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## **Marshall Islands tables landmark plan to reach net zero emissions and to revise emissions reduction targets**

The Marshall Islands today published a landmark strategy to reach net zero emissions by 2050, becoming only the [tenth country](#) to submit a long-term decarbonization pathway to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change as called for under the Paris Agreement, and the first island nation to do so.

The document – called the *Tile Til Eo* Climate Strategy, meaning “Lighting the Way” in Marshallese – also provides the basis for the country to increase the level of ambition of its existing 2025 emissions reduction target (or Nationally Determined Contribution) under the Paris Agreement which it plans to now do before 2020 – also making the Marshall Islands the first nation to confirm it will unequivocally raise ambition.

The Strategy is the culmination of almost two-years work by the island nation and is rooted in both an extensive domestic and donor consultation process. It places a new emphasis on adaptation, including through recommending the development of a National Adaptation Plan by 2019. It also includes economy-wide recommendations for reducing emissions across the electricity, waste and transportation sectors; highlights a number of gender and social considerations; and suggests embedding the Strategy in national legislation alongside a regular five-year review akin to the United Kingdom’s 2008 *Climate Change Act*.

Launching the strategy in New York City at the opening ceremony of Climate Week NYC and on the eve of the UN General Assembly’s Leaders’ week, the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, H.E. Dr. Hilda C. Heine, said:

**“Once again, my country has shown that if one of the smallest and most isolated nations can do it – so can everyone else, including the big emitters. Making the transition to net zero emissions makes sense for our global economy and for our environment, as well as for our people and our planet.”**

**“If we are to keep temperature increases within the 1.5°C limit we agreed in Paris, every country must increase the ambition of their existing targets by 2020 and chart a long-term pathway to net zero emissions by 2050. The Virtual Summit I will convene on 22 November as part of our Presidency of the Climate Vulnerable Forum & the Climate Summit that the UN Secretary-General will convene exactly a year from now, provide the perfect platform for my fellow world leaders to do just that.”**

The convener of the 2050 *Pathways Platform* and the former French Ambassador for Climate Change, Laurence Tubiana, added:

**“The 2050 Climate Strategy of the Republic of the Marshall Islands brings the Paris Agreement to life with an ambitious strategy that not only charts a long-term course to low-carbon development, but also draws conclusions for short-term policy and investment decisions. This approach is an example for other countries to follow in order to set the world on a course towards carbon neutrality by mid-century.”**

The Marshall Islands’ 2050 *Tile Til Eo* Climate Strategy is available here: <https://docdro.id/W2hK5Qj>

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