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Pathway to NDC 3.0: Experiences and Lessons Learned from the Caribbean

Webinar for the Caribbean

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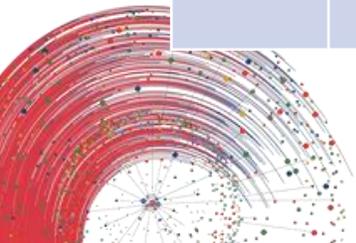
Objectives:

1. Gain an understanding of the processes that The Bahamas, Belize and Suriname followed in preparing their NDC 3.0, including key approaches, best practices, challenges, and lessons learned.
2. Share countries' plans, ongoing efforts, and expectations related to the implementation of their NDCs.
3. Encourage countries currently developing their NDC 3.0 to engage with peer representatives and build on the insights and experiences shared.



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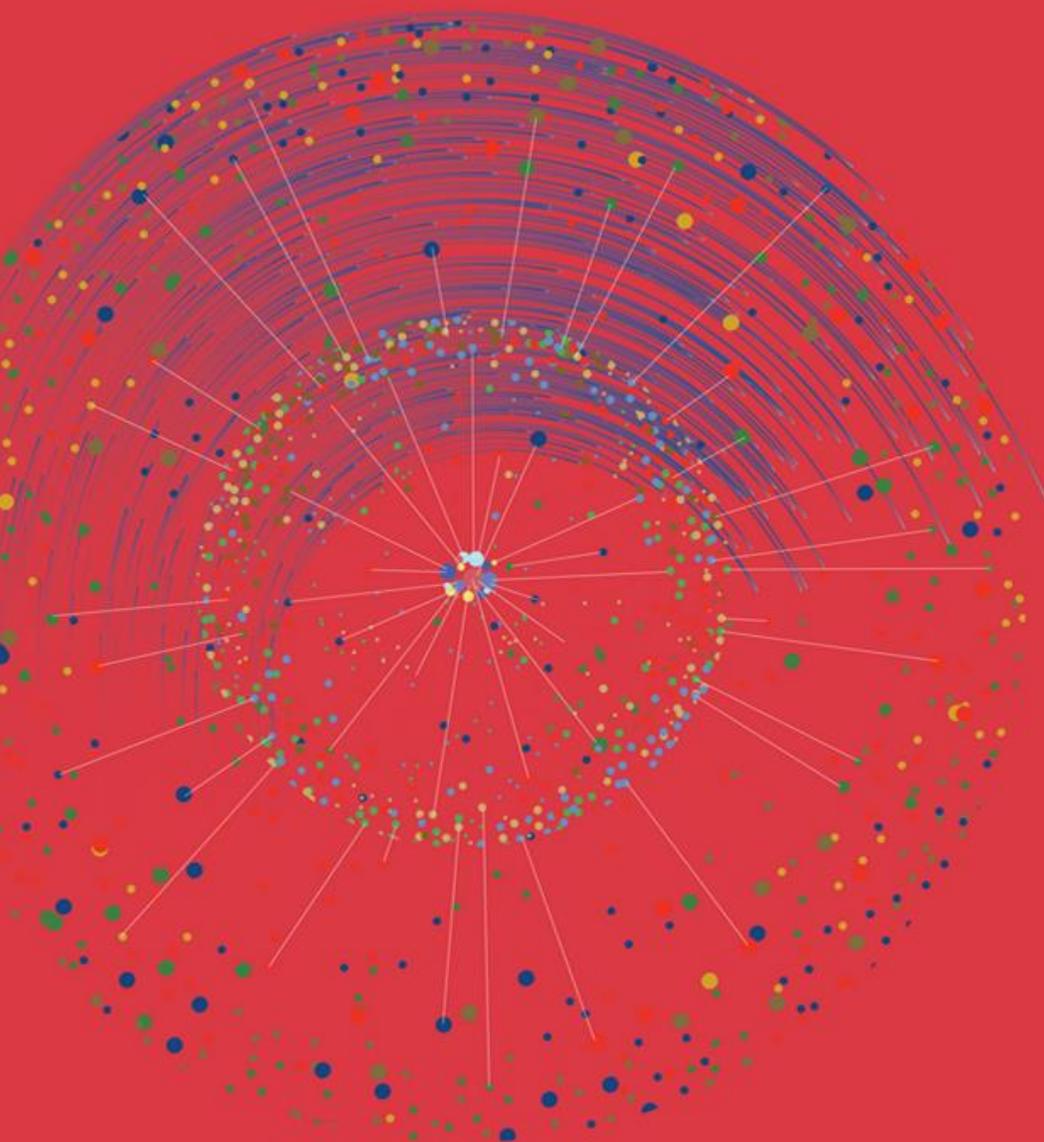
Time	Session	Moderator / Speaker
2'	<i>Welcome and introduction to the Webinar Objectives and expected outcomes</i>	Jason Williams, Regional Specialist for NDCs and LT-LEDS, UNFCCC RCC Caribbean
10'	<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Gianluca Merlo, Regional Technical Advisor, LAC Environment and Energy Climate Strategy and Policy Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP Tracy Smith, NDC Regional Coordinator, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)
38'	<i>Presentations: Country Experiences on NDC 3.0 Preparation</i> <i>Question and Answer</i>	Moderated by Jeniffer Hanna Collado, Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Regional Manager, NDC Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ritesh Sardjoe, Director for the Environment at the Ministry of Oil, Gas, and Environment in Suriname, Suriname ➤ Ide Sosa, NDC 3.0 Coordinator, National Climate Change Office, Belize ➤ Mr. N. Charles Hamilton, Climate Change Advisor, Climate Change and Environmental Advisory Unit, Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), The Bahamas ➤ Ms. Morgan Bower, Emissions Officer, National Emissions Registry, OPM, The Bahamas ➤ Mr. McDerBern Rolle Davis, Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Officer, SDG Unit, OPM, The Bahamas



