

NDC Implementation: Good Practices in the Pacific

Tuesday and Wednesday, 3 – 4 August

BACKGROUND

Raising the global ambition of the nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and ensuring thorough implementation of the increased emission mitigation targets are necessary to limit global warming to 1.5°C. Many countries around the world have calibrated and enhanced the ambition of their NDCs and submitted it to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat in 2020 while others are aiming to submit theirs before the 26th Conference of Parties in November 2021. In order to move quickly towards reducing global greenhouse gas emissions by 45% over the next decade and achieving global net-zero emissions by 2050, countries have also started processes on formulating and executing their NDC implementation strategies.

This workshop serves to provide an avenue for Pacific Island Countries to identify areas where implementation can be fast-tracked to help ensure NDC targets are realized, as well as share good practices on NDC implementation and to identify areas of cooperation between countries and development partners. The workshop consists of presentations, panel discussions, and breakout sessions which cover cross-sectoral issues pertaining to the NDC implementation.

OBJECTIVES

1. To share challenges and good practices in the implementation processes; and
2. To identify areas of cooperation between countries and implementing/development partners to assist countries' to fast-track implementation of their newly submitted NDCs.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

- UNFCCC country focal points from the region
- NDC Partnership and Regional Pacific NDC Hub country focal points from the region, including representatives of Ministries of Economy, Finance, National Planning and others
- Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) focal points
- Representatives from government agencies relevant to NDC Implementation
- Representatives from inter-governmental agencies relevant to NDC Implementation

OUTPUTS

- A synthesis report of highlights and key insights from the event, including summaries, key recommendations, and takeaways.
- Countries' breakout session documents

AGENDA

Platform: Zoom, hosted by NDC Partnership

Day 1 – Tuesday, 3 August 2021 (14:00 - 17:30 FJI; 9:00 - 12:30 ICT)

MC: Rebecca Eldon, Advisor, Pacific NDC Hub

Time (Fiji, GMT +12)	Sessions	Moderator
14:00 – 14:25	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p><i>Mr. Ken O’Flaherty, UK COP 26 Regional Ambassador to Asia-Pacific and South Asia</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Amanda McKee, Head of CAEP and the Head of Knowledge Management, NDC Partnership</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Tutii Chilton, Chair of the Steering Committee of the Pacific NDC Hub</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Luca Brusa, Team Lead, Mitigation Division, UN Climate Change secretariat</i></p>	<p>Mr. Christian Goerg Project Manager Pacific NDC Hub</p>
14:25 – 14:40	<p>Participants’ Entry Poll</p>	<p>Ms. Siyapah Surathumrong Programme Associate, RCC Bangkok</p>
14:40 – 15:00	<p>Setting the Scene</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 Bangkok and RCC Dubai 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. Results and insights coming out of the NDC Partnership’s Climate Action Enhancement Package will also be presented.</p>	<p>Mr. Jens Radschinski Regional Lead RCC Bangkok</p> <p>Mr. Deo Gabinete Regional Manager for Asia-Pacific and Eastern Europe, NDC Partnership</p>

15:00 – 15:10	Short break	
15:10 – 15:20	<p>Introduction to Breakout Sessions Countries will 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>There will be three virtual topics, each representing a crucial stage in the NDC implementation process:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Breakout Session 1 (Day 1): NDC implementation planning and tracking of progress</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Breakout Session 2 (Day 2): Stakeholder engagement and coordination</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Breakout Session 3 (Day 2): Financing implementation</p> <p>Each Breakout Session will consist of three Stations. At the end of the introduction session, participants will be able to select the Station to attend for the duration of the Breakout Session.</p> <p>The Mural App will be used during the virtual Breakout Sessions. The moderator of this introduction session will coach participants on how to access and utilize the Mural App.</p>	Mr. Deo Gabinete Regional Manager for Asia-Pacific and Eastern Europe, NDC Partnership
15:20 – 16:05	<p>Breakout Session 1: NDC Implementation Planning and Tracking 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. In the breakout session in Day 1, participants shared their views and experiences on identifying sectorial priority activities, tracking of progress, data collection and management, and establishing governance mechanism.</p> <p>Station 1: Identifying sectoral priority activities and enabling actions</p> <p>Station 2: Data management, tracking of progress and reporting</p> <p>Station 3: Establishing governance mechanisms</p>	<p>Facilitators</p> <p>Station1: Mr. Bjorn Fonden, Climate Change Officer, RCC Bangkok</p> <p>Station 2: Dr. Ariel Yu, Technical Officer, RCC Bangkok</p> <p>Station 3: Ms. Vanda Faasoa Chan-Ting, Technical</p>

