

NDC 2025 - Costa Rica: from climate ambition to implementation

Costa Rica's pathway toward resilient and low-emission development

Contribuciones Nacionalmente Determinadas
El compromiso climático
de Costa Rica



Building NDC 3.0

- **Evolution (timeline)**

- **NDC 1.0 → NDC 2.0 → BTR1 → NDC 3.0**

- **NDC 3.0 submitted in 2025:**

- NDC 3.0 was built through a broad participatory process involving more than 500 stakeholders across all sectors of society.
- NDC 3.0 demonstrates commitment, transparency and action.
- ensures ownership, inclusiveness and alignment with national priorities.



NDC ambition

- **NDC 3.0 headline: ambition and architecture**

- **Mitigation**

- 40 contributions
- 18 strategic pathways
- 7 sectors
 - Net emissions cap:
11,380 Gg CO₂eq in 2030
 - Carbon budget:
120,060 Gg CO₂eq (2021-2030)

- **Adaptation**

- 28 contributions
- 6 strategic areas
- National resilience approach

- **Cross-cutting:**

- Just transition
- Gender equality
- Human rights
- Nature-based solutions



Progress snapshot: Implementation results

- **Progress towards NDC goals (BTR1 findings)**
- Mitigation contributions→ mostly in progress
- Adaptation contributions→ more advanced/completed
- Of the 103 measures:
 - 32 are completed
 - 52 are under implementation
 - 19 are with limited progress or pending actions

Results informed the development of NDC 3.0

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Implementation acceleration (2025–2030)

Costa Rica is entering a new phase focused on scaling implementation and accelerating delivery of climate commitments.

- NDC 3.0 rollout
- Decarbonization Action Plan 2026–2030. More than 100 concrete measures. Focus on:
 - electric mobility,
 - low-carbon agriculture and
 - ecosystem protection.
- National Adaptation Plan implementation
- Stronger coordination mechanisms
- BTR2 preparation
- Strengthened SINAMECC

Challenges and remaining gaps

- Transport = main emissions source
- Infrastructure transformation
- Financing constraints
- Capacity building needs
- Technology gaps



Transparency

- ▶ Transparency as a driver:
 - ▶ BTR1 submitted (2024)
 - ▶ SINAMECC operational
 - ▶ Continuous NDC tracking
 - ▶ BTR2 in preparation



Looking ahead

➤ 2026–2030 priorities

- Implement NDC 3.0
- Deliver BTR2
- Strengthen transparency
- Scale adaptation
- Mobilize climate finance
- Accelerate just transition

LOOKING AHEAD: 2026–2030 PRIORITIES



1 Implement NDC 3.0

Turning commitments into measurable action



2 Deliver BTR2

Enhancing transparency and reporting quality



3 Strengthen transparency

Improving systems, data and institutional capacities



4 Scale adaptation

Building resilience across ecosystems and communities



5 Mobilize climate finance

Attracting and aligning resources for climate action



6 Accelerate just transition

Ensuring inclusive, equitable and sustainable development



Support needed and received

➤ International support received

- USD 607 million mobilized
- 332 projects (2014–2024)
- Multilateral and bilateral partners (GEF, GCF, UNDP, UNEP, ICAT, bilateral partners)
- Support across key sectors

➤ Remaining needs

- ~32% projects unfunded
- Need scaled climate finance
- Support includes finance, technology and capacity-building

➤ International cooperation has been essential for implementation

Acción climática	Cantidad de proyectos	Monto total (\$)
Adaptación	38	142.471.978
Mitigación	104	107.070.775
Mixto	37	100.558.160
Reducción riesgo desastres	31	27.864.251
Sostenibilidad con acción climática	122	229.399.524
Total general	332	607.364.687

Fuente: Elaboración propia.

Ambition • Implementation • Transparency

➤ Ambition:

