Accelerating NDC & NAP Implementation in Caribbean SIDS Regional Workshop

Caribbean Peer Exchange Workshop (PEW) on NDC Implementation

Concept Note
Day 1 | Session 1

Day: 5 October 2026
Hour: 09:00 – 10:30
Session Title: Welcome, Introductions and Scene-setting
Session Lead: Jason Williams, NDC/LT-LEDS Regional Specialist, RCC Caribbean

Session Co-Lead: Annlyn McPhie, Technical Specialist - Climate Change, Climate Strategies and Policy Team, UNDP

Tristan Ward, Climate, Environment, Energy and Disaster Risk Reduction Officer, UNICEF

Format:

Welcome, Introductions and Scene-setting
The session will combine opening remarks, participant introductions and presentations to establish the regional context and objectives for the Peer Exchange Workshop. The session will begin with welcome and opening remarks from the RCC Caribbean, co-organizers and invited representatives, followed by introductions of country participants and partner organizations.

The session will then provide an overview of progress on NDC 3.0 and NAP 3.0 in the Caribbean, including reflections on regional trends and priorities. A presentation on coordinated support for NDC and NAP implementation will highlight relevant initiatives and opportunities for continued collaboration. The session will conclude by outlining the objectives, structure and expected outcomes of the workshop and setting the context for the peer exchange discussions that follow.

Methodology:

Welcome and Opening Remarks (30 mins)	Context and Agenda Setting (15 mins)	Presentations (45 mins)
High-level remarks from government of Grenada, COP 31 Presidency and co-organizers	Overview of the workshop objectives, key themes and expected outcomes, followed by brief introductions	Presentation on NDC & NAP status, regional reflections and outcomes from regional stocktakes followed by question and answer segment

The session lead and co-lead will be responsible for maintaining momentum, adhering to the schedule and time.

Introduction (Justification):

The implementation of NDCs and NAPs requires coordinated action across national institutions, development partners and other stakeholders. As Caribbean SIDS advance their NDC 3.0 and NAP 3.0 processes, it is important to establish a shared understanding of regional progress, priorities and available support.

This opening session will set the context for the Peer Exchange Workshop, introduce participating countries and partners, and highlight key developments and areas of support for NDC and NAP implementation. It will provide a common foundation for the peer exchanges and discussions throughout the workshop.

Objectives:

- To establish a shared understanding of the objectives, structure and expected outcomes of the Peer Exchange Workshop.
- To provide an overview of regional progress and priorities related to NDC 3.0 and NAP 3.0 implementation in the Caribbean.
- To introduce participating countries and partners and to establish the basis for peer exchange and collaboration throughout the workshop.

Facilitators:

- **Moderators** Annlyn McPhie, UNDP
- **Rapporteur** Jason Williams, RCC Caribbean
- **Speakers**
    - Opening Prayer - Quianna Watson, RCC Caribbean
    - Grenada government – Dr Roxanne Graham, NAP National Adaptation Officer on behalf of Honourable Kerryne James, Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy
    - COP31 Presidency - Elif Pınar Polat
    - UNFCCC Secretariat - Vintura Silva, Team Lead, NDC Technical Support Unit
    - Opening remarks - Ms. Uzoamaka Nwamarah, Head of Climate Change at the Commonwealth Secretariat
    - NDC Updates - Jason Williams, RCC Caribbean
    - NAP Updates - Adiola Walcott, RCC Caribbean
    - Reflections from the region – Clive Murray, UNICEF
    - NDC Stocktake - Travis Sinckler, Programme Director in the Office of the Deputy Principal, UWI Cave Hill camputs

Expected Results:

- Participants have a clear understanding of the workshop objectives, structure, key themes and expected outcomes.

- Participants have a shared understanding of the current regional context, including progress and priorities related to NDC 3.0 and NAP 3.0 implementation.
- Participants are familiar with the countries and partner organizations participating in the workshop.

