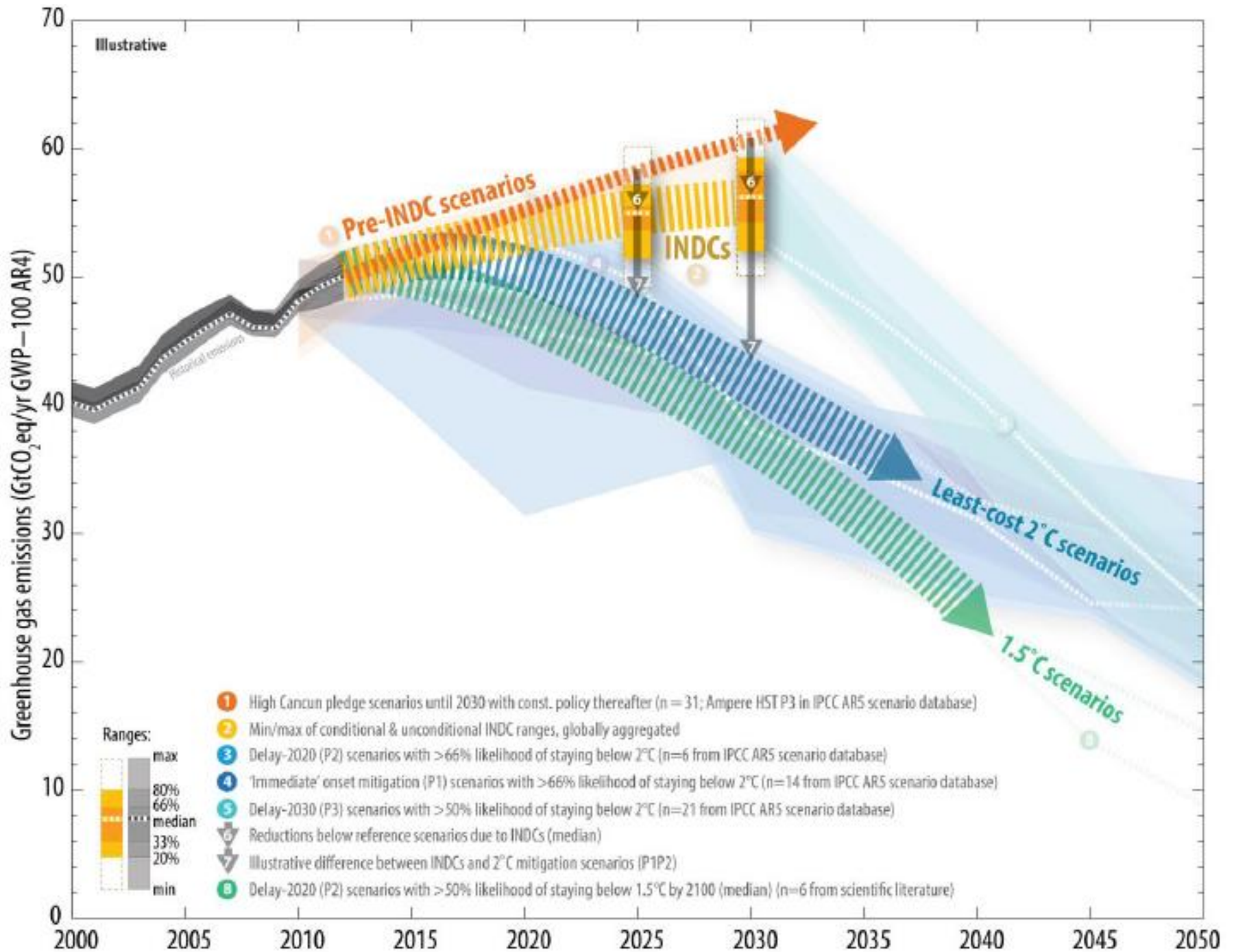
### The **Paris Agreement**:

- Guiding principles are progression and highest possible ambition
- Economy-wide absolute emission reduction targets for developed countries
- Developing countries should continue enhancing their mitigation efforts, towards economy-wide emission reduction or limitation targets
- Could include a adaptation component