		Advisor, Pacific NDC Hub / SPREP
16:05 – 16:20	Breakout reporting 5 minute per facilitator	Moderator and Facilitators
16:20 – 16:25	Short break	
16:25 – 17:25	Panel Discussion 1: Sectoral Support for NDC Implementation Development partners will elaborate their support programs for NDC implementation related to addressing challenges on NDC implementation planning and tracking of progress, as well as stakeholder engagement and coordination , and other challenges identified from Breakout Session 1. Discussants are encouraged to highlight potential areas of cooperation with countries as well as development partners. 10-minute presentation from each presenter, followed by a 26-minute Q&A session <i>Ms. Arieta Gonelevu Rakai, Programme Officer, SIDS Lighthouses, IRENA</i> <i>Mr. Daniel Munoz-Smith, Country Representative of Fiji, Kiribati, Tonga, and Vanuatu, GGGI</i> <i>Ms. Emma Sale, Programme Analyst, Resilience and Sustainable Development Programme, UNDP</i>	Mr. Nilesh Prakash, Senior Advisor, Pacific NDC Hub
17:25 – 17:30	Day 1 Synthesis and Day 2 Preview Summary and outcomes of today's sessions and presentations, information on the activities the next day, and remarks wrapping up the day.	Ms. Rebecca Eldon Advisor, Pacific NDC Hub

Day 2 – Wednesday, 4 August (14:00-17:30 FJI; 9:00-12:30 ICT)

MC: Bjorn Fonden, Climate Change Officer, RCC Bangkok

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14:00 – 14:05	Recapitulation of Day 1	Mr. Chatthep Chanyam Climate Change Technical Officer, RCC Bangkok
14:05 – 14:10	Introduction to Breakout Session 2	Dr. Ariel Yu Technical Officer, RCC Bangkok
14:10 – 14:55	<p>Breakout session 2: Stakeholder Engagement and Governance</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement is crucial in ensuring alignment between NDCs and development priorities that conveys maximum benefits to the greatest possible number of people. It also allows for the buy-ins and ownership of climate plans by all actors. This breakout session will serve as an avenue for countries to share their experience in stakeholder engagement and identify common challenges and opportunities.</p> <p>Station 1: Vulnerable groups, gender mainstreaming and youth related issues</p> <p>Station 2: Engaging the private sector</p> <p>Station 3: Increasing public awareness and inspiring civil society action</p>	<p>Facilitators</p> <p>Station 1: Ms. Banashri Sinha Communications Officer, RCC Bangkok</p> <p>Station 2: Dr. Noim Uddin MRV and NDC Enhancement specialist, Pacific NDC Hub</p> <p>Station 3: Ms. Jane Ishiguro, In-Country Facilitator in RMI</p>
14:55 – 15:10	<p>Breakout reporting</p> <p>5 minute per facilitator</p>	Moderator and Facilitators
15:10 – 15:15	Short break	
15:15 – 15:20	Introduction to Breakout Session 3	Ms. Rebecca Eldon Advisor, Pacific NDC Hub
15:20 – 16:05	<p>Breakout Session 3: Financing for NDC Implementation and Challenges in Scaling Up</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</p>	<p>Facilitators</p> <p>Station 1: Dr. Ariel Yu, Technical Officer, RCC Bangkok</p>

	<p>experience in facilitating the financing of NDC implementation and identify common challenges and opportunities.</p> <p>Station 1: Public finance</p> <p>Station 2: Private finance/Blended finance</p> <p>Station 3: Pipeline development and upscaling</p>	<p>Station 2: Mr. Deo Gabinete, Regional Manager, NDC Partnership</p> <p>Station 3: Mr. Amit Singh, Project Development Specialist, Pacific NDC Hub</p>
16:05 – 16:20	<p>Breakout reporting</p> <p>5 minute per facilitator</p>	Moderator and Facilitators
16:20 – 16:25	Short break	
16:25 – 17:10	<p>Panel Discussion 2: Financing for NDC Implementation</p> <p>Development partners will elaborate their support programs that enable countries to access to 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 Day 2B and alignment of recovery initiatives with climate commitments. Discussants are encouraged to also highlight potential areas of cooperation with countries as well as development partners.</p> <p><i>Mr. Benjamin Bartle, Project Director, CFAN</i> <i>Mr. James Lachlan, Special Advisor, Pollination Group</i></p>	Mr. Deo Gabinete Regional Manager for Asia-Pacific and Eastern Europe, NDC Partnership
17:10 – 17:25	Participants' Exit Poll	Mr. Putera Zenata Regional Program Officer, NDC Partnership
17:25 – 17:30	Closing Remarks	Mr. Ravinesh Nand, Senior Technical Advisor, Pacific NDC Hub