Agenda:

Moderators: Annlyn McPhie, UNDP		
Session title:		Welcome, Introductions and Scene-setting
30 mins	**Welcome and Opening Remarks**	• Quianna Watson, RCC Caribbean • Roxanne Graham, NAP National Adaptation Officer on behalf of Honourable Kerryne James, Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy • Elif Pınar Polat, COP31 Presidency • Vintura Silva, Team Lead, NDC Technical Support Unit, UNFCCC Secretariat • Ms. Uzoamaka Nwamarah, Head of Climate Change at the Commonwealth Secretariat
15 mins	**Context and Agenda Setting**	• Annlyn McPhie, UNDP
35 mins	**Presentations**	• Jason Williams, RCC Caribbean • Adiola Walcott, RCC Caribbean • Clive Murray, UNICEF • Travis Sinckler, CERMES, UWI
10 mins	**Questions and Answers**	• Annlyn McPhie, UNDP

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Day 1 | Session 2

Day: 5 October 2026
Hour: 11:00 – 12:30
Session Title: Unpacking NDCs - Investment Planning for NDC Implementation
Session Lead: Jason Williams, NDC/LT-LEDS Regional Specialist, RCC Caribbean

Session Co-Lead: Tracy Smith, NDC/NAP Regional Coordinator, CCCCC

Annlyn McPhie, Technical Specialist - Climate Change, Climate Strategies and Policy Team, UNDP

Format:

Panel Discussion
The session will use a moderated panel discussion to facilitate peer exchange and practical learning among participating countries and partners. The session will begin with a brief introduction to the regional context, session objectives and guiding questions. Selected country representatives and/or partners will then share their experiences, approaches, challenges and lessons learned related to the session topic.

The moderator will facilitate an interactive discussion among panelists, drawing out common experiences, enabling factors, challenges and opportunities for regional collaboration. Participants will subsequently have an opportunity to engage with the panel through a question-and-answer segment. The session will conclude with a brief reflection by the moderator or designated panelist, highlighting key messages, lessons and potential areas for follow-up.

Methodology:

Introduction/Setting the Scene (15 mins)	Main Exchange (45 mins)	Question and Answer (20 mins)	Final Reflections (10 mins)
Brief contextualization of the topic, objectives and guiding questions	Panel Discussion: country experiences followed by moderated exchange	Interactive opportunity for participants to seek clarification, share additional experiences and engage directly with presenters or panelists	Selected panelists and/or the audience will share their key takeaways, identify common themes and highlight potential follow-up actions or opportunities for collaboration

The session lead and co-lead will be responsible for maintaining momentum, adhering to the schedule and time.

Introduction (Justification):

The implementation of NDCs requires countries to translate climate commitments into concrete actions, programmes and investments that are aligned with national development priorities and supported by appropriate institutional and financial arrangements. As Caribbean SIDS advance their NDC 3.0 processes, experiences from previous NDC cycles provide important lessons on how climate priorities can be integrated into national planning processes, translated into implementation pathways and developed into investment plans.

This session will provide an opportunity for countries to share practical experiences in undertaking this process, including approaches used to prioritize actions, engage stakeholders and connect NDC commitments with national policies, planning instruments and investment decisions. The discussion will also explore how lessons from previous NDC cycles are informing current implementation efforts and how the roles of national and local stakeholders are evolving.

Through peer exchange, the session will seek to identify common enabling factors, challenges and practical approaches that can help Caribbean countries strengthen their investment planning and accelerate the implementation of their NDC priorities.

Objectives:

- To facilitate peer exchange on approaches for translating NDC commitments into prioritized implementation pathways and investment plans, drawing on experiences from previous and current NDC cycles.
- Identify practical lessons, enabling factors and challenges that can help countries strengthen the development, prioritization and financing of NDC implementation actions.