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38'	<p><i>Discussion: Transitioning from Planning to Implementation</i></p> <p><i>Question and Answer</i></p>	<p>Moderated by Annlyn McPhie, Technical Specialist - Climate Change, Climate Strategies and Policy Team, Climate Hub, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ritesh Sardjoe, Director for the Environment at the Ministry of Oil, Gas, and Environment in Suriname, Suriname ➤ Ide Sosa, NDC 3.0 Coordinator, National Climate Change Office, Belize ➤ Mr. N. Charles Hamilton, Climate Change Advisor, Climate Change and Environmental Advisory Unit, Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), The Bahamas ➤ Ms. Morgan Bower, Emissions Officer, National Emissions Registry, OPM, The Bahamas ➤ Mr. McDerBern Rolle Davis, Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Officer, SDG Unit, OPM, The Bahamas
2'	<i>Closing remarks</i>	Andrea Camponogara, RCC Global Lead, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC secretariat





Opening Remarks



Gianluca Merlo,
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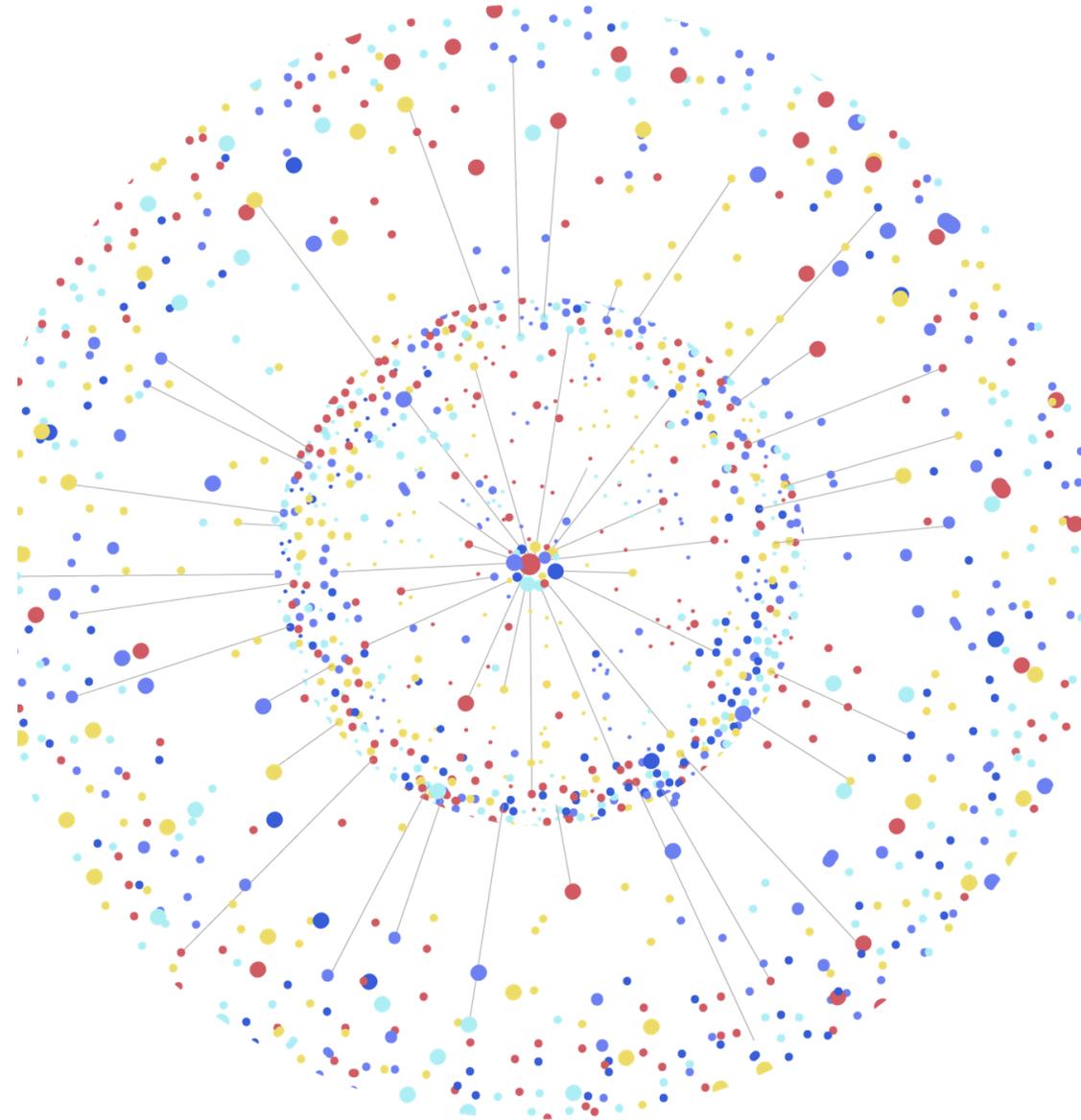


