

Workshop Concept Note

Good Practices in NDC Update and Implementation: Challenges and Lessons Learned from Eastern and Southern Africa

1 and 2 September 2021

BACKGROUND

Raising the global ambition of the nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and ensuring thorough implementation of the increased mitigation and adaptation targets are necessary to limit global warming to 1.5°C. Many countries have already enhanced the ambition of their NDC and submitted it to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat in 2020 and into 2021. In order to move quickly towards reducing global greenhouse gas emissions by 45% over the next decade and achieving global net-zero emissions in 2050, countries are now looking to formulate and execute their NDC implementation strategies, national adaptation plans, and other relevant national policies.

This virtual workshop aims to provide an avenue for countries from Sub-Saharan Africa to come together and share good practices and lessons learned from their NDC update process as well as provide a platform for peer-to-peer support. It will also provide an opportunity for countries to share challenges and good practices in the NDC implementation process and to identify areas for cooperation between countries and development partners. The workshop consists of presentations, panel discussions, and breakout sessions which cover cross-sectoral issues pertaining to NDC update and implementation.

OBJECTIVES

1. To share lessons learned during the 2020/21 NDC update process, increase clarity of updated and new NDCs, and recommendations for the 2025 NDC update process;
2. To share challenges and good practices in NDC implementation process;
3. To identify different financing mechanisms to allow countries to accelerate implementation of the update NDC commitments.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

1. UNFCCC country focal points and NDC Partnership country focal points from the regions;
2. Representatives from government agencies (Ministries of Economy, Finance, National Planning, Environment/climate change and others) and non-governmental organizations relevant to NDC Implementation;
3. Representatives from inter-governmental agencies and development partners relevant to NDC Implementation.

OUTCOMES

1. A synthesis report of highlights and key insights from the event.
2. Countries' breakout session documents.



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AGENDA

Day 1: 1 September 2021; 14:00 - 17:30pm (EAT)

Moderator: Margaret Barihaihi, NDC Partnership

Time (EAT)	Session Details (Day 1, 1 Sept)	Speakers (Tentative)
14:00-14:10	<p>Introduction to the Workshop and Expectations</p> <p>This workshop will enable participants to share their backgrounds, learning expectations, on-going needs, challenges on NDC implementation and plans for long-term climate goals.</p>	<p>Margaret Barihaihi Regional Manager Anglophone Africa NDC Partnership</p>
14:10-14:25	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Crook, British High Commission Kampala (UK COP 26 Presidency) • Romeo Bertolini, Deputy Country Engagement Director and Head of the Bonn Office NDC Partnership Support Unit • James Grabert, Director, Mitigation Division; Acting Director, Communication and Engagement Division, UNFCCC Secretariat • Edward Okot Omoya, Steering Committee Member, EADB Kampala - TBC 	
14:25-14:55	<p>Scene Setting - Suri Mues -- Regional Lead, RCC Kampala</p> <p>The presentation of key messages from the initial NDC Synthesis Report as well as highlights from the NDC Survey carried out by RCC Kampala in 2020 provides an overview of the progress made by participating countries in updating their NDCs and captures a regional outlook on the status of their efforts.</p>	
14:55-15:55	<p>Panel Discussion 1: Lessons Learned from the NDC Update Process in Eastern and Southern Africa</p> <p>This session provides an avenue for countries to share about challenges on policies (e.g., lack of clear or strong legislative and governance framework) and access to funding and form common best practices for the next NDC update process.</p> <p><i>Instructions: Four countries will have 7 minutes each to present the experiences, best practices and key challenges they experienced in their NDC update process and how they were able to address these challenges. Presentation</i></p>	<p>Margaret Barihaihi Regional Manager Anglophone Africa NDC Partnership</p>



