

Station Note

World Café at TD 1.3

Station 11: How can our collective experiences with the preparation and communication of NDCs inform Parties in the updating and enhancing of their future NDCs? How can we support capacities for more ambitious NDCs in line with previous CMA decisions and guidance?

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There are NDC-related gaps in the collective progress to implement the Paris Agreement on two fronts. First, the mitigation ambition in NDCs is not collectively sufficient to put us on track with modeled pathways consistent with limiting global warming to well below 2 and 1.5 °C. Second, there is an ‘implementation gap’ between currently enacted policies and actions and Parties’ committed level of action ([UNEP, 2022](#)). Action is needed on both fronts, and the development of new NDCs by 2025 is a crucial opportunity for this.

Experiences with NDCs suggest that more ambitious and detailed targets would enhance clarity and provide an improved basis for international cooperation and for NDC implementation.¹ Now that the Parties have gained experience of developing NDCs, implementing and financing relevant policies and undertaking a first Global Stocktake (GST), they are better placed, as they prepare their next NDCs, to increase ambition and support in achieving the global temperature goal and to provide information necessary to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding.

Indeed, many Parties have identified best practices for NDC preparation, including:

- institutionalizing climate policy development within joint planning frameworks
- strengthening stakeholder capacity to participate more substantively in NDC preparation and implementation.
- mainstreaming NDC goals in existing strategies, plans and policies to obtain political support and benefit from existing arrangements.
- partnering with regional and international organizations to develop a robust NDC
- individual Parties’ starting to establish scientific and quantitative systems for analysing and assessing progress of implementation.

The Paris Agreement specifically requires Parties to take into account the findings of the GST as they submit their next NDCs. Therefore, at this World Café, we discuss:

- How can our collective experiences with the preparation and communication of NDCs inform Parties in the updating and enhancing of their next NDCs?
- How can we support capacities for more ambitious NDCs in line with previous CMA decisions and guidance?

¹ See for example [Pauw & Klein \(2020\)](#) argue that ambition alone is not enough: to be able to realize their ambitions, countries also need to enhance the effectiveness of the plans and policies underpinning their NDCs. This requires improvements to the transparency, coherence and implementability of NDCs.

Question for the Advisors:

In order to support participants to answer these questions, the following sub-questions were formulated:

- a) What lessons have you learned from the process of NDC preparation?
- b) How have you included additional/new actors (e.g. ministries, private sector, unions, civil society organizations, etc.) into the process to prepare your NDC that are willing to contribute to more ambitious climate action? Has this mobilized additional funding/support for NDC implementation?
- c) Do you think that there is still room to improve the transparency, coherence and implementability of NDCs? How can this be done?
- d) What would you need to prepare, communicate and implement a more ambitious and fair NDC in the next cycle? What information and technical resources have you used in developing your past NDCs?
- e) For which needs do you have sufficient institutional and human capacity, and where can capacity support help to make this happen?