CW4 PEER EXCHANGE WORKSHOP ON NDC IMPLEMENTATION:

From Preparation to Coordinated Action

Date and Time: *10 - 11 September 2026*
Venue: *Baku Convention Center, Baku, Azerbaijan*

Organizers: The UNFCCC Secretariat and its Regional Collaboration Centres (RCC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), NDC Partnership and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

Background

Following the submission of the latest round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), attention must swiftly shift to translating NDCs into action. This transition to implementation places the focus on delivering climate action aligned with national development objectives, within increasingly constrained resources.

The UNFCCC Annual Global Stocktake Dialogue Reports[1] illustrate the breadth of issues shaping NDC preparation and implementation, with finance featuring prominently as an integral part of the implementation stage. While insufficient financing is often highlighted in discussions on NDC implementation, countries also face challenges in unpacking NDCs and translating them into prioritized, structured, finance- and implementation-ready actions.

As countries move forward with this process, they engage with an increasingly diverse landscape of domestic and international, public and private finance sources with different requirements, timelines, and risk–return expectations. This complexity can make it harder to connect actions with appropriate sources of finance, highlighting the importance of effective domestic coordination across institutions and the need to prioritize, sequence, and organize implementation actions.

Building on the success of the NDC Regional Forums in 2024 and the NDC Clinics in 2025 and responding to requests from Parties in the Mutirão Decision[2] to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and good practices related to NDCs through peer exchange workshops, the UNFCCC secretariat and its RCCs, UNDP, UNEP, NDC Partnership and GIZ are co-organizing a peer exchange workshop for NDC implementation during Climate Week 4. This peer exchange aims to support countries in translating NDCs into coordinated implementation pathways for both emissions reductions and climate resilience.

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[1] Global Stocktake Annual Dialogue Reports: FCCC/PA/CMA/2024/5 - FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/6
[2] Decision -/CMA.7 Global Mutirão

This workshop will provide a dynamic platform to reflect among peers on coordination and collaboration to enable NDC implementation. It will draw on practical experiences, country-led perspectives and the contribution of regional and international implementing organizations and other stakeholders.

Targeted audience

This peer-to-peer workshop will bring together government representatives from relevant ministries involved in NDC implementation, with a view to including participation from finance, economy, and planning ministries alongside environment ministries. To enrich the dialogue and foster coordination, select representatives from civil society, including youth and Indigenous Peoples, development partner institutions, multilateral and national development banks, climate funds, national and regional institutions and private sector representatives will also be invited to share their perspectives and experiences.

Objectives

Country participants will exchange experiences and lessons learned on the transition from NDC formulation to implementation across the four implementation levers of policy, finance, solutions and engagement. The discussion will focus on how countries unpack NDCs into actionable priorities, make strategic choices on prioritization and sequencing, and organize implementation to align and mobilize finance in support of their broader NDC priorities, particularly mitigation and adaptation actions.

With this aim, the expected outcomes of the workshop are:

1. Strengthened understanding of country approaches to translating NDCs into actionable and finance-ready country-owned implementation pathways.
2. Enhanced capacity to identify options for prioritizing, sequencing, and matching NDC actions with appropriate sources of finance, recognizing the different financing characteristics of mitigation and adaptation actions.
3. Improved preparedness to structure NDC implementation actions, including through programmatic approaches, to facilitate financing and coordinated implementation at scale across sectors and levels of government.

Proposed Approach

The workshop will adopt a highly interactive format, prioritizing dialogue and deep-dive peer exchange over presentations. To support this, a mix of methodologies will be used, including concise keynote interventions, participatory discussions and working group sessions. The workshop will comprise three subtopic segments as outlined below.

- Segment 1: Unpacking NDCs to strengthen country ownership in financing implementation. This segment explores which implementation pathways result from the most recent NDC submission, i.e. which actions need to be newly implemented, scaled up, or adjusted. Grounded in countries' individual stages in the NDC process, participants will examine how climate finance strategies and domestic institutional arrangements can be aligned with updated priorities to direct finance toward NDC implementation across national efforts. It will also consider how countries coordinate across institutions to advance actions that require multi-sector collaboration and subnational delivery.
- Segment 2: Prioritization and sequencing of NDC actions. This segment examines countries' efforts to unpack their NDC into implementation and investment needs, and to prioritize and

sequence actions across a range of finance sources, public and private, international and domestic. Different actions require different types of finance, each with distinct conditions, timelines, and risk–return expectations. Countries therefore face strategic choices about which implementation actions to advance first, which to prepare for longer-term transformation, and which require innovative financing approaches. The discussion will also consider public goods and risk reduction benefits and therefore may require different prioritization and sequencing strategies.

- Segment 3: Structuring NDC implementation actions to channel finance. This segment explores solutions to facilitate financing and implementation of NDC actions through bundling and matching them with appropriate instruments and finance sources, including public and private, international, and domestic. Aggregating similar actions, for instance into country platforms, sectoral programmes, packages, territorial initiatives, or other programmatic approaches, can help channel finance, organise implementation efforts, and reduce transaction costs over time. Such programmatic approaches can also support country-led coordination of actions across sectors and levels of government.