

**Second Regional Partners Stocktaking Meeting
on the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) 3.0**

Summary Report

UN Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centre for the Caribbean (RCC Caribbean)

Support to NDCs for the Caribbean Countries



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11:00 to 12:30 AST | 9:00-10:30 CST | 17:00-18:30 CET

Background

The Paris Agreement requires all Parties to prepare, communicate and maintain successive Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) that it intends to achieve. The NDCs are the main vehicle for countries to express their climate ambition and actions, and to align them with their national development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This is especially relevant now with Decisions 6/CMA.3 and 1/CMA.5 requiring new and more ambitious NDCs from countries to be developed and submitted in 2025, with targets until 2035. In addition to being more ambitious, the NDCs 3.0 will also have to be country-owned, country-driven, implementable and well positioned to unlock financing. For the Caribbean region, one that is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change although contributing negligibly to the total global greenhouse gas emissions, the enhancement and implementation of NDCs is a top priority.

The first Global Stocktake (GST) outcome underlined that despite overall progress on mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation and support, Parties are not yet collectively on track towards achieving the purpose of the Paris Agreement and its long-term goals. As such, 43% emission reduction is needed by 2030 relative to 2019 levels, 60% emission reduction is needed by 2035, and net zero emissions by 2050. The outcome therefore encouraged Parties to come forward with ambitious, economy-wide emission reduction targets, covering all greenhouse gases, sectors and categories. The GST decision also emphasized the need for collective efforts by inviting the UN Climate Change Secretariat, including through its regional collaboration centres (UNFCCC RCCs), and other organizations in a position to do so, to provide capacity-building support for the preparation and communication of the next NDCs.

A number of development and implementation partners are providing support to countries in the Caribbean on various aspects of NDC preparation and implementation, such as data and analysis, policy and planning, finance and investment, capacity building, and stakeholder engagement. To that end, the UNFCCC secretariat convened a global support workshop on NDCs in early March 2024 in Bonn, Germany. During this convening, partners put together a framework which would inform the NDC 3.0 support ecosystem and a call was made to convene regular regional partners meeting. The Caribbean hosted the first Regional Partners Stocktaking Meeting¹ on 24 April 2024 attended by 14 organizations.

The second global interagency meeting of development and implementing partners was convened in June 2024 during the SB 60 in Bonn. That meeting also provided an opportunity to address issues relating to the mandate by the UN Secretary General, in response to a request by the COP Presidencies Troika, for a single coordinated, unified, and effective platform of UN support across agencies that provides immediate support and tools to align NDCs with 1.5°C and the UAE Consensus.

Objective

The UNFCCC RCC Caribbean, along with the NDC Partnership and the United Nations Development Programme, is proposing to organize the 2nd Regional Partners Stocktaking Meeting as a continued platform for dialogue and exchange among development partners in the Caribbean actively supporting countries on NDC development and implementation in 2024-2025. The objectives of this meeting are:

¹ <https://unfccc.int/event/2025-ndcs-caribbean-partners-stocktaking-meeting>

- Provide a recap of the key takeaways and next steps from the first Regional Partners Stocktaking meeting and a continued platform for dialogue and exchange on NDC preparation and implementation in the Caribbean region.
- Communicate updates on the coordination and roll out of support to Caribbean countries for the NDC 3.0 preparation process and the launch of the NDC 3.0 Navigator.
- Discuss Caribbean country engagement on NDC 3.0 and identify synergetic opportunities for increased cooperation and coordination on NDCs 3.0 in the Caribbean region.

Agenda

Time	Activity
5'	<i>Introduction to the Webinar</i>
5'	