Tracy Smith
NDC Regional Coordinator
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Session I. Country Experiences on NDC 3.0 Preparation

Country-level coordination of the NDC 3.0 preparation process

- 1. What was the vision for the NDC 3.0?*
- 2. What were the key improvements or new elements from the previous NDC?*
- 3. What were the approaches and best practices? (i.e. national coordinating committees, data sharing agreements, institutional arrangements)*



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Country Experiences on NDC 3.0 Preparation

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Suriname's NDC 3.0

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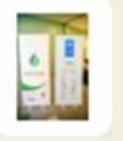
Vision for the NDC 3.0



- » **Maintain HFLD Status:** Protect natural capital to preserve over 90% forest cover and remain a globally significant carbon-negative nation.
- » **Green Suriname Catalyst:** Strategically leverage temporary offshore oil wealth to finance a long-term, diversified, and equitable green economy.
- » **Decoupled Growth:** Shift economic dependency from extractive industries toward renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and eco-tourism.
- » **Systemic Resilience:** Embed adaptation across all sectors, protecting coastal communities while creating new green opportunities.



Improvements from NDC 2.0



Wider Sectoral Scope

Expanded coverage beyond Energy and AFOLU to integrate comprehensive strategies for Waste, Land Use, Biodiversity, and Industrial Processes (IPPU).



Quantified Targets

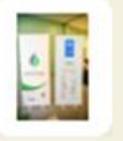
Transitioned to results-based planning with clearly defined KPIs, detailed cost estimates, and specific execution timelines for 2030 and 2035.



Just Transition

Embedded a robust social equity framework prioritizing green job creation, gender-responsive measures, and intergenerational youth engagement.

Coordination Best Practices



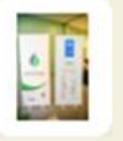
Institutional Arrangements

- ▶ **Lead Agency:** The Ministry of Oil, Gas & Environment (MINOGE) acts as the central coordinating body and UNFCCC focal point.
- ▶ **Cross-Sector Alignment:** Established a National Climate Change Working Group (NCCWG) to eliminate ministerial silos.
- ▶ **Legal Anchoring:** Development of a National Climate Law to ensure policy continuity and accountability across political cycles.

Stakeholder Inclusion

- ▶ **Tripartite Dialogue:** Set up a National Just Transition Commission to guarantee equitable socio-economic shifts.
- ▶ **Rights-Based Approach:** Mandated Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) protocols for Indigenous & Tribal Peoples (ITPs).
- ▶ **Direct Integration:** Institutionalized representation for youth, women's organizations, and private sector actors in governance bodies.

Data Sharing & MRV Approaches



- » **ETF-Compliant Platform:** Deploying an integrated digital MRV system connecting government, spatial (GIS), and financial databases in real-time.
- » **Country-Specific Data:** Transitioning from standard Tier 1 default values to highly robust Tier 2 and Tier 3 national emission factors.
- » **Formalized Protocols:** Enacting legally binding data-sharing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) across ministries to ensure seamless reporting.
- » **Public Transparency:** Launching a public "Climate Action Dashboard" to provide accessible progress tracking and build societal trust.

