

Concept Note

Pathway to NDC 3.0: Experiences and Lessons Learned from Saint Lucia

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

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10:00 to 11:30 AST | 9:00 to 10:30 CST | 16:00 to 17:30 CET

Background

This is a critical time as the next round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) is due this year (2025), requiring new and more ambitious targets from countries. The NDCs are the main vehicle for countries to express their climate ambition and actions, while aligning them with their national development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals. The Caribbean region, although contributing negligibly to the total global greenhouse gas emissions, is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change such as sustained droughts, floods, more intense tropical cyclones, increased coastal erosion and changing precipitation patterns. In response, the countries of the Caribbean are committed to global climate goals including those outlined in the Paris Agreement.

Reflecting on the first Global Stocktake (GST) outcome delivered at COP28, it was communicated that despite overall progress on mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation and support, countries are not yet collectively on track towards achieving the purpose of the Paris Agreement and its long-term goals. The GST also 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. In support of this, the RCC Caribbean, NDC Partnership (NDCP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) are highlighting Saint Lucia as the first Caribbean country and Small Island Developing State (SIDS) to present their NDC 3.0 which was communicated to the UNFCCC earlier this year on 6 February.

For SIDS, including those in the Caribbean, limitations exist in terms of technical expertise, institutional mechanisms, and sustained support which can hinder the ambition and implementation of their NDCs. Targeted and context-specific capacity building is therefore essential to address these gaps and ensure timely and robust delivery on climate actions.

Webinar Objective

The RCC Caribbean, together with NDCP, UNDP, UNEP and CCCCC are organizing this webinar to provide a platform for Saint Lucia to exchange knowledge and experiences on their NDC preparation and implementation processes. The specific objectives are to:

1. Share the key discussions from the recently concluded NDC Clinic held during the first Climate Week of 2025 in Panama City.
2. Understand the process that Saint Lucia followed to prepare its NDC 3.0, highlighting approaches, best practices, challenges, and lessons learned
3. Encourage countries currently developing their NDC 3.0 to build on insights shared by Saint Lucia.

Target Audience:

The webinar is specifically designed to provide information to government officials and other relevant stakeholders who are actively involved in the development and implementation of the NDCs.

Proposed Agenda

90 minutes

Time	Session	Moderator/Speaker
3'	Introduction to the Webinar	<i>Jason Williams, Regional Specialist for NDCs and LT-LEDs, RCC Caribbean</i>
5'	Welcome and Opening	<i>Andrea Camponogara, RCC Global Lead, Mitigation, UNFCCC secretariat</i> <i>Tracy Smith, NDC Regional Coordinator, CCCCC</i>
5'	Scene-Setting: Key discussions from NDC Clinic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This session will provide a summary of the main topics discussed at the NDC Clinic during the 2025 Climate Week in Panama City 	<i>Sadia Afreen, NDC Technical Support Unit, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC secretariat</i>
30'	Saint Lucia Country Experience on NDC 3.0 Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on the country-level coordination of the NDC 3.0 preparation process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What was the vision for the NDC 3.0?</i> <i>What were the approaches and best practices?</i> <i>What were the key improvements?</i> <i>Were there any enabling mechanisms that supported the process, e.g. national coordinating committees, data sharing agreements?</i> Example of support for NDC 3.0 development process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Data Analysis (challenges with limited data), scenario modelling and target-setting</i> <i>Building capacity of local staff to develop and implement NDCs</i> <i>Role of country ownership in the partnership of NDC development</i> 	<i>Moderator: Jennifer Hanna Collado, LAC Regional Manager, NDC Partnership</i> <i>Presenters:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onika Benn, NDC In-Country Facilitator embedded in the Government of Saint Lucia Jan Sindt, Head of Implementation Strategies, Climate Analytics

12'	Question and Answers	<i>Moderator: Jennifer Hanna Collado, LAC Regional Manager, NDC Partnership</i>
20'	Moving from Planning to Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning for NDC Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are Saint Lucia's plans to develop an updated NDC implementation and/or investment plan for its NDC 3.0? What changes will Saint Lucia make to its existing NDC Implementation Plan? Can you tell us about other ongoing efforts to advance NDC implementation (e.g., private sector engagement)? What was the rationale behind the reference to voluntary cooperation under Article 6 in the ICTU section? What considerations shaped how this intention was framed? 	<i>Moderator: Annlyn McPhie, Technical Specialist - Climate Change, UNDP</i> <i>Presenters:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onika Benn, NDC In-Country Facilitator embedded in the Government of Saint Lucia
10'	Question and Answers	<i>Moderator: Annlyn McPhie, Technical Specialist - Climate Change, UNDP</i>
5'	Closing and Next Step	<i>Jason Williams, Regional Specialist for NDCs and LT-LEDs, RCC Caribbean</i>