Facilitators:

- **Moderator** Jason Williams, RCC Caribbean
- **Rapporteur** Annlyn McPhie, UNDP
- **Setting the Scene** Tracy Smith, CCCCC
- **Country Representative**
  - Barbados – Gina Belle, Project Coordinator, Ministry of Environment and National Beautification
  - Dominican Republic – Gustavo Adolfo Cabral Rivera, Head of the Climate Change Adaptation Department
  - Dominican Republic – Sara Reyes, Financing Analyst, from the Ministry of Finance and Economy
  - Jamaica – Schmoi McLean, Principal Director, Ministry of Water Environment and Climate Change

Expected Results:

- Increased understanding of how Caribbean countries are translating NDC commitments into concrete implementation pathways and investment priorities.
- Identification of practical approaches and lessons learned from previous and current NDC cycles that can inform NDC investment planning.
- Greater understanding of how national policies, planning tools and stakeholder engagement can support the prioritization and implementation of NDC actions.
- Identification of common challenges, enabling factors and opportunities for regional cooperation to strengthen NDC investment planning and implementation.

Guiding Questions:

1. How do national policies and planning tools support NDC implementation?
2. How are the experiences from previous NDC cycles being carried into implementation?
3. How have local stakeholders (civil society, youth, indigenous peoples, women, private sector, local financial institutions etc.) contributed to NDC implementation and how have their roles evolved?
4. How are countries translating prioritized NDC actions into investment plans, programmes or pipelines, and what approaches have helped connect these priorities with potential sources of finance?

Agenda:

Moderator: Jason Williams, RCC Caribbean		
Session title:		Unpacking NDCs - Investment Planning for NDC Implementation
15 mins	**Introduction/Setting the Scene**	• Jason Williams, RCC Caribbean • Tracy Smith, CCCCC
45 mins	**Main Exchange**	• Gina Belle, Barbados • Gustavo Adolfo Cabral Rivera, Dominican Republic • Sara Reyes, Dominican Republic • Schmoi McLean, Jamaica
20 mins	**Question and Answer**	• Jason Williams, RCC Caribbean
10 mins	**Final Reflections**	• Jason Williams, RCC Caribbean • Panelist

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Concept Note
Day 1 | Session 3

Day: 5 October 2026
Hour: 14:00 – 15:30
Session Title: Discussion on NDC Investment Planning
Session Lead: Jeniffer Hanna Collado, LAC Regional Manager, NDC Partnership

Session Co-Lead: Eszter Mogyorosy, Climate Finance Associate, NDC Partnership/Center for Access to Climate Finance

Tristan Ward, Climate, Environment, Energy & DRR Officer, UNICEF

Format:

Group Discussion
Participants will be divided into small, diverse groups comprising country representatives and partner organizations. The session will use a facilitated discussion to promote peer-to-peer exchange and collective problem-solving. It will begin with a brief introduction to the topic, including the objectives and instructions for the group discussions.

Each group will be moderated by an institutional partner and engage a country representative serving as a key expert. Guided by a set of common questions, participants will draw on their national experiences to identify shared challenges, enabling factors, practical solutions, and opportunities for collaboration. A designated rapporteur in every group will capture the main messages and recommendations emerging from the discussion and will report back to the plenary. The session will conclude with highlighting common themes and potential areas for follow-up.

Methodology:

Introduction/Setting the Scene (10 mins)	Group Discussion (50 mins)	Reporting Back (25 mins)	Final Reflections (5 mins)
Brief contextualization of the session objectives	Facilitated peer-to-peer discussion in small groups	Rapporteurs present key messages, lessons, challenges and recommendations emerging from the group	Closing remarks highlight potential follow-up actions or opportunities for collaboration

Introduction (Justification):

As Caribbean SIDS advance their NDC 3.0 processes, there is growing recognition that effective implementation requires robust approaches to identifying, prioritizing and sequencing investments aligned with national priorities.

Building on the panel discussion (Session 2: Unpacking NDCs - Investment Planning for NDC Implementation), this session will provide an opportunity to a more in-depth exchange on NDC investment planning. While the panel will present country experiences, the group discussions will allow participants to exchange on these in greater detail, while also sharing their experience. The discussions will be guided by the Climate Investment Planning and Mobilization Framework (CIPMF), which provides countries a common reference point for strengthening investment planning, improving coordination across stakeholders, identifying capacity and financing gaps, and mobilizing public, private and blended finance to support transformational climate action.

Objectives:

- Reflect on and deepen the discussion from Session 2 by examining in greater detail the experiences, lessons learned and approaches presented by countries on translating NDC priorities into implementable investment plans.
- Peer-to-peer exchange on countries approaches to identifying, prioritizing and sequencing climate investments that align with NDC commitments and broader development objectives.
- Identify common enabling factors, challenges and capacity needs related to NDC investment planning.
- Explore practical applications of the Climate Investment Planning and Mobilization Framework (CIPMF) as a reference for strengthening investment planning, mobilizing finance and connecting climate commitments with implementation pathways.
- Generate actionable recommendations to strengthen NDC implementation and investment planning processes in Caribbean SIDS.

Facilitators:

- **General Moderator (session)** — Eszter Mogyorosy, NDC Partnership
    - **Moderator Group 1** — Tristan Ward, UNICEF
    - **Moderator Group 2** — Kerricia Hobson, UNDP
    - **Moderator Group 3** — Ahyana Bowen, CCMRVH
- **Rapporteurs** — Nominated by the group
- **Country Representatives from previous session will serve as Ice Breakers in groups:**
    - Barbados – Gina Belle, Project Coordinator, Ministry of Environment and National Beautification
    - Dominican Republic – Gustavo Adolfo Cabral Rivera, Head of the Climate Change Adaptation Department
    - Jamaica – Schmoi McLean, Principal Director, Ministry of Water Environment and Climate Change

Expected Results:

- Identified key lessons and good practices from country experiences in NDC investment planning and implementation.
- Developed a shared understanding of enabling conditions for translating NDC priorities into investment-ready actions and programmes.
- Enhanced awareness of how the CIPMF can support countries in structuring investment planning processes.

Guiding Questions:

- How is your country identifying and prioritizing the investments needed to achieve its NDC objectives? How are climate priorities aligned with national development goals and planning processes?
- What are the main barriers and enabling factors affecting NDC investment planning and implementation? Are there institutional, policy, regulatory, capacity, data, or coordination gaps that need to be addressed?
- How are financing needs assessed and matched with potential sources of public and private finance?

Agenda:

Moderator: NDC Partnership		
Session title:		Discussion on NDC Investment Planning
10 mins	**Introduction/Setting the Scene**	• Eszter Mogyorosy
50 mins	**Main Exchange**	The participants are distributed in 3 working groups. Each group will have a moderator and a country representative from the previous session to "break the ice" and start the discussion. Each group will identify a rapporteur. • Moderator Group 1 - Tristan Ward, UNICEF • Country Representative – Gina Belle, Barbados • Moderator Group 2 - Kerricia Hobson, UNDP • Country Representative - Gustavo Adofo Cabral Rivera, Dominican Republic • Moderator Group 3 - Ahyana Bowen, CCMRVH • Country Representative - Schmoi McLean, Jamaica
25 mins	**Report back**	• Rapporteurs
5 mins	**Final Reflections**	• Eszter Mogyorosy

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Day 1 | Session 4

Day:	5 October 2026
Hour:	16:00 – 17:15
Session Title:	Matching finance for NDC implementation
Session Lead:	Frances Fuller, Head of Programme Strategies, Climate Analytics

Format:

Moderated Panel Discussion
The session will begin with a brief framing presentation on key considerations shaping financing choices for NDC implementation in the Caribbean, including how different types of interventions and country priorities influence financing needs and opportunities. Country representatives and partners will then share their experiences and perspectives on matching financing sources and instruments to NDC priorities, including challenges encountered in securing and allocating finance. The session will conclude with an open discussion on how implementation planning and prioritization can better align country needs with funder priorities and available financing opportunities.

