



## NDC CLINIC FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

**Dates:** 10-11 September 2025

**Venue:** United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

**Organizers:** NDC Partnership, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in collaboration with the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) including its Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs)

### Background

The effective implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) is fundamental to translating climate pledges into tangible action and measurable progress. Successful NDC implementation demonstrates a country's commitment to achieving its climate goals, fosters credibility within the international community, and provides critical insights for the development of future NDCs. Further, it can contribute to national social and economic development while offering opportunities to catalyze the transformation of key sectors, stimulate innovation in clean technologies, and facilitate the mobilization of climate finance by sending clear signals to investors, thereby creating a positive feedback loop that supports increasingly ambitious climate action.

A large number of developing countries continue to encounter significant challenges in accessing climate finance, which is a key enabler for NDC implementation and crucial for raising ambition in the design and implementation of NDCs. This was clearly highlighted by several Parties that participated at the 2024 NDC Regional Forums that were organized by the secretariat in collaboration with UNEP, UNDP, and the NDC Partnership.

Building on the 2024 NDC Forums, the Asia-Pacific NDC Clinic will be organised from 10–11 September 2025, at the UNCC in Bangkok, Thailand, back-to-back with the 21st SINGG Policy Forum, which will be organised from 7–9 September 2025).

### Target audiences

The NDC Clinic will bring together government representatives from key line ministries involved in the preparation and implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), including ministries of Environment, Climate Change, Finance, Economy and Planning, and Energy, among others. In addition, it will engage financial sector institutions such as national development banks, central banks, and national investment authorities to foster a more integrated approach to climate action and investment planning.



## Objectives

The objective of the NDC Clinics will be to provide practical support to participants countries for exchanging knowledge and strategies in the following key areas:

- Needs for NDC implementation, covering requirements for accessing means of implementation mainly through facilitating access to finance.
- Enabling alignment around NDC implementation and broader policy framework, including strengthening institutional capacities, and inter-ministerial coordination.
- Strategies to attract private capital and enhanced private sector engagement in NDC implementation, including bankable projects that are financially viable, environmentally sustainable and socio-economically beneficial.
- Effective stakeholder engagement involving governments, financial institutions, and private sector investors.
- Enhanced understanding of the strategies to attract private capital and engage private investors, including by tracking NDC progress and remaining gaps and needs under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), as well as using innovative financial instruments such as incentives, risk mitigation approaches and blended finance.
- Knowledge-based NDC implementation and integrating scientific data into NDC investment planning to maximize climate, economic and social impact.

## Outcomes

Through facilitated peer learning and knowledge exchange, the NDC Clinics are designed to strengthen inter-ministerial coordination and key national stakeholder engagement to enhance collaboration and access to finance at the national level. In this regard, the Clinics expected to help participants gain:

- Enhanced understanding of the key policy, financial and technical actions associated with the investment planning process for NDC implementation.
- Improved capacity to assess progress, gaps, and opportunities to advance investment planning within the national and regional contexts, including through reporting under the ETF.
- Increased familiarity with the support available from development, multilateral banks, financial institutions, bilateral donors, and other partners to facilitate investment planning for NDC.



## Approach

The NDC Clinic will address capacity gaps in investment planning and mobilization, supporting countries in identifying and prioritizing investment needs, and developing effective financing strategies.

The NDC Clinic will employ an interactive peer-driven approach with deep-dive discussions and peer-to-peer exchanges. This format will facilitate dialogue among technical government officials from various ministries on the status of their new NDC updates, associated challenges, and lessons learned from previous NDC planning and implementation cycles. Additionally, the Clinics will foster engagement between government experts and the broader climate finance ecosystem, including international organizations, development banks, IFIs, aid agencies.

## NDC Clinic Overview

The NDC Clinic will be structured around four segments, each tackling various aspects of NDC investment and implementation. These segments, both individually and collectively, will support participants in assessing progress, better understanding gaps, and exploring best practices for institutional coordination and policy integration, progressively guiding them toward refining their identified priorities. To foster collaboration, countries will be grouped into thematic or regional clusters, encouraging peer learning and alignment of priorities across similar national contexts.