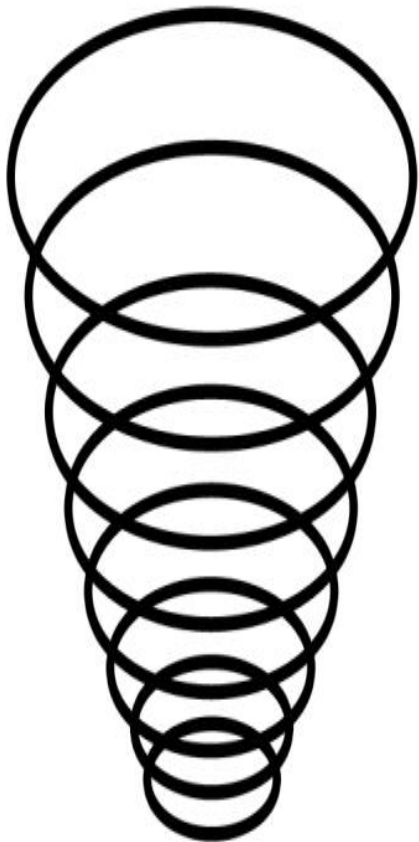
### 163 **INDCs** (191 Parties) - Significant increase of countries taking action

- Most include quantified mitigation targets: absolute, relative BAU, intensity
- Most cover all or the majority of sectors
- Most included an adaptation component





## Ambition infrastructure/NDC Cycle



- The Paris Agreement recognizes that its objectives (Art. 2 and 4.1) will be achieved through time
- It builds on increasing aggregate and individual **progression/ambition** over time (Art. 3 and 4.3)
- It implicitly establishes a **mandatory cycle of NDCs** (NDC Cycle):
  - communication of **successive** NDCs (Art. 4.2),
  - every **5 years** (Art. 4.9)
- Feedback Mechanism
  - Facilitative dialogue/Global Stocktake
  - Transparency Framework

## Preparing and communicating NDCs prior to 2020

- Parties are invited to communicate their **first NDC no later than ratification** time
  - Communicated **INDC will become the first NDC**, unless Party decides otherwise
- This provision brings INDCs into the context of the Paris Agreement
- Thus far most INDCs have been converted into NDCs
- **Facilitative dialogue in 2018** among Parties to take stock of the collective efforts towards the long-term goal (Art. 4.1), and to inform the preparation of NDCs





## Preparing and communicating NDCs prior to 2020

What is the current procedure?

- After a Party has ratified the Paris Agreement, the secretariat proceeds to upload the INDC of the Party as its first NDC within the registry
- The Party is informed that this has happened via email to the focal point
- If the Party decides otherwise and requests the secretariat not to convert the INDC
  - The Party shall inform the secretariat via email, before the ratification
  - The secretariat will in turn inform the Party about all relevant provisions