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	<p><i>materials are allowed but only as visual cues or to summarize the information and should be within 3 slides. This is followed by a 30-minute Q&A session from the Chair and the audience.</i></p> <p>Chair: Romeo Bertolini, Deputy Country Engagement Director and Head of the Bonn Office NDC Partnership Support Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Natifu, Ag. Commissioner, Climate Change Department, Uganda. • Ressa Kombi, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Kenya • Ephraim Mwepya Shitima, Director - Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Department - UNFCCC Focal Point. Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Zambia • Washington Zhakata, Director, Climate Change Management Department Ministry of Environment, Climate, Tourism and Hospitality Industry, Zimbabwe 	
15:55-16:00	<p>Introduction to Breakout Sessions</p> <p>Countries might face both common and unique technical, financial, legal, political, and cultural barriers in their NDC implementation process. This breakout session provides an avenue for countries to share these anticipated barriers and find common opportunities to overcome them.</p> <p><i>Instructions: There will be two topics, each representing a crucial stage in the NDC implementation process:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1: NDC planning, implementation and tracking of progress • Day 2: NDC Financing <p><i>Participants will be separated into three groups, each having countries from a range of economic and geographic profiles. Each group will go through a topic station for 60 minutes and will share the anticipated challenges pertaining to the topic and brainstorm common opportunities to overcome them.</i></p>	



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16:00-17:00	<p>Breakout Session 1: NDC Implementation Planning and Tracking of Progress</p> <p>The way countries' NDCs are implemented and improved upon over time will determine whether the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement are achieved. This breakout session will serve as an avenue for countries to share their experience in the NDC implementation planning process and identify common challenges and opportunities for support and cooperation.</p> <p>Station 1: Identifying sectoral priority activities and enabling actions</p> <p>Advancing climate goals require commitments from all relevant sectors affected by or contributing to climate change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What challenges do countries face in prioritizing activities in their NDC implementation planning for each sector? • What elements are necessary for countries to effectively plan NDC implementation at the sectoral level? • What are the key cross-sectoral challenges and how are these being addressed? <p>Station 2: Tracking progress and reporting</p> <p>Successful implementation of NDC actions requires plans to have measurable goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can countries develop the capacity to measure and track the progress of the NDC implementation process across sectors? • How can countries ensure the transparency and robustness of reporting channels across sectors? • How do you plan to enhance the engagement of your sectors and line ministries so that they become a vibrant part of the institutional arrangements to measure, track and report on the progress of implementation and achievement of NDC? <p>Station 3: Establishing governance mechanisms</p> <p>Successful implementation entails concerted whole-of-government approaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do countries coordinate NDC implementation across sectors, nationally 	<p>Breakout Facilitators</p> <p>Station 1- Suri Mues - Regional Lead, RCC Kampala</p> <p>Station 2 – Ressa Kombi</p> <p>Station 3-Tafadzwa Dhlakama</p>



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	<p>and sub- nationally?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can countries institutionalize the capacities necessary for NDC implementation across sectors and agencies? • How can governments galvanize necessary political will to effectively implement NDC policies? 	
17:00-17:15	<p>Breakout reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Station 1– Suri Mues - Regional Lead, RCC Kampala • Station 2 – Ressa Kombi, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Kenya • Station 3 – Tafadzwa Dhlakama, NDC Partnership Facilitator, Zimbabwe 	<p>Margaret Barihaihi Regional Manager Anglophone Africa</p> <p>NDC Partnership</p>
17:15-17:30	<p>Preview of Day 2</p>	<p>Suri Mues - Regional Lead, RCC Kampala</p>



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Day 2: 2 September 2021; 14:00 - 17:30pm (EAT)

Moderator: Suri Mues UNFCCC-EADB Regional Collaboration Centre for Eastern and Southern Africa (RCC Kampala)

