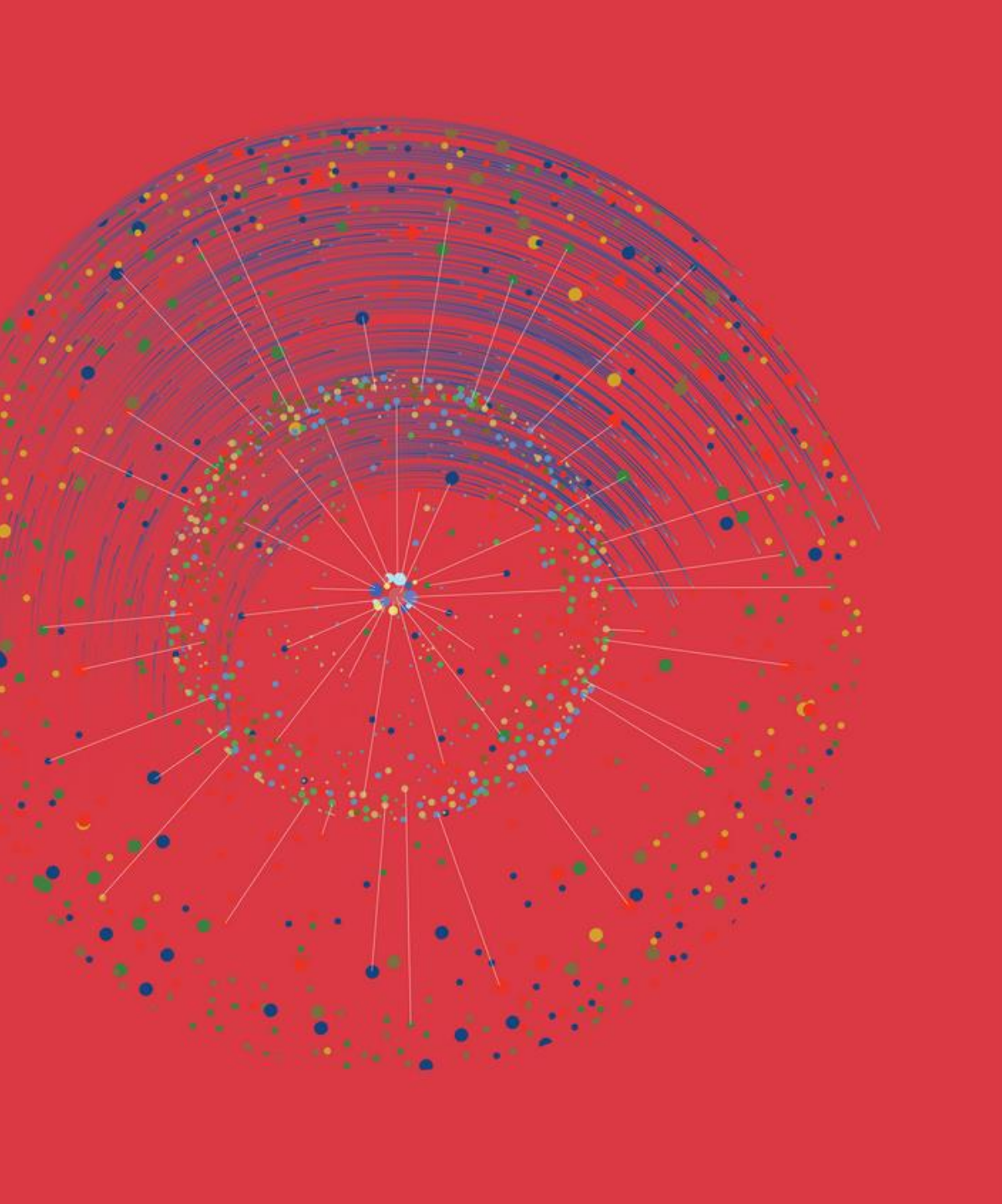




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Further guidance on NDCs

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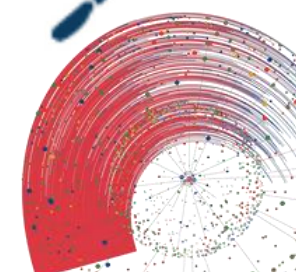
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Topics Covered

- **Introduction to the RCCs**
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UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centers and Host Partners



Regional Collaboration Center for the Caribbean (RCC Caribbean)

14 CARICOM Countries (Including Cuba and Dominican Republic)

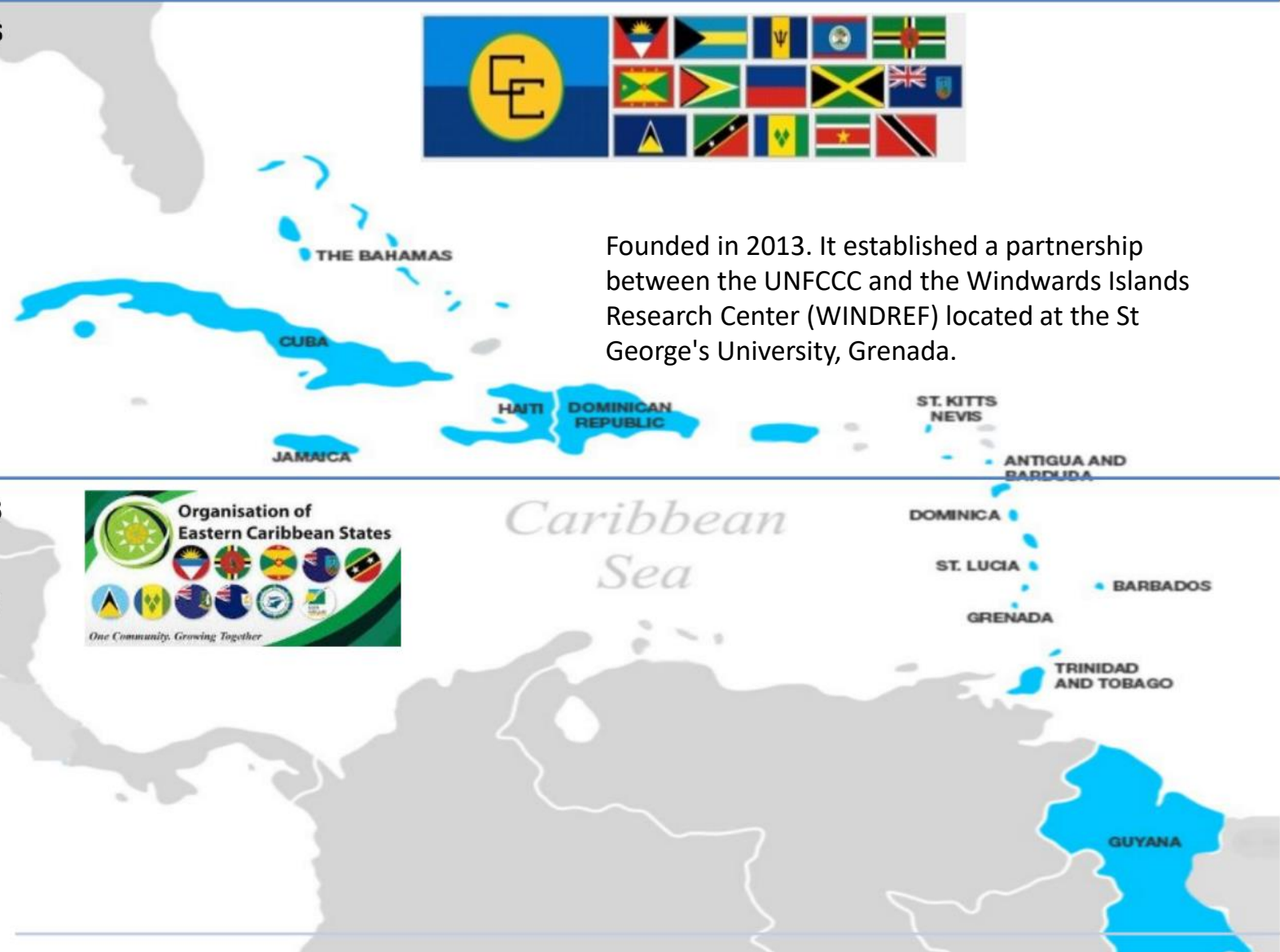
Antigua and Barbuda,
Bahamas, Barbados,
Belize, Dominica,
Grenada, Guyana,
Haiti, Jamaica, St
Lucia, SKN, SVG, SL,
Suriname, Trinidad
and Tobago