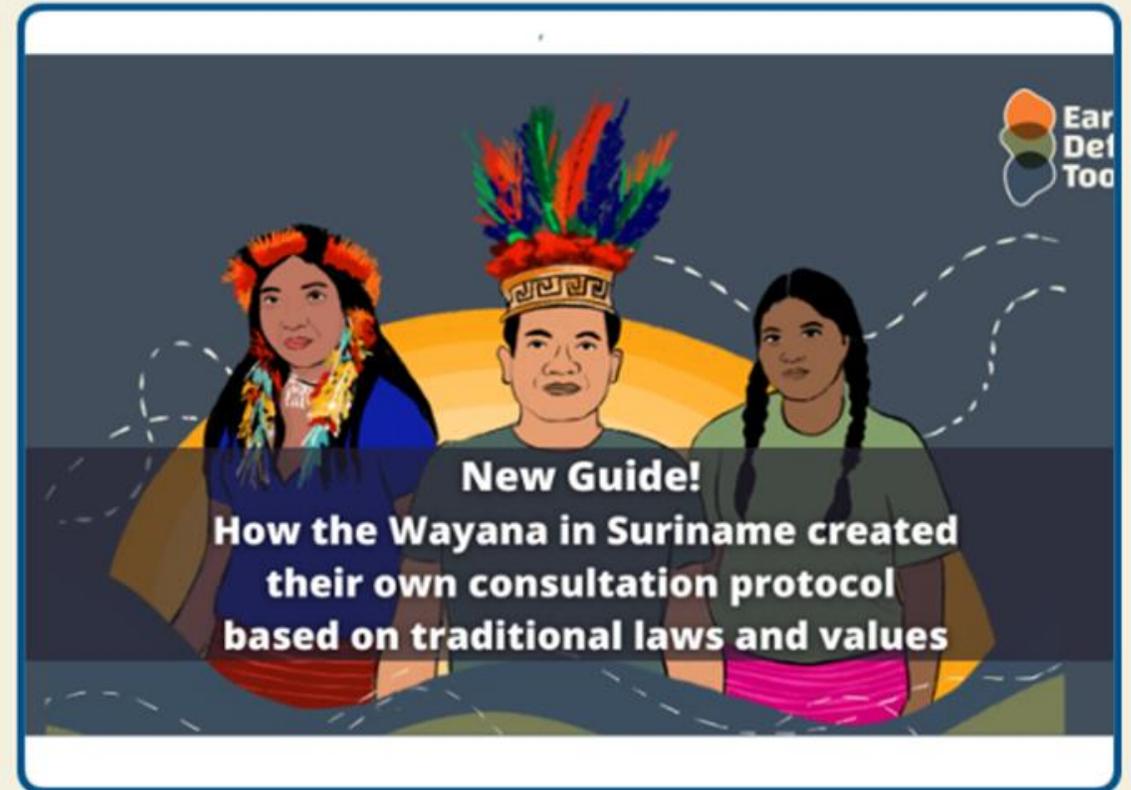


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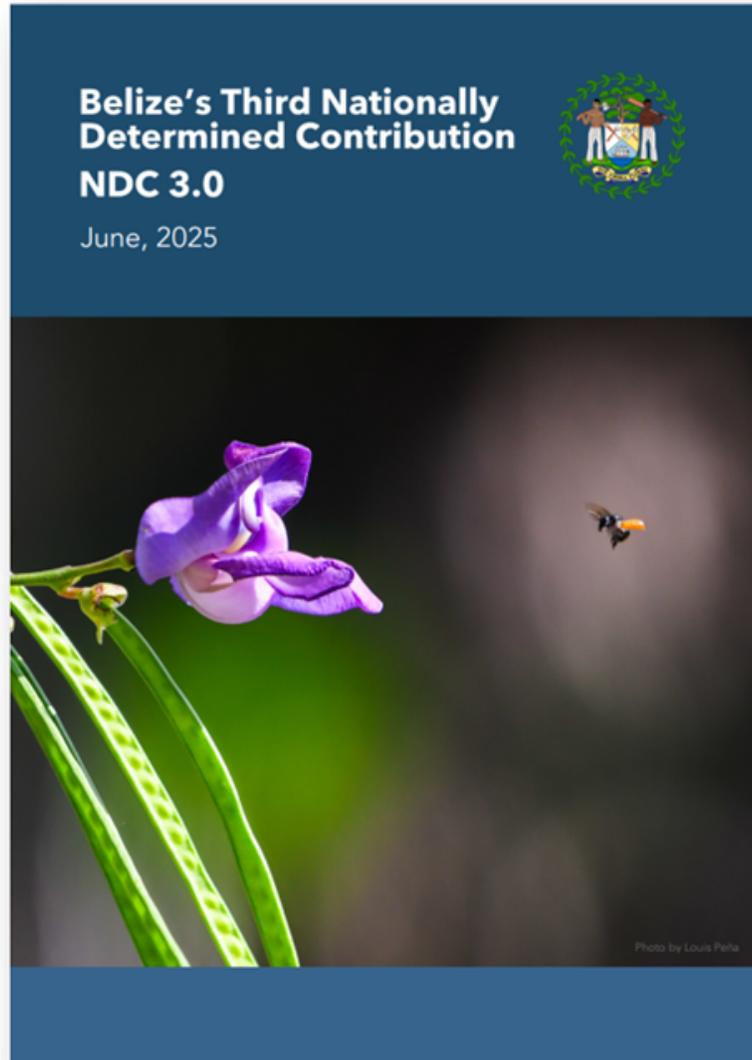
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Nationally Determined Contribution 3.0 (NDC)



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BELIZE'S NDC

Belize is committed to achieving the ambitious target of limiting the increase in global average temperature to 1.5°C.

Belize's NDC 3.0 approved by Cabinet in June 2025

- NDC covers a 10-year period
- Based on national frameworks, policies, projects, including the MTDS

The updated NDC features:

- Targets to avoid cumulative emissions totalling 5,647 KtCO₂e between 2021 and 2030
- Targets to avoid cumulative GHG emissions of 6,234 KtCO₂e by 2035

Vision Element	Belize NDC 3.0 Example
Climate action central to national development	Integration of NDC priorities into national sector policies (Energy, Land Use, Forestry) and alignment with national development planning frameworks.
Increased mitigation ambition + strong adaptation focus	Expansion of renewable energy targets (solar, distributed generation) alongside climate-resilient agriculture and water resource management measures.
Protect forests & blue carbon ecosystems	Forest conservation and restoration under national forest strategies; protection of mangroves and seagrasses..
Strengthen resilience of vulnerable communities	Climate-resilient infrastructure standards and adaptation investments targeting flood-prone and coastal communities, particularly in southern Belize.
Integrate Loss & Damage into national systems	Alignment of NDC priorities with disaster risk management frameworks led by National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO), including post-disaster assessments.
Shift from commitments to costed implementation	Prioritized, costed mitigation and adaptation measures to improve climate finance access (energy efficiency, forest landscape restoration).
Align climate action with economic growth & livelihoods	Promotion of green economy pathways such as sustainable tourism, climate-smart agriculture, renewable energy jobs, and protection of fisheries and forestry livelihoods.

Vision: To Enhance Ambition, Strengthen Resilience, Drive Implementation

NDC Ambition & Enhancements

The updated NDC represents increased ambition across sectors through the following enhancements:

Expanded sectoral targets (quantified agriculture emission targets; additional sectors in adaptation section include land use, human settlements and infrastructure, and forestry and biodiversity)

Increased ambition in existing targets

Expanded coverage of gases covered in targets to include N2O and Methane in AFOLU interventions

Further specification of targets including addition of timeframes, quantified emissions reductions and other outcomes

Increased transparency in the development of targets

Additional engagement and consideration of vulnerable populations including indigenous communities, children and women

Detail on the financing, monitoring and implementation of actions included in the NDC

Belize NDC 3.0: Sectoral Targets Summary

Key sector targets include:

- 1. Energy Sector Targets (Electricity & Transport)
 - 1,103 kTCO₂e avoided by 2035 via 100 MW solar & 20 MW wind
 - EV adoption: 10% (private), 25% (public)
- 2. Waste Sector Goals
 - 8.5 kTCO₂e avoided by 2030, 21 kTCO₂e by 2035
 - Through improved national waste management
- 3. AFOLU Sector Ambition
 - Carbon sequestration increases from 2,555 (2030) to 5,110 kTCO₂e (2035)
 - Focus on reforestation, climate-smart agriculture
- Conditionality and Enablers
 - All targets depend on access to climate finance and capacity support
 - Implementation tied to technical, financial, and human resource mobilization agriculture, and land use

Belize NDC 2.0 vs. NDC 3.0: Key Changes at a Glance

- Total GHG Emission Reduction: 5,647 ktCO₂e by 2030 (NDC 2.0) → 6,234 ktCO₂e by 2035 (NDC 3.0)
- Time Horizon Extended: From 2030 to 2035
- Energy: 75% RE by 2030 (NDC 2.0) → 80% by 2035, +100 MW solar, 20 MW wind (NDC 3.0)
- Transport: 5% EV sales (private) by 2030 → 10% private & 25% public EV adoption by 2035
- AFOLU: Carbon sequestration increased from 2,555 → 5,110 ktCO₂e
- Waste: 18 ktCO₂e by 2030 → 21 ktCO₂e by 2035
- Adaptation: Expanded & aligned with NAPs; sector targets now go to 2035
- Implementation: New tracking, gender/youth integration, and whole-of-society focus
- Estimated Cost: \$1.7B (NDC 2.0) → \$1.55B total (NDC 3.0)

Approaches & Best Practices



Collaboration between a broad group of partners across government sectors

Progress and findings were validated through a technical committee with sector leads, including representatives from private sector and civil society.

Updated NDC underwent a gender and vulnerable group scoring analysis, which led to recommendations to increase gender sensitivity in the medium-term implementation



BROAD STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- A. When diverse groups are involved, it increases ownership of the NDC, ensuring that the actions taken are reflective of the needs and priorities of all sectors, especially marginalized groups.
- B. Stakeholder input can identify practical solutions and potential synergies with existing projects or national strategies, improving the feasibility of the targets and actions.
- C. Broad participation fosters transparency and accountability, helping to track progress and make necessary adjustments based on feedback from various stakeholders.
- D. Engaging the private sector and international organizations can help mobilize technical expertise and financial resources critical for effective implementation.



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Thank you!



THE BAHAMAS NDC 3.0



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NDC 3.0 VISION

- National ownership
- Significant emphasis on:
 - Adaptation
 - Loss and Damage
 - Financing
- Youth perspective
- Enhanced documentation of national events



KEY IMPROVEMENTS / NEW ELEMENTS BETWEEN NDC 2.0 to NDC 3.0

Section	NDC 2.0	NDC 3.0
Mitigation	41 mitigation actions	21 streamlined mitigation actions
Adaptation	47 adaptation targets	25 streamlined adaptation actions
NDC Financing	Implementation of targets 100% conditional on international financial support	

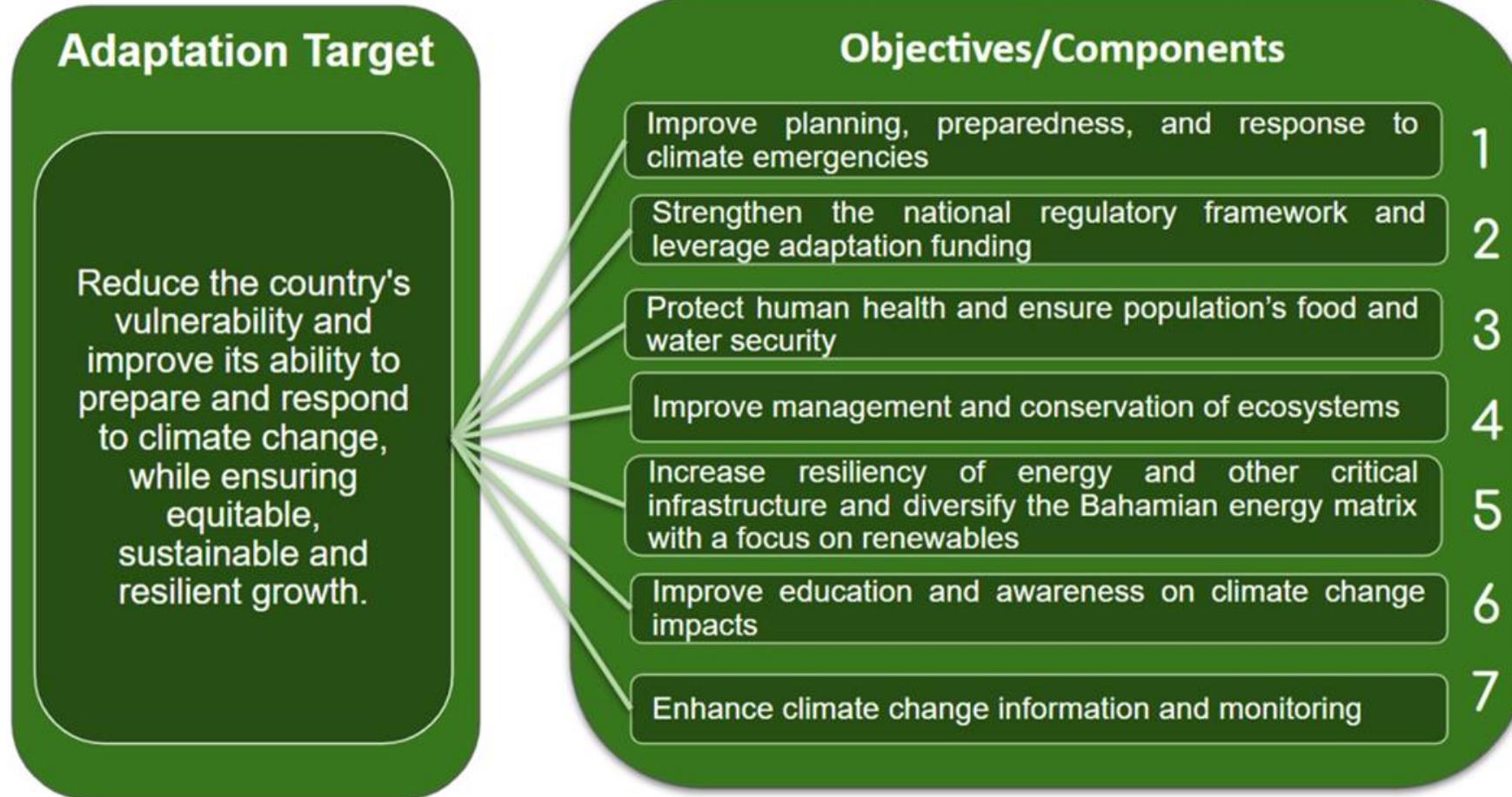


MITIGATION

- Enhanced ambition with new targets
 - At least 45% of renewables in the national energy mix by 2035
 - Originally: 30% by 2030
 - Reduce national GHG emissions by 30%
 - 50% new vehicle sales as EVs and 30% as Hybrid
 - Originally: 35% EVs and 15% Hybrid by 2030
- New policy reforms