The segments will provide space for participants to reflect on how the NDC update process is positioning them for effective implementation. Discussions will focus on practical strategies for unlocking finance—such as strengthening the assessment of investment needs, identifying, and evaluating financial sources, creating enabling environments, and enhancing the overall investability of NDCs. Participants will also share how key financial actors—including Ministries of Finance, central banks, national development banks, and the private sector—were engaged in the NDC update process. Additionally, countries will outline their short-, medium-, and long-term plans for moving from NDC planning to implementation.

The four technical segments will be complemented with an introductory opening ceremony and a closing block.

Finally, the discussions will aim to support the development of a country-specific, tailored NDC Clinic mapping exercise, ensuring a structured and results-oriented approach.

Overall, the NDC Clinic will adopt a highly interactive format, prioritizing dialogue, and deep-dive peer exchange over lengthy presentations. To support this, a mix of methodologies will be used, including concise keynote interventions, participatory discussions, and “clinic-style” working sessions.



- **Opening session and scene-setting panel:** This opening segment will highlight the critical importance of implementable and investment-ready NDCs to advance the goals of the Paris Agreement. High-level speakers will emphasize the need for enhanced ambition, grounded in national development priorities and supported by clear pathways to finance and implementation. The segment will underscore how NDCs serve not only as climate commitments but also as strategic instruments for economic transformation and sustainable development.
- **Segment 1 – Enabling Institutional/Governance Arrangements for NDC Implementation:** This segment will focus on institutional arrangements and governance frameworks that enable effective NDC implementation, with a particular emphasis on mainstreaming climate finance. Drawing on practical experiences, it will examine what has worked, what hasn't, and why. Discussions will highlight strategies for cross-ministerial coordination cutting across all sectors in alignment with the economy-wide approach of NDCs 3.0, and mainstreaming NDCs into broader national planning and budgeting processes. The mainstreaming will also ensure alignment of NDCs as enablers of realisation of national development plan priorities that are prioritized in national budgets and thereby ensure sectorial budget allocations simultaneously advance NDCs implementation.
- **Segment 2 – Prioritizing Investment Needs:** This segment will support countries in identifying strategies and actions to move from climate commitments to climate investments, focusing on the use of evidence-based tools and transparent reporting to mobilize both public and private finance. Emphasis will be placed on adopting a strategic and data-driven approach to guide investment planning. It will outline ways to align financing strategies with national economic and social and development goals, and to track progress and gaps to strengthen overall climate governance and support access to finance. Data will also be used to demonstrate the invest-ability of NDCs sectors by projecting the enterprising and profitability potential of actions in priority NDC sectors. This is crucial to attract implementation investment from a multiplicity of stakeholders.
- **Segment 3 – Financial Mechanisms and Bankable Pipeline Development:** This segment will focus on strategies to engage financial institutions and private investors in NDC implementation, particularly exploring approaches for mobilizing private sector investments, blended finance mechanisms, and leveraging public finance to scale up private investment. The segment will also explore the Innovative Blended Finance De-risking tools (IBFT) for de-risking enterprises engaged in NDC areas and thereby make them attractive for affordable market finance.
- **Segment 4 – NDC Clinic mapping exercise:** During this segment, participants will outline and define their key priorities for implementation upon returning to their countries. The NDC Clinic mapping exercise will offer a general overview of the concrete actions to be undertaken, potential support partners, and indicative timelines. A template for the NDC Clinic mapping exercise will be shared in advance and formally presented during the NDC



Clinic introduction session on the first day. Segment 4 provides an opportunity for countries to exchange ideas with peers and development partners. It will serve as a platform for countries to articulate their support needs and for partners to share the types of assistance they can offer.

- **Closing Block:** The Closing Block will consolidate the key messages, practical insights, and priority actions identified throughout the NDC Clinic. Organizing partners will present a synthesis of the main takeaways from all segments, highlighting recurring themes, innovative approaches, and actionable strategies that emerged from country discussions. This will be followed by an open plenary exchange, allowing participants to reflect on lessons learned, share final thoughts, and signal next steps they plan to undertake in their national contexts. The session will also serve as an opportunity for development partners to reaffirm their commitment to supporting countries in translating their NDC priorities into implementable, investment-ready actions, ensuring momentum beyond the event.