

NDCs 3.0: Supporting the next round of NDCs

4th Stocktaking Meeting of Regional Partners

Date and Time: 27&28 November 2025

Modality: Virtual

I. Background

The Outcome of the GST has invited organizations in a position to do so and the UNFCCC secretariat, including through its regional collaboration centres (RCCs) to provide capacity-building support for the preparation and communication of the next NDCs. To that end, the UNFCCC secretariat is convening interagency meetings with development and implementation partners at the global level. To date, four meetings in March, June and November 2024, and June 2025 have taken place, aiming to take stock of support and progress of the preparation and implementation of NDCs, following the outcome of the first Global Stocktake during COP28. The fourth interagency meeting built on the past three meetings, focusing particularly on discussing the transition from NDC development to implementation, given the submission of the NDCs 3.0 in 2025, and identifying solution-oriented outcomes. The meeting facilitated a practical dialogue among implementing partners, to gather insights and recommendations, highlight success stories, and discuss next steps in the critical transition from NDC development to implementation.

The regionalization of this coordination on NDCs 3.0 is critical to efficiently deliver support and meet the ambition of the countries in Asia and the Pacific. Consequently, the Asia Pacific Regional Coordination on NDCs 3.0 has added value to ensure the countries in this region receive the support needed, including through guidance, technical support, financial support etc. The UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RCC Asia Pacific) along with the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) on behalf of the Issue Based Coalition (IBC) on Raising Ambitions on Climate Action and NDC Partnership organized the Asia Pacific regional partners' stocktaking meeting on 11 March 2024 as a platform for dialogue and exchange among development partners in Asia and the Pacific actively supporting countries on NDC development and implementation in 2024-2025. Following up on this, UNDP and the RCC Asia Pacific convened a second stocktaking meeting of regional development partners on 20 September 2024 to assess progress and plan ahead for COP29. This second meeting also provided an opportunity to address issues relating to the mandate by the UN Secretary General, in response to a request by the COP Presidencies Troika, for a single coordinated, unified, and effective platform of UN support across agencies. The third partners' meeting was organized on 6 May 2025 by the RCC Asia Pacific, together with UNDP, ESCAP, UNEP and NDC Partnership, to gather insights on support being provided to the countries on the NDCs 3.0 and identify areas where their needs remain unmet.

With many countries submitting their NDCs by the end of September 2025, and more to be submitted by COP 30, the focus is now on identifying enabling pathways to transition seamlessly from NDC preparation to NDC implementation. With this in mind, the RCC Asia Pacific, UNDP and NDC Partnership, together with ESCAP and UNEP on behalf of the IBC, plan to convene the fourth stocktaking meeting of regional partners on 27 and 28 November 2025 to identify actionable solutions and deliver tangible outcomes that support and enable implementation of NDC targets. This meeting will also provide an opportunity to discuss plans of action and initiatives until the end of 2025 as well as NDC-related events being organized at the COP30 in Brazil.

II. Rationale

The proposed change in format for the 4th Regional Partners' Stocktaking and Coordination Meeting on NDCs from a single meeting to multiple focused sessions over two days reflects the evolving nature of NDC work in the Asia-Pacific region. As countries transition from developing NDCs to implementing them, the focus has necessarily shifted from broad coordination on NDC support to identifying sectoral pathways for implementation. Each sector presents distinct challenges, opportunities, and financing needs. By structuring discussions around these sectors, the coordination meeting will enable partners to exchange more targeted insights on the specific types of support being provided, reveal overlaps or gaps in assistance, and ensure alignment between technical and financial support being delivered on the ground. This approach also acknowledges that different divisions within partner organizations lead or contribute to different sectors and thus provides a platform for more granular coordination and knowledge-sharing among technical specialists.

In addition, the revised format enhances inclusivity and the breadth of perspectives informing NDC implementation. Dedicated sessions on inclusivity and finance will allow for deeper exploration of how gender-responsive, locally led, and private sector-driven approaches can accelerate climate action. Including private sector representatives alongside development partners will foster cross-sectoral dialogue and highlight opportunities for co-financing and innovation. Finally, maintaining a consolidated, open discussion session at the end—as in previous stocktaking meetings—will ensure that insights from each thematic session are synthesized into a coherent regional picture of who is doing what, where, and how. This shift will result in richer intelligence, improved coordination, and stronger regional collaboration to advance NDC implementation across Asia and the Pacific.

III. Objectives

This meeting aims to provide an opportunity for partners to reflect on the progress since the May meeting focusing on the key areas for enhanced support for NDC 3.0 and identify enabling pathways to transition from NDC preparation to NDC implementation. The meeting will discuss sectoral and cross-sectoral pathways for the implementation of NDCs. In particular, the meeting has the following objectives:

- Recap key takeaways and next steps from previous regional partners' meetings on NDCs, providing a platform for continued dialogue and exchange on NDC preparation and implementation in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Identify the plans of action and initiatives until the end of 2025 to support countries in the preparation of NDC 3.0 and the implementation of current NDCs;
- Identify enabling pathways to transition seamlessly from NDC preparation to NDC implementation. The discussion will aim to identify actionable solutions and deliver tangible outcomes that support and enable implementation.
- Exchange views on partner support plans to devise areas of synergies and enhance coherence and impact to have more effective delivery at the country level, including through the engagement of the UNRC system;
- Gain insights into best practices and lessons learned from peers on what has worked best in terms of support delivery in key sectors to enable NDC implementation.
- Identify actionable strategies that would successfully overcome common barriers in delivering technical, financial, and institutional support for NDC implementation, as well as strengthening collaboration among partners for sectoral and cross-sectoral coordination.

IV. Participants

Development organizations are already supporting countries on NDC implementation in the Asia-Pacific region, providing financial, technical, and other types of support. The NDC coordination aims to build on existing mechanisms of cooperation of development organizations (i.e., IBCs). The meeting would also aim to involve the UN Development Coordination Office (DCO) for Asia and the Pacific, to mainstream the NDC 3.0 support to the UNRC system in the region.

V. Draft Agenda

25 November 2025

Time	Agenda
9:30-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sectoral discussion: Energy & Transport
11:00-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sectoral discussion: Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU)
14:00-15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sectoral discussion: Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Uses (AFOLU)
15:30-16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sectoral discussion: Buildings and Waste

26 November 2025

Time	Agenda
9:30-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adaptation in NDCs
11:00-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inclusivity in NDCs
13:00-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NDC Financing
15:00-16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NDC Implementation: Roundtable discussion with all partners <p>This session aims at exchanging views on partner support plans to devise areas of synergies and enhance coherence and impact. The session will feature an open discussion with all participants focusing on plans of action and initiatives. Topics will include remaining gaps, needs, and opportunities, how partners plan to respond to new developments, and upcoming regional initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ What new initiatives have been launched since the last meeting?➤ What are remaining gaps, opportunities and needs that must be addressed?➤ How can implementing and development partners better coordinate resources, expertise, and partnerships to identify synergies and deliver scalable, high-impact solutions for NDC implementation?➤ What lessons have been learned from enhanced collaboration in the NDC development phase, and how can these be applied in the implementation phase?➤ What are concrete examples of the tools, initiatives, or actions that partners can collaborate on to support NDC investment projects, development of country platforms, and climate finance strategies to accelerate NDC implementation?