

Concept Note

Webinar on the Support Ecosystem for the Next Round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) for the Caribbean

UN Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centre for the Caribbean (RCC Caribbean)

Webinar for the Caribbean

27 March 2024

11:00 to 12:30 AST | 9:00-10:30 CST | 10:00-11:30 EST | 16:00-17:30 CET

Background

This is a critical time as the next round of NDCs is due in 2025, requiring new and more ambitious NDCs from countries. The [Global Stocktake \(GST\) outcome](#) agreed upon at COP28 underlined that despite overall progress on mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation and support, Parties are not yet collectively on track towards achieving the purpose of the Paris Agreement and its long-term goals, and encouraged Parties to come forward with ambitious, economy-wide emission reduction targets, covering all greenhouse gases, sectors and categories and aligned with the 1.5°C limit in their next round of NDCs. The latest science from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) indicates that greenhouse gas emissions need to be reduced by 60% by 2035, compared to 2019 levels and that adaptation and mitigation must be pursued with equal force and urgency to advance sustainable development for all.

The GST invited organizations in a position to do so and the secretariat, including through its regional collaboration centres (RCCs), to provide capacity-building support for the preparation and communication of the next NDCs.

Webinar Objective

A number of development and implementation partners are providing support to countries in the region on various aspects of NDC preparation and implementation, such as data and analysis, policy and planning, finance and investment, capacity building, and stakeholder engagement. In this context, there is a need to provide information to countries on the support available for preparation of their next round of NDCs. It will also present experiences on key lessons learned from Parties on the process taken at the national level to develop their previous NDCs. The UNFCCC RCC Caribbean, along with the NDC Partnership, are therefore organizing this webinar **to provide a platform for countries to hear from support providers on the avenues of support available for the development of 2025 NDCs** and to connect with them to access support as and when required.

Target Audience:

The webinar is specifically designed to provide information to government officials who are actively involved in leading the development and implementation of the new NDCs. The primary target audience for this training initiative includes officials working within various governmental departments, ministries, and agencies responsible for energy, environment, and sustainable development policies.

Proposed Agenda

90 mins

Time	Session	Moderator/Speaker
5'	Introduction to the Webinar	Jason Williams, Regional Specialist for NDCs and LT-LEDS, RCC Caribbean Mayra Santaella, Regional Lead, RCC Caribbean
5'	Welcome and Opening Urgency of NDCs 3.0 From Global to Regional: RCCs Outlook on NDC Capacity-Building	Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary, UN Climate Change (video message) Stelios Pesmajoglou, Manager, UN Climate Change
5'	CMA Decision and GST Outcomes This session provides an overview of the latest CMA decisions and GST outcomes relevant to the development of the new NDCs	Jason Williams, Regional Specialist for NDCs and LT-LEDS, RCC Caribbean
10'	Country Experiences: NDC Development and Implementation Identified countries share their experiences on key lessons learned during their NDC preparation and implementation and highlight priority areas where they require support in development of 2025 NDCs <u>Proposed questions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key lessons from the previous NDCs which will inform the new NDCs? • What are the key areas and priorities where capacity-building can enhance the new NDCs? 	<u>Countries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onika Benn, Department of Sustainable Development, Ministry of Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology and Vocational Training, Government of St Lucia <p><i>Moderated by RCC Caribbean</i></p>
60'	Support Available for NDCs and LT-LEDS Presentation (8 minutes) on the Thematic Call for NDC preparation Presentations (5-6 minutes each) by development partners on the support available for the 2025 NDCs. These presentations will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the support available and on offer? • How can countries reach out to the partners? Question and Answer (Q&A) Session (15 minutes)	NDC Partnership Julianne Baker-Gallegos, Thematic Call Manager <u>Development partners</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracy Smith, NDC Regional Coordinator, CCCCC • Annlyn McPhie, Technical Specialist in Climate Change, UNDP



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	<p>Parties and partners will have the opportunity to engage with each other in a question-and-answer session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frances Fuller, Head of Global Offices/Director, Climate Analytics • Celeste Gonzalez, Programme Officer, ICAT Secretariat • Cheryl Jeffers, Interim Director, CCMRV Hub • Khetsiwe Khumalo, Advisor - Climate Transparency, CBIT GSP, UNEP-CCC • Daniel Muñoz-Smith, GGGI Caribbean • Billy Holness, STC on the Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT), GEF • Michelle Peña Nelz, Task Team Lead for the GIZ- “NDC Partnership Readiness Project, GIZ <p><i>Moderated by RCC Caribbean</i></p>
5'	Closing and Next Step	Regional Collaboration Centre for the Caribbean (RCC Caribbean)