ADAPTATION



APPROACHES AND BEST PRACTICES

- **New Institutional Arrangements**
 - Legislative / Policy Directions
 - Committees
 - MRV Infrastructure
- **Stakeholder Engagement**
 - Cross-Sectoral and Diverse
- **Capacity Building**
 - Tools and Expertise
- **Focus**
 - National Perspective



NEW INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Climate Change and Environmental Advisory Unit (CCEAU)
- National Emissions Registry
- Disaster Risk Management Authority
- Ministry of Energy and Transport
- High-Level Climate Policy Committee
- National Climate Change Committee



NEXT STEPS

- Require international support for:
 - Development of NDC Financing Strategy
 - Complimentary work on NAP (i.e., indicators, alignment w/ GGA, etc.)
 - NDC Tracking (i.e., strategy, infrastructure, etc.)
 - Capacity Building (i.e., modelling, data management, etc.)
 - Pre/Feasibility Studies
 - GIS (i.e., software and high-quality mapping)
 - Enabling environments for Loss and Damage
 - Implementation of NDC actions
 - Developing future NDCs





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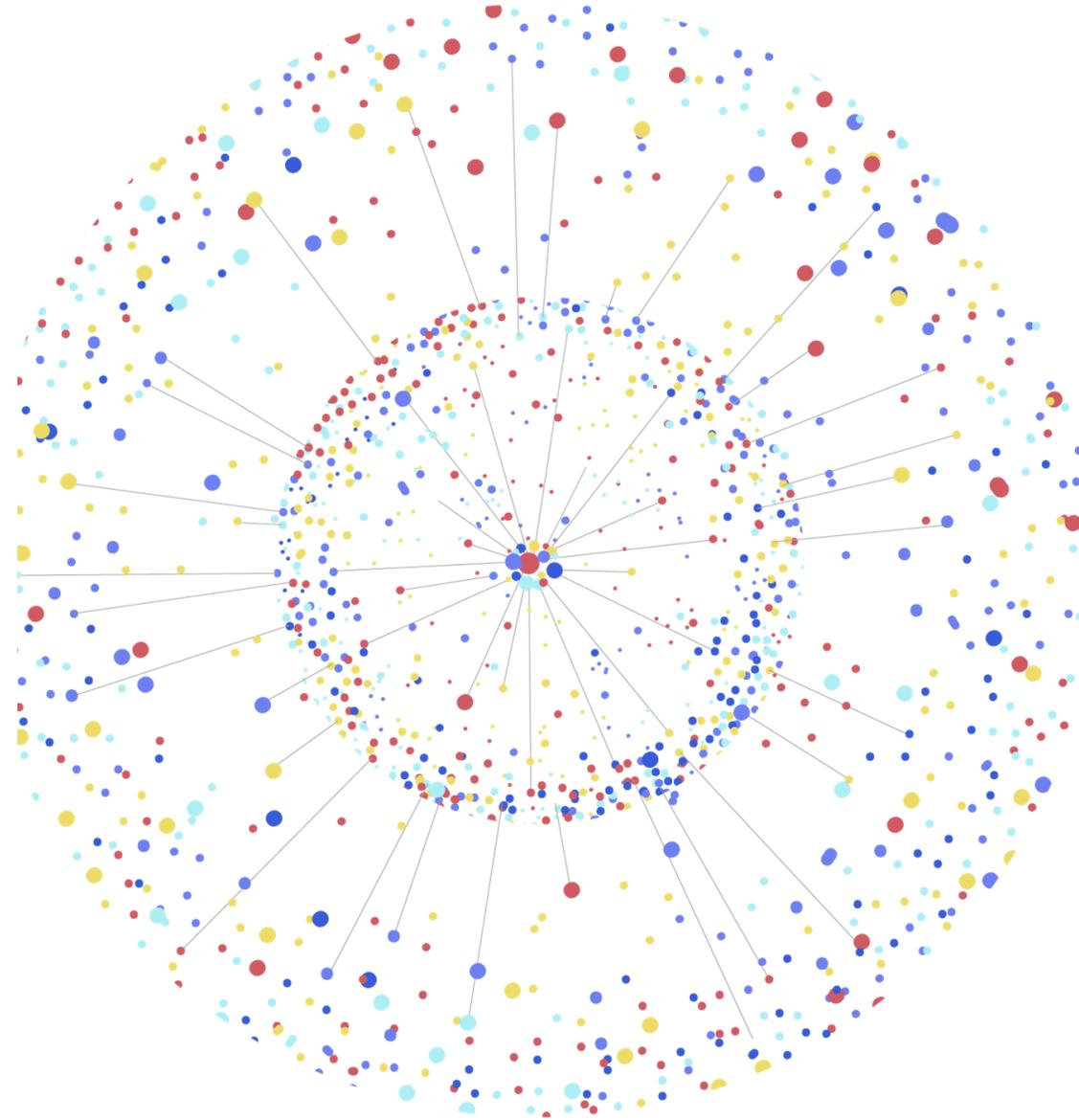
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Session II. Transitioning from NDC Planning to Implementation