Founded in 2013. It established a partnership between the UNFCCC and the Windwards Islands Research Center (WINDREF) located at the St George's University, Grenada.

6 OECS Member States

Antigua and Barbuda,
Dominica, Grenada, St
Kitts and Nevis, St
Vincent and the
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Arrangements of the Paris Agreement

Paris Agreement Goals and Framework

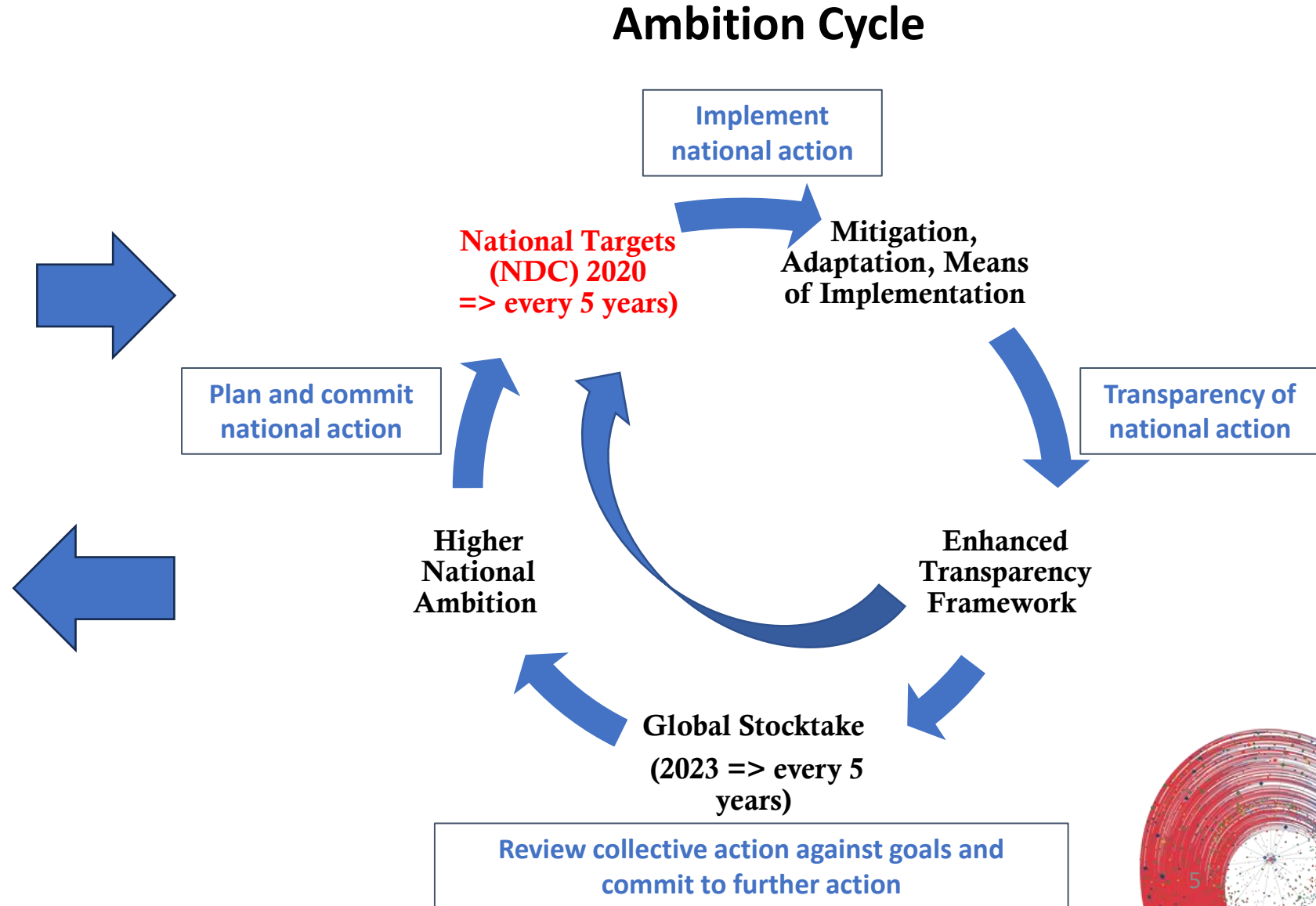
Mitigation

keep temperature increase to well below **2 °C** and **1.5 °C**

Adaptation

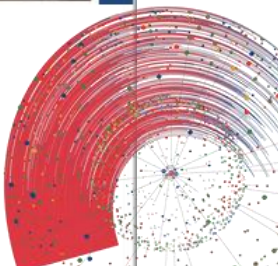
increase the ability to **adapt** and **foster resilience**

Finance flows **consistent** with path to low GHG emissions and resilient development



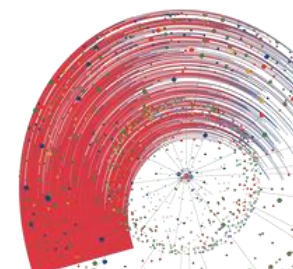
NDCs under the Paris Agreement

Article 4.2 “**Each Party shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions** that it intends to achieve. Parties shall **pursue domestic mitigation measures**, with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions.”



Global Stocktake Guidance for NDCs

- Parties to come forward in their next NDCs with **ambitious, economy wide emission reduction targets, covering all GHGs, sectors** and categories and **aligned with limiting warming to 1.5C**
- Developed countries to lead with economy wide, absolute targets
- Developing countries to enhance mitigation actions, and with time also move towards economy wide targets
- Alignment with LT-LEDS
- **2025 NDCs to:**
 - ✓ Be with an **end date of 2035** – *encouraged*
