

Concept Note

Regional Partners Stocktaking Meeting on the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) 3.0

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

Support to NDCs for the Caribbean Countries

24 April 2024

10:00 to 12:00 AST | 9:00-11:00 CST | 16:00-18:00 CEST

Background

The Paris Agreement requires all Parties to prepare, communicate and maintain successive Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) that it intends to achieve. The NDCs are the main vehicle for countries to express their climate ambition and actions, and to align them with their national development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This is especially relevant now with Decisions 6/CMA.3 and 1/CMA.5 requiring new and more ambitious NDCs from countries to be developed and submitted in 2025, with targets until 2035. In addition to being more ambitious, the NDCs 3.0 will also have to be country-owned, country-driven, implementable and well positioned to unlock financing. For the Caribbean region, one that is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change although contributing negligibly to the total global greenhouse gas emissions, the enhancement and implementation of NDCs is a key priority.

The first Global Stocktake (GST) outcome 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. As such, 43% emission reduction is needed by 2030 relative to 2019 levels, 60% emission reduction is needed by 2035, and net zero emissions by 2050. The outcome therefore encouraged Parties to come forward with ambitious, economy-wide emission reduction targets, covering all greenhouse gases, sectors and categories. The GST decision also emphasized the need for collective efforts by inviting the UN Climate Change Secretariat, including through its regional collaboration centres (UNFCCC RCCs), and other organizations in a position to do so, to provide capacity-building support for the preparation and communication of the next NDCs.

A number of development and implementation partners are providing support to countries in the Caribbean on various aspects of NDC preparation and implementation, such as data and analysis, policy and planning, finance and investment, capacity building, and stakeholder engagement. To that end, the UNFCCC secretariat convened a global support workshop on NDCs in early March 2024 in Bonn, Germany. During this convening, partners put together a framework which would inform the NDC 3.0 support ecosystem. On March 14, 2024, the UNFCCC Executive Secretary Simon Stiell in his communication to Parties¹ urged them to start work on NDCs 3.0, as their ambition to 2035 will determine if the 1.5-degree goal is kept within reach.

¹ [UNITED NATIONS \(unfccc.int\)](https://unfccc.int)

Webinar Objective

The UNFCCC RCC Caribbean, along with the NDC Partnership, is proposing to organize a Regional Partners Stocktaking Meeting as a platform for dialogue and exchange among development partners in the Caribbean actively supporting countries on NDC development and implementation in 2024-2025. This serves as next steps to the webinar that was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, which can be consulted on the official page of the UNFCCC of the RCC Caribbean at the following link: <https://unfccc.int/event/support-ecosystem-for-next-round-of-ndcs-in-the-caribbean>. The objectives of this meeting are:

- Understand development and implementing organizations' support currently available for countries in the Caribbean region and provide a platform for dialogue and exchange on NDC preparation and implementation.
- Identify where development and implementing organizations have synergetic opportunities and complement each others' approaches for the next round of NDCs for 2025 (NDC 3.0) and explore opportunities for increased cooperation and coordination in the Caribbean region.
- Understand perspectives from partners on Caribbean country engagement on NDC 3.0 and identify opportunities for awareness creation around support available in the region.

Proposed Agenda

Time	Activity	Moderator/Speaker
10:00 – 10:05	<i>Opening remarks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks • Overview of NDC Coordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for the Caribbean (RCC Caribbean)
10:05 – 10:15	<i>NDC 2025 outlook</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key takeaways from NDC 3.0 meeting • NDC Guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Williams, Regional Specialist on NDCs and LT-LEDs, RCC Caribbean
10:15 – 10:25	<i>NDC Partnership updates</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDC Partnership Thematic Call on LT-LEDs and NDC Alignment, Update, and Enhancement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julianne Baker-Gallegos, Thematic Call Project Manager, NDC Partnership
10:25 – 11:10	<i>Discussion on regional priorities</i> (Updates to inform the matrix of support available) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority areas of work in the region • Resources available and pre-requisites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated by Jason Williams, Regional Specialist on NDCs and LT-LEDs, RCC Caribbean
11:10 – 11:55	<i>Understanding perspectives from the Caribbean on NDC 3.0</i> (Input to inform regional strategy/Observations from the ground) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs and challenges identified • Opportunities for awareness creation around support in the region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated by Jason Williams, Regional Specialist on NDCs and LT-LEDs, RCC Caribbean

11:55 – 12:00	<i>Closing remarks and way forward</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for the Caribbean (RCC Caribbean)
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Partner List:

1. NDC Partnership
2. UNFCCC RCC Caribbean
3. Aether Ltd
4. Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE)
5. Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat
6. Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)
7. Caribbean Cooperative Measurement Reporting Verification Hub
8. Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)
9. Climate Analytics
10. Commonwealth Secretariat (COMSEC)
11. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
12. DUE Barbados (EUROCLIMA Caribbean programme)
13. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
14. Global Environment Facility (GEF)
15. Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
16. Green Climate Fund (GCF)
17. Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT)
18. Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
19. International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
20. National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
21. Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)
22. Pew Charitable Trusts
23. Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)
24. United Nations Environment Programme-Copenhagen Climate Centre (UNEP-CCC)
25. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
26. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
27. United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
28. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
29. U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
30. University of the West Indies (UWI)
31. University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT)
32. World Bank Group
33. World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
34. World Resources Institute (WRI)
35. World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF)