

Webinar: From policy to practice: Implementing NDCs and NAPs through Nature-based Solutions in Latin America

Date: 30 September 2025 | **Time:** 09:00 – 10:30 hrs. (Panama) / 16:00 – 17:30 hrs. (Bonn)

1. Background

As countries across Latin America prepare their third round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC 3.0) — to be presented in 2025 informed by the results of the [first Global Stocktake \(GST\)](#) of the Paris Agreement — and continue to advance the formulation and implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAP), there is increasing recognition that Nature-based Solutions (NbS), may offer a powerful and cost-effective pathway to achieve both climate mitigation and adaptation goals. By conserving, restoring and sustainably managing ecosystems—ranging from forests, wetlands, peatlands, and mangroves to urban green and blue spaces—countries can reduce emissions, enhance resilience, and generate co-benefits for biodiversity, health, water security, and livelihoods.

While many countries have included references to NbS in their NDCs and NAPs, significant gaps remain in translating these commitments into coherent, funded, and scalable actions. The transition from policy intent to implementation is often hindered by sectoral fragmentation, insufficient technical capacity, and limited access to finance.

This webinar will focus on how countries can move from NbS as a policy concept to NbS as an operational approach embedded within climate action strategies. It will explore how NbS can act as the implementation mechanism for NDC and NAP priorities, and how integrated approaches—linking climate, biodiversity, disaster risk reduction, and development planning—can maximize impact and effectiveness.

The session will bring together policymakers, practitioners and technical experts to share real-world implementation experiences from Latin American countries, highlighting enabling institutional arrangements, multi-level governance, ecosystem and community-based action, public-private partnerships, and innovative financing mechanisms. It will also examine how aligning NDC and NAP processes through NbS can create synergies, strengthen coherence, and accelerate progress toward climate-resilient development.

2. Objectives

- Enhance the understanding of how NbS can serve as an implementation vehicle for NDCs and NAPs, showcasing examples of how they are advancing national priorities in the region.
- Showcase institutional, technical and financial mechanisms that facilitate NbS implementation across sectors and scales.
- Foster peer-to-peer exchange on mainstreaming NbS into national and sub-national climate actions.
- Strengthen collaboration among governments, development partners, and civil society to support scaling of NbS efforts.

3. Format

- **Duration:** 90 minutes
- **Platform:** MS Teams. Link to register [here](#).

- **Language:** Spanish

4. Agenda

Time	Session Title	Presenter/Organization
2 min	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda and objectives of the session 	Verónica Recondo, Adaptation Specialist, RCC Latin America
3 min	Opening remarks	Carlos Ruiz Garvia, Adaptation Committee Unit Lead, Adaptation Division, UNFCCC Secretariat
8 min	Framing the session: NbS from policy to practice	Nadia González, Mitigation Specialist Verónica Recondo, Adaptation Specialist, RCC Latin America
3 min	Interactive session: Countries' NbS priorities and challenges for implementation	RCC Latin America
20 min	NbS as an implementation vehicle for both NDCs and NAPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of NbS for climate action • Lessons from the region 	Oswaldo Flores, Project Coordinator, IUCN Regional Office for Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean
10 min	Financing NbS implementation: Challenges and opportunities	Jeniffer Hanna Collado, Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Regional Manager, NDC Partnership
10 min	Q&A session	Moderated by RCC Latin America
30 min	Country experiences panel: Operationalizing NbS to deliver NDC and NAP priorities – Stories from the ground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional, technical and programmatic approaches that facilitate NbS implementation across sectors and scales to deliver on NDC and NAP priorities. • Case studies on integrated planning approaches that align adaptation and mitigation efforts through ecosystems-based action. 	Moderated by Belén Guevara Muñoz, Adaptation Specialist, UNEP Latin America and The Caribbean Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indira Barreno Colindres, Head of the Department of Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Guatemala • Katherine Martínez, Head of the Adaptation and Resilience Department, Ministry of Environment, Panama
	Q&A session	
4 min	Closing	RCC Latin America