

Concept Note

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

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UN Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centre for the Middle East and North Africa, and South Asia (RCC MENA and SA)*

Webinar for Asia

Date and time: March 27th, 2024, from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM ICT (UTC+7:00)

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 Objectives

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. The UNFCCC RCC Asia Pacific, UNFCCC RCC MENA and SA, 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.

Proposed Agenda

90 mins

Time	Session	Moderator/Speaker
5'	Introduction to the Webinar	Juhi Bansal, NDC, LT-LEDS Specialist, RCC Asia Pacific
5'	Welcome and Opening Remarks 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 Pasmajoglou, Manager, UN Climate Change
5'	CMA Decisions and GST outcomes This session provides an overview of the latest CMA decisions and GST outcomes relevant to the development of the next round of NDCs	Mary Awad Menassa, Senior Climate Action Specialist (NDCs, LT-LEDS, Sectoral Support), RCC MENA and SA
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 last round of NDCs which will inform the next round of NDCs? • What are the key areas and priorities where capacity-building can enhance the next round of NDCs? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yulia Suryanti, Director of Climate Change Mitigation, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia • Ahmed Waheed, Director, Climate Change Department, Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy, Maldives
60'	Support Available for NDCs Presentations (5 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 Country representatives and partners will have the opportunity to engage with each other in a question-and-answer session	<u>Partners:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aneta Nikolova, Climate Policy Lead, Environment and Development Policy Section, Environment and Development Division, UN ESCAP • Mozaharul Alam, Climate Change Programme Regional Coordinator, UNEP • Krib Sitathani, Regional Coordinator for Asia Pacific, UNDP Climate Promise • Simon Benmarraze, Team Lead, Technology & Infrastructure, IRENA • Samet Bulut, Climate Change Specialist, Climate Change and



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		<p>Sustainable Development Department, ADB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deo Gabinete, Regional Manager, Eastern Europe, Asia and the Pacific, NDC Partnership
5'	Closing Remarks	David Mclachlan-Karr, Regional Director, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, UN Development Coordination Office