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14:00-14:20	Recap of Day 1 - Suri Mues -- Regional Lead, RCC Kampala	
14:20-15:20	<p>Panel Discussion 2: Financing for NDC Implementation</p> <p>Four development partners will elaborate their support programmes that enable countries to access and mobilize public, private, and blended finance for NDC implementation, with a focus on the initiatives that may assist countries in overcoming the challenges identified from Breakout Session 1. Discussants are encouraged to also highlight potential areas of cooperation with countries as well as development partners.</p> <p><i>Instructions: Four development partners will have 7 minutes each to present the initiatives and areas of cooperation that may assist countries in overcoming key challenges they experienced in their NDC update process. Presentation materials are allowed but only as visual cues or to summarize the information and should be within 3 slides. This is followed by a 30-minute Q&A session from the Chair and the audience.</i></p> <p>Chair: Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ekeoma Onhoua, Consultant, African Development Bank • Christopher M. Nyce, Regional Environment Officer for East Africa, U.S. Department of State - TBC • James Macbeth Forbes, Country Director GIZ Uganda. • Kanta Kumari Rigaud (Ph.D), Lead Environment Specialist; Regional Climate Change Coordinator, Africa Region, World Bank Group. 	(Chair of the panel: Grant Kirkman, UNFCCC secretariat)
15:20-15:25	<p>Introduction to Breakout Session 2: Financing for NDC Implementation</p> <p><i>Participants will be separated into groups, each having countries from a range of economic and geographic profiles. Each group will discuss financing (public,</i></p>	Suri Mues -- Regional Lead, RCC Kampala



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	<p><i>private, and blended) for NDC implementation, for both mitigation and adaptation, for 60 minutes and will share the anticipated challenges pertaining to the topic and brainstorm common opportunities to overcome them.</i></p>	
15:25-16:25	<p>Breakout Session 2: Financing for NDC Implementation</p> <p>Achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement requires countries to apply some combination of domestic budgetary allocation, private sector finance (both national and international), bilateral and multilateral finance mechanisms, and development assistance to meet NDC commitments. Understanding how to access funding from a diverse menu of multilateral, bilateral, public and private sources is a complex and dynamic challenge. This breakout session will serve as an avenue for countries to share their experience in facilitating the financing of NDC implementation and identify common challenges and opportunities.</p> <p>Station 1: Public finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What role can the public sector play in climate finance? What are the main obstacles for governments mobilize climate finance? • Which areas of collaboration does your country envision to explore with public finance providers for NDC implementation? • What types of technical assistance (including capacity building) are needed to facilitate your country's access to international and domestic public finance? <p>Station 2: Private finance/Blended finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What role should the private sector play in climate finance? What enabling policies are needed to create favorable conditions for private sector financing of NDC implementation? • How can climate finance be spent effectively? • What technical assistance (including capacity building) is required to facilitate your country's mobilization of private finance? <p>Station 3: Pipeline development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is needed to develop a climate friendly project? What can governments do to support NDC 	<p>Breakout Facilitators</p> <p>Station 1 – Robert Bakiika, NDC Partnership In-country Facilitator-Uganda</p> <p>Station 2 – Francis Ogwang, Country Manager Uganda, EADB</p>



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	<p>implementation projects?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What role does the private have in project development? What technical assistance (including capacity building) is needed for NDC implementation? • How can climate finance contribute to addressing adaptation loss and damage needs? • How can a pipeline of priority climate projects/investments/transactions/initiative be developed? What can governments do to further scale them up at a regional level? 	<p>Station 3 – Grant Kirkman, Programme Officer, UNFCCC Secretariat</p>
16:25-16:55	<p>Breakout reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Station 1 – Robert Bakiika, NDC Partnership In-country Facilitator-Uganda • Station 2 – Francis Ogwang, Country Manager Uganda, EADB • Station 3 – Grant Kirkman, Programme Officer, UNFCCC Secretariat 	<p>Suri Mues -- Regional Lead, RCC Kampala</p>
16:55-17:10	<p>Poll: Priority Areas in Eastern and Southern Africa (all participants)</p>	<p>Suri Mues -- Regional Lead, RCC Kampala</p>
17:10-17:30	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Janet Rogan, COP 26 Regional Ambassador for Africa (TBC) or Hon. Sam Cheptoris, Minister of Water and Environment, Uganda</p>	<p>Suri Mues -- Regional Lead, RCC Kampala</p>



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