 - ✓ Be a **progression** beyond the Party's current NDC and reflect its highest possible **ambition** – *mandatory for all*
 - ✓ Provide **ICTU** information – *mandatory for all*
 - ✓ 2025 NDCs to use adopted **accounting** approaches – *mandatory for all*
 - ✓ Provide information on how the preparation of NDC has been informed by the outcomes of the **GST** – *mandatory for all*
- ✓ **Next round of NDCs to be submitted by 10 February 2025**



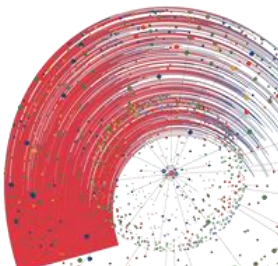
Accounting Approaches for NDCs

- GST Outcome, paragraph 168:

“...in accounting for anthropogenic emissions and removals corresponding to their nationally determined contributions, Parties shall account for their nationally determined contributions in accordance with the guidance contained in annex II to decision 4/CMA.1;”

- Annex II, Decision 4/CMA.1

“Accounting for Parties’ nationally determined contributions, referred to in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 31”



Accounting of NDCs

Decision 4/CMA.1

- In accounting for emissions and removals corresponding to NDCs, Parties shall promote environmental integrity, transparency, accuracy, completeness, comparability and consistency, and ensure the avoidance of double counting
- Information on accounting to be provided in BTR

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Accounting for anthropogenic emissions and removals in accordance with methodologies and common metrics (IPCC, methodologies to track progress of policies and measures)

