

Station Note

World Café at TD 1.3

Station 13: How can we better understand how much NPS and international cooperative initiatives have contributed to collective progress on Paris Agreement goals and how can the accountability of pledges be promoted, and rigorous accounting be ensured?

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Context: Non-Party stakeholders (NPS) are increasingly seeking to align their actions and initiatives with the goals of the Paris Agreement. Some estimates on climate actions suggest that NPS could reduce emissions by up to 20 Gt CO₂ eq in 2030. Other reflect that NPS actions increase adaptation benefits at local level. It is evident that a rigorous accounting and accountability is needed to avoid double counting and other methodological challenges. While mitigation and adaptation actions and relevant international cooperation by NPS have also accelerated since the adoption of the Paris Agreement, efforts are still far from being implemented at the scale needed.

NPS actions can strengthen efforts for systemic transformations. This requires strong accountability and transparency approaches.

Participants have underlined the need for accountability and rigorous accounting on the status of actions and commitments that have been made through NPS initiatives. Greater transparency is required on the progress these initiatives are delivering on their climate actions, focusing on the growing number of international initiatives. Good practices in accounting should be utilized by NPS actions across all topics.

There is an opportunity to address this need when following up and implementing the recommendations of the United Nations Secretary-General High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities, while applying good practice similarly in international cooperation on adaptation, loss and damage, finance, innovation on cooperation and capacity.

Questions for advisor:

- a) What common standards, benchmarks, metrics frameworks, global agendas, and/or campaigns for rigorous accounting, analyzing progress and macro trends on implementation across non-party stakeholder (NPS) and international cooperative initiative (ICI) pledges for climate action (mitigation and adaptation) already exist or are you aware of in your own work?
- b) How can mitigation/net zero implementation tracking of NPS action also include adaptation and resilience co-benefits, and vice versa?
- c) How might tracking and progress reporting in the global south be further improved over time?
- d) How can the tracking of NPS climate action best inform the government level M&E&L system and NDC and NAP planning and reporting?

- e) How can independent evaluation, rating and/or ranking of individual NPS actors or ICIs improve rigor in accounting, and when might NPS actors and ICIs report on their own progress and demonstrate accountability?