- Ambition strengthened: NDC 3.0

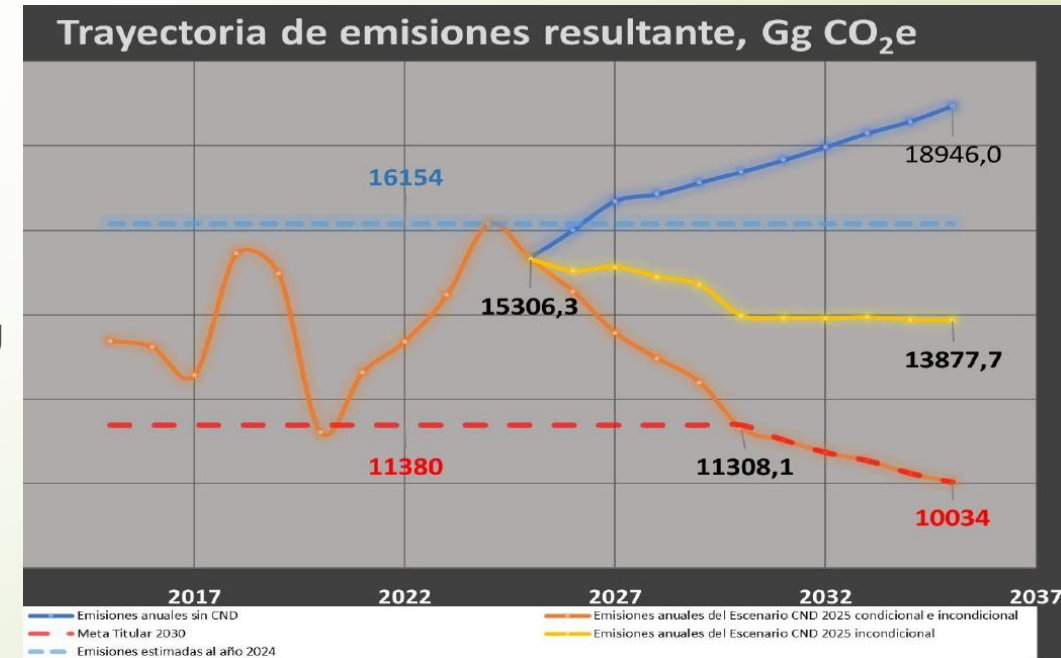
➤ Implementation:

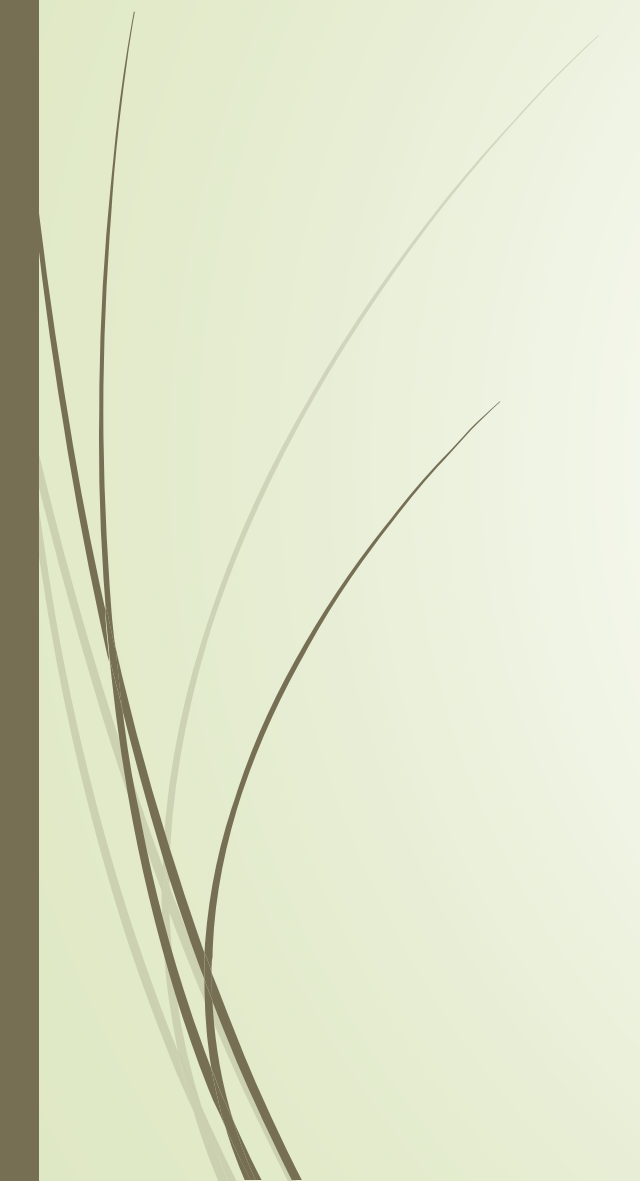
- Implementation accelerating
- Concrete action across sectors

➤ Transparency:

- Strong progress demonstrated: BTR1
- Transparency enabling decision-making

➤ International Support is essential





Thank you!