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Paris Committee on Capacity-building



3rd Capacity-building Hub PCCB Focus Area Day

Sharing Experiences in the Inclusion of NDCs in Sub-national Territorial Planning Concept Note

Background

Grupo FARO is an Ecuadorian think tank that generates evidence to influence public policy and promotes best practices for social transformation and innovation. Our organization was created in 2004 as an independent, plural and non-partisan nonprofit organization that conducts research and implements innovative projects to build a more equitable society. We seek to become a regional model of innovation that promotes social cohesion in Ecuador and Latin America. We have a multidisciplinary team that focuses on generating evidence, fostering collaborative action, and implementing initiatives in the following areas: Democracy, Transparency and Active Citizenship; Sustainable Development and Cities; Research and Evaluation of Public Policies and Programs; and, Education.

The success of the Paris Agreement signed in 2015, depends entirely on the goals that the Parties shape through the National Determined Contributions (NDC). The subnational governments have a major role in the construction and specially in the implementation of the NDC. In Ecuador, the provincial governments have been building capacities in the last six years, which has allowed the creation of a Climate Strategy and some provincial projects. However, most of the local actions haven't been incorporated into the implementation plan of the NDC, for a lack of knowledge about the NDC or about the studies needed for its incorporation into the NDC implementation plan.

In this context, Grupo Faro along with the Consortium of Provincial Autonomous Governments of Ecuador (CONGOPE), and with the support of LED LAC created a Guide for the inclusion of the NDC of Ecuador in the subnational local planification. The CONGOPE is the associative entity of the Provincial Autonomous Governments of Ecuador, which has as primary responsibilities, representing the common institutional interests, guaranteeing participation of the executive and legislative functions of the provincial decentralized autonomous governments. LEDs LAC is one of the three Climate Helpdesk advisory initiatives for: NDC Support Cluster, LEDs GP and Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA) in cooperation with the NDC Partnership. The Secretariat of the Climate Helpdesk is hosted by the GIZ's Support Project for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (SPA).





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The construction of the “Guide” began with a focus group with five provincial governments: Pastaza, Chimborazo, Pichincha, Guayas, and Esmeraldas, where the deficiencies of information and necessities for capacity building were identified. On a second stage, the document was developed, and shared with the National Designated Authority, the Ministry of Climate Change and Ecological Transition (MAATE). Finally, the guide was presented to the 23 provinces of Ecuador, including the review of the NDC, the requirements for its inclusion in future implementations plans, regarding indicators for its monitoring, evaluation and follow-up, as well as the necessity to create gender action assessments and plans.

The guide construction process and the document allowed the creation of capacities that will allow in the medium and long run the incorporation of the NDC in the local planning as much as the incorporation of the local actions into future implementation plans. But the process also shed light on the necessity of continuous capacity building process within decentralized governments, especially on topics such as gender plans, the creation of local capacities for the determination and actualization of climate risk, and furthermore about the estimation of the potential mitigation.

Objectives

Sharing the process, lessons learned and challenges ahead for the inclusion of NDCs in Sub-national Territorial Planning in Ecuador.

Format

Venue: 3rd Capacity-building Hub within COP26 (Blue zone)

Location: Glasgow, UK

Date: November 10th, 2021, Wednesday

Length: 60 minutes

Language: English

The modality of the event is going to be hybrid with the physical participation of speakers of LEDS LAC, CONGOPE, and a representative of the provincial government of Imbabura, and a virtual participation of Grupo Faro. The session will be broadcast through facebook live and will also have special guests who will be in the zoom meeting.

The event will have the participation of four speaker with presentations of eight to fifteen (8-15) minutes, that will present the previous and actual process for the creation of the Guide for the inclusion of the NDC of Ecuador in the subnational local planification, the lessons learn of this process and the challenges ahead.





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After these presentations, there will be a remaining time (10 minutes) for a Q&A session which will collect questions for the auditory in Glasgow, from the special guest in the zoom meeting and facebook viewers.

General Structure

Please outline the components and timing of the session, including any specifically planned elements such as discussion questions. Additionally, list the speakers and moderators, their organization, and current position. Add or remove rows as needed.

Speakers		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Katherine Bocanegra	Speaker	LEDs LAC
Luis Wilson Lechón	Speaker	CONGOPE
Roberto Patricio Vasquez	Speaker	GAD Imbabura
Paulina Zambrano	Speaker	Grupo Faro

Moderators		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Sofía Suárez	Moderator	Grupo Faro

Timetable

Time	Topic	Responsible
16:00 – 16:05	Welcome to the panel and introduction on the importance of capacity building in autonomous governments	Sofía Suárez
16:05 – 16:13	The role of LEDs LAC as a platform for strengthening knowledge on climate change	Katherine Bocanegra
16:13 – 16:21	Subnational actions to contribute to the NDC in Ecuador	Luis Wilson Lechón
16:21 – 16:36	Presentation of the "Guide for the inclusion of NDC Ecuador at the subnational level in territorial planning"	Paulina Zambrano
16:36 – 16:44	Challenges of linking local actions to national climate policy	Roberto Vasquez





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16:44 - 16:58	Reflections / questions	Sofía Suárez
16:58 – 17:00	Final thoughts	Sofía Suárez

Outcomes

Please list in paragraph or bullet-list format the desired outcomes.

- The event has given information about the inclusion of the NDC in local territorial planning that gives insights to the COP 26 participants for the inclusion of NDC at local level.
- The guidelines presented for the development of gender assessment and action plans contribute to the mainstream of climate change and gender action in local planning.
- Organizations that work in building capacity for climate change learn of the Ecuadorian case to improve its future actions.

Relevant Links

[Grupo Faro](#)

[CONGOPE](#)

[Green Growth Knowledge Platform](#)

[Good Practice Database](#)

<https://www.imbabura.gob.ec/>

Please insert links relevant to your organization or session.

Guía para la inclusión de las NDC Ecuador a nivel subnacional e Ecuador a nivel subnacional en la planificación territorial (Guide for the inclusion of the ecuadorian NDC in the subnational local planification)

<https://grupofaro.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Guia-para-inclusio%CC%81n-NDC-Ecuador-.pdf>