Planning for NDC Implementation

- 1. Who are the main stakeholders involved in NDC implementation (local, regional, international) and how are they supporting or contributing?*
- 2. What are the plans to develop or update the NDC implementation and/or investment plan for the NDC 3.0?*
- 3. Can you tell us about other ongoing efforts to advance NDC implementation (e.g., private sector engagement, voluntary cooperation under Article 6, regional cooperation, etc.)?*
- 4. What have been the main challenges in moving from Planning to Implementation?*



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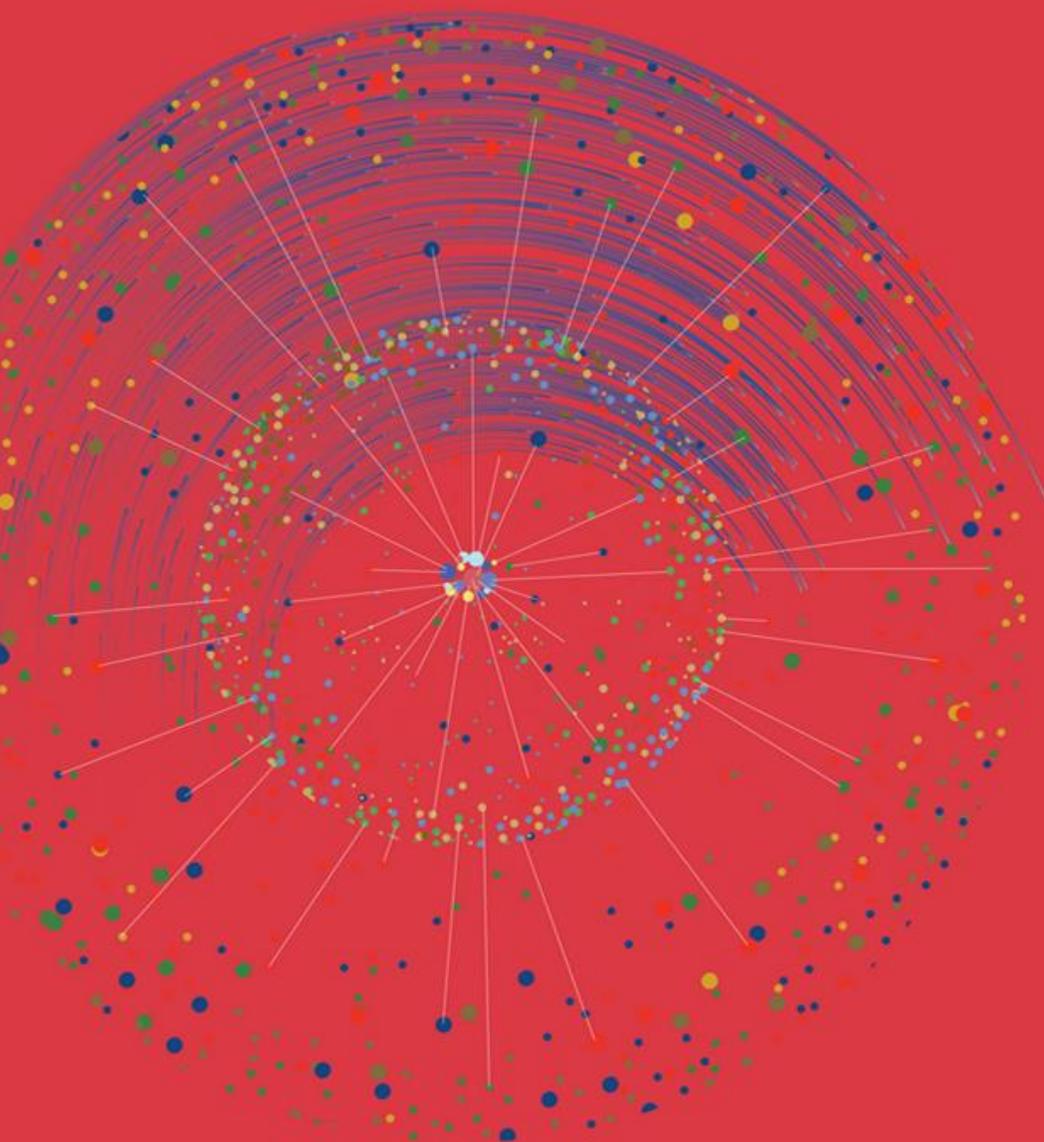
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