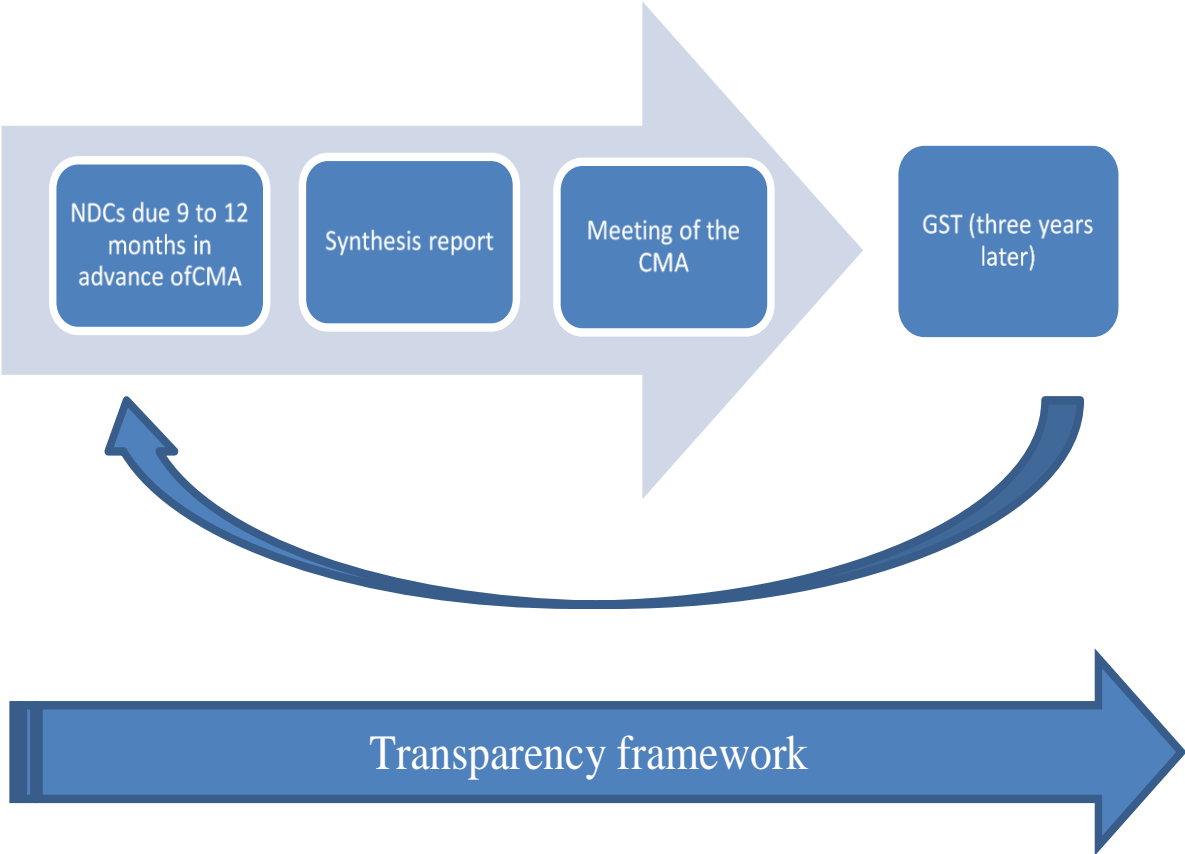


## Preparing and communicating NDCs as of 2020

- All Parties are requested to submit NDCs (new or updated) **by 2020** and **every five years** thereafter:
    - Parties with a time frame up to 2025 to communicate a new NDC
    - Parties with a time frame up to 2030 to communicate or update NDC
  - To facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding **Parties shall submit** their NDC for each cycle at least **9 to 12 months in advance** of the relevant session (2020, 2025, 2030,...)
  - Secretariat will prepare a **synthesis report** of each “round” of NDCs to be published every time before the relevant session of the CMA
- This provision sets the ‘formal’ starting date of the NDC Cycle (2020)
- It defines when NDC submissions are due (2025, 2030, 2035...), and
- It provides guidance as to when to submit the successive NDCs
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# Each NDC Cycle



## Maintaining and recording NDCs

- **Maintain** successive NDCs is one of the core obligations under Art. 4.2
  - Once a Party has communicated an NDC and the Paris Agreement has entered into force, each Party shall **maintain its NDCs**, which means to ensure that at all times, a relevant NDC is available
- NDCs are recorded in a **public registry** maintained by the secretariat;
- Parties are developing modalities and procedures for the registry
- Currently NDCs are recorded in an **interim registry** on the UNFCCC website



## The NDC Cycle in the next years

2016/ 2017	2018	2019/ 2020	2020	2023	2024/ 2025	2025
INDCs to NDCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• INDCs to NDCs</li><li>• FD 2018</li></ul>	Submit NDCs (9-12 months prior to CMA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Synthesis Report</li><li>• LEDS</li><li>• CMA for NDCs</li></ul>	GST	Submit NDCs (9-12 months prior to CMA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Synthesis Report</li><li>• CMA for NDCs</li></ul>



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Thank you for your attention!

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INDC Portal goto: [unfccc.int/8766.php](http://unfccc.int/8766.php)

INDC Synthesis Report goto: [unfccc.int/9240.php](http://unfccc.int/9240.php)