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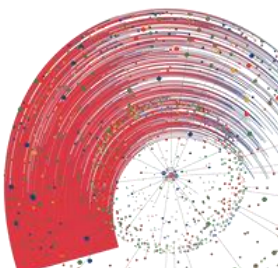
Ensuring methodological consistency between the communication and implementation of NDCs (e.g. baseline, definition, data sources, GHG inventories, transparently report changes)

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Striving to include all categories of anthropogenic emissions or removals in NDC and, once a source, sink or activity is included, continuing to include it

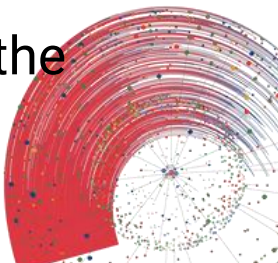
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Providing an explanation of why any categories of anthropogenic emissions or removals are excluded



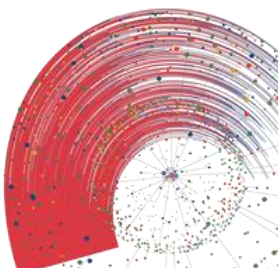
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- (a) Parties account for anthropogenic emissions and removals in accordance with methodologies and common metrics assessed by the IPCC and in accordance with decision 18/CMA.1;
- (b) Parties whose nationally determined contribution cannot be accounted for using methodologies covered by IPCC guidelines provide information on their own methodology used, including for nationally determined contributions pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Paris Agreement, if applicable;
- (c) Parties that draw on existing methods and guidance established under the Convention and its related legal instruments, as appropriate, provide information on how they have done so;
- (d) Parties provide information on methodologies used to track progress arising from the implementation of policies and measures, as appropriate;



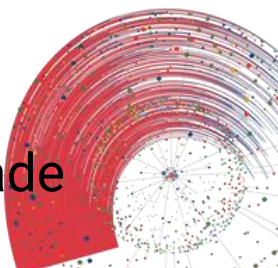
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- (e) Parties that decide to address emissions and subsequent removals from natural disturbances on managed lands provide detailed information on the approach used and how it is consistent with relevant IPCC guidance, as appropriate, or indicate the relevant section of the national greenhouse gas inventory report containing that information;
- (f) Parties that account for emissions and removals from harvested wood products provide detailed information on which IPCC approach has been used to estimate emissions and removals;
- (g) Parties that address the effects of age-class structure in forests provide detailed information on the approach used and how this is consistent with relevant IPCC guidance, as appropriate.



Ensuring methodological consistency between the communication and implementation of NDCs
(e.g. baseline, definition, data sources, GHG inventories, transparently report changes)

- (a) Parties maintain consistency in scope and coverage, definitions, data sources, metrics, assumptions and methodological approaches;
- (b) Any greenhouse gas data and estimation methodologies used for accounting should be consistent with the Party's GHG inventories pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 7(a), of the Paris Agreement, if applicable;
- (c) Parties strive to avoid overestimating or underestimating projected emissions and removals used for accounting;
- (d) For Parties that apply technical changes to update reference points, reference levels or projections, the changes should reflect either of the following:
 - (i) Changes in the Party's inventory;
 - (ii) Improvements in accuracy that maintain methodological consistency;
- (e) Parties transparently report any methodological changes and technical updates made during the implementation of their nationally determined contribution.

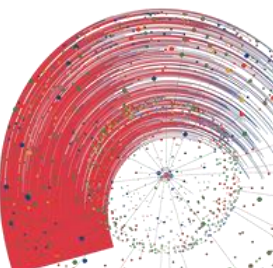


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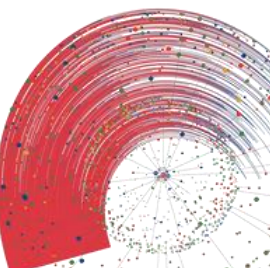
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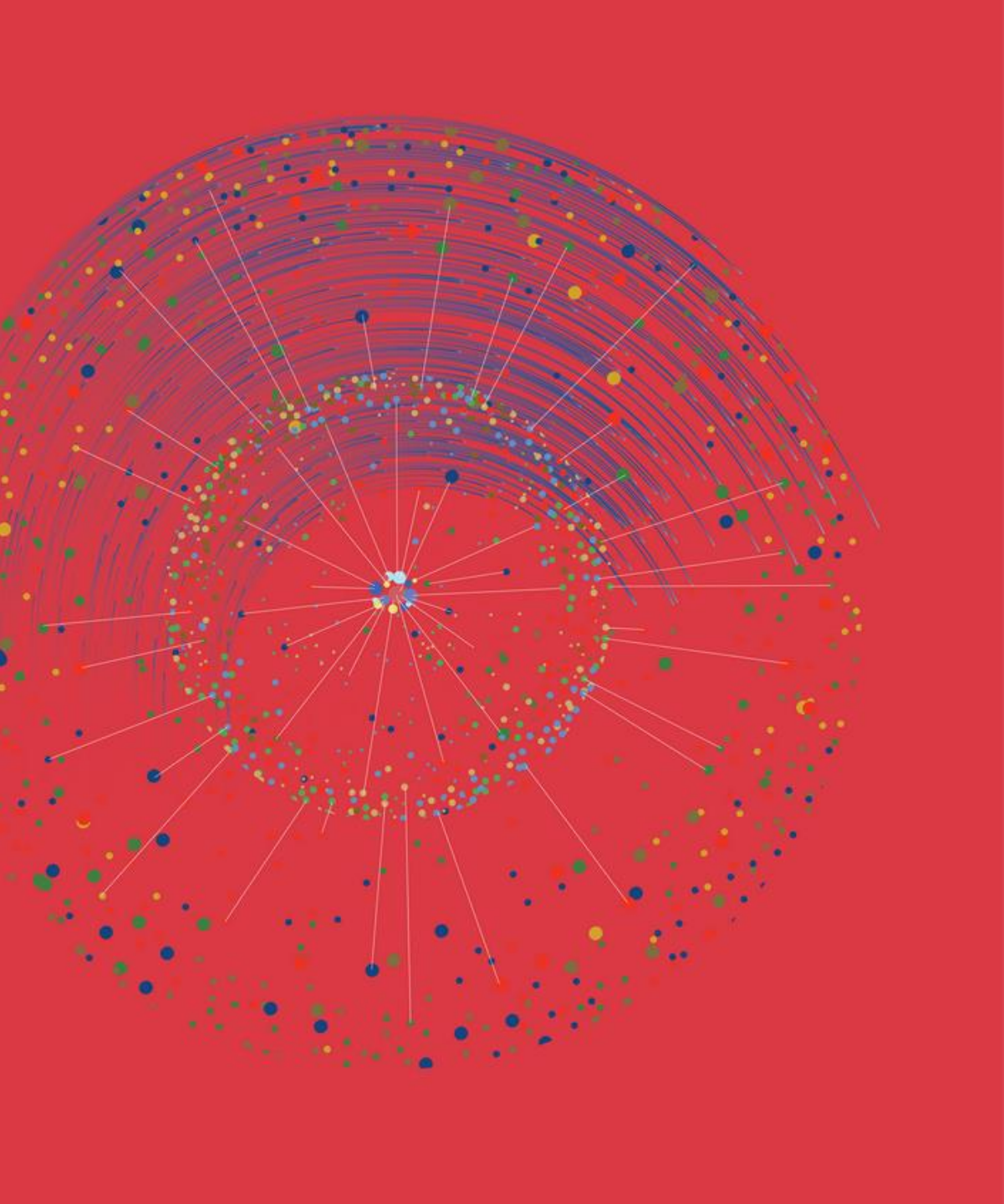


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Providing an explanation of why any categories of anthropogenic emissions or removals are excluded

Explain why any categories of anthropogenic emissions or removals are excluded.





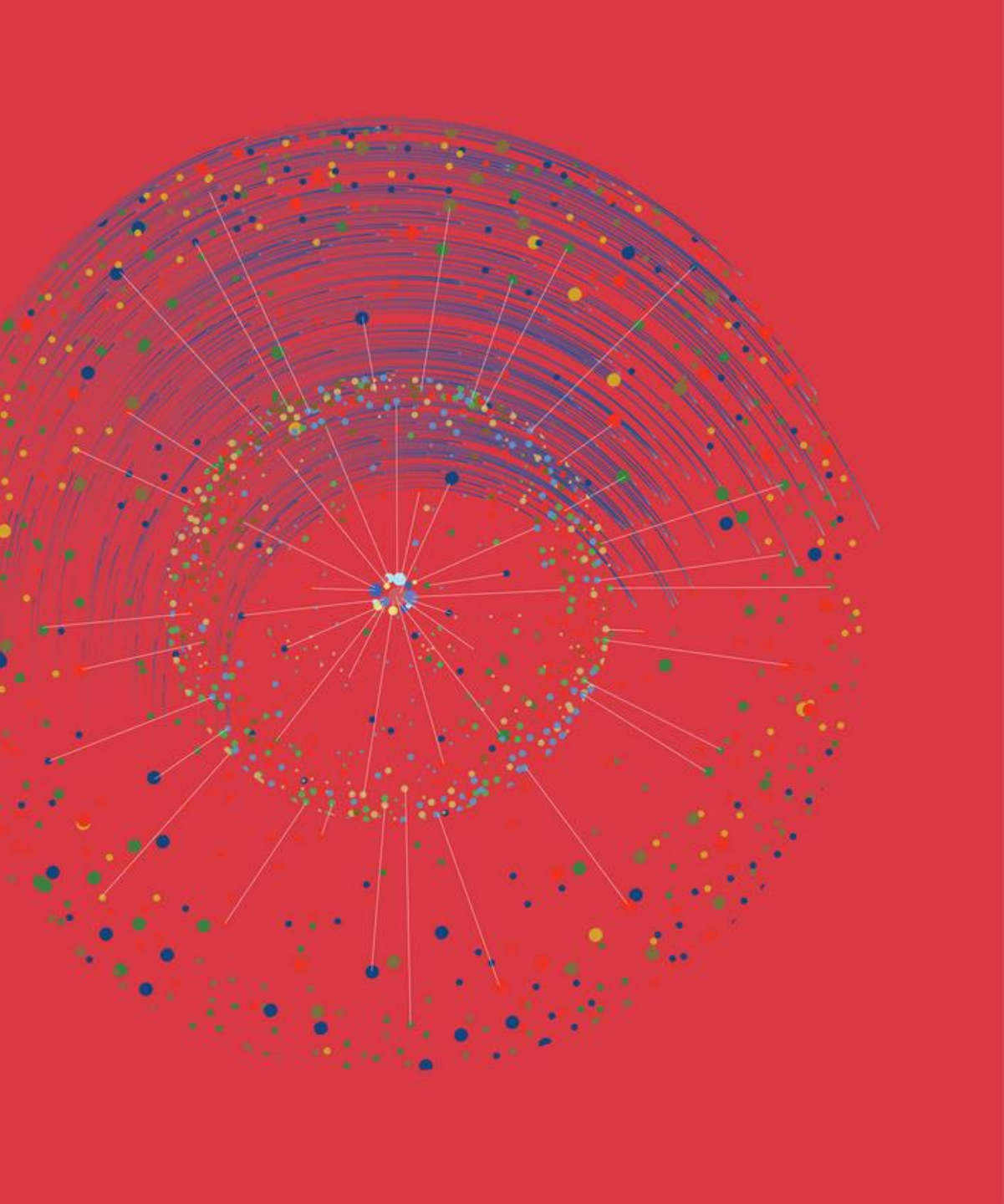
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