Introduction:

Translating NDC priorities into implementation requires countries not only to identify potential sources of finance, but to consider which types of finance are most appropriate for particular interventions and at what stage. Different interventions may require different combinations and sequences of domestic and international public finance, private finance and other financing sources, depending on factors such as institutional and project readiness, costing and expected impact. This session will provide a practical peer exchange on how Caribbean countries are making these choices in practice. It builds directly on the preceding Day 1 discussions on investment planning, while focusing more specifically on the relationship between individual NDC interventions and the finance needed to realize them.

Objective:

- Explore how different sources and types of finance can be matched to NDC interventions, taking into account their characteristics, financing needs and stage of implementation.
- Examine how country priorities and funder priorities interact to shape project selection, financing decisions and the allocation of available resources.
- Share country and partner experiences, including challenges and lessons learned in securing, sequencing and aligning finance with NDC implementation priorities.
- Identify practical approaches and actions to strengthen the alignment between NDC implementation planning, project prioritization and available financing opportunities.

Facilitators:

- **Moderator** Frances Fuller, Head of Programme Strategies, Climate Analytics
- **Presenter** Raghuveer Vyas, Policy Analyst, Climate Analytics
- **Rapporteur** Morgan Seag, Director North America Office, Climate Analytics
- **Country and Agency Representatives**
  - Saint Kitts and Nevis - Elrick Francis, Director, Climate Action Unit, Ministry of Climate Action and Constituency Empowerment
  - Saint Lucia - Onika Benn, NDC In-Country Facilitator embedded in the Department of Sustainable Development
  - NDC Partnership - Jeniffer Hanna-Collado, Regional Manager, Latin America & the Caribbean
  - GFANZ - Gerry Lindo, Caribbean Chapter Director

Expected Results:

By the end of the session, participants should have:

- A clearer understanding of how different sources and types of finance can be matched to NDC interventions according to their characteristics and stage of implementation.
- Gain understanding in how far projects funding is aligned with priorities and how funding is allocated
- Gain understanding of how funder priorities may matter for the project prioritization, and how type of financial instruments matter.
- Outline some suggestions and action points addressing how to align with funder prioritization

Guiding Questions:

- Country representatives
  - What are your countries' priority NDC interventions, and what type of financing are needed to move them forward?
  - What has been your experience in securing and sequencing finance for those priorities – what has worked, what has been difficult, and what have you learned?

- Partners
  - How do you as a partner factor in country priorities to make funding decisions?
  - From your perspective, what determines whether an NDC intervention is able to attract financing, and where do countries most often struggle to navigate the funding landscape? What can help them better match interventions with the right sources of finance?

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  - How can we adjust implementation planning and prioritization to be more useful for attracting funding?

Agenda:

Moderator/Facilitator: Frances Fuller, Head of Programme Strategies, Climate Analytics		
Session title:		Matching finance for NDC implementation
Time	**Segment**	**Content**
20 mins	**Opening & Climate Analytics scene-setting**	• Frances Fuller, Climate Analytics • Raghuveer Vyas, Climate Analytics
30 mins	**Panel discussion (Panelist TBC)**	• Elrick Francis, Director, Climate Action Unit, Ministry of Climate Action and Constituency Empowerment, Saint Kitts and Nevis • Onika Benn, NDC In-Country Facilitator embedded in the Department of Sustainable Development, Saint Lucia • Jeniffer Hanna-Collado, Regional Manager, Latin America & the Caribbean, NDC Partnership • Gerry Lindo, Caribbean Chapter Director, GFANZ
20 mins	**Audience Q&A and peer exchange**	• Raghuveer Vyas, Climate Analytics
5 mins	**Closing reflections**	• Frances Fuller, Climate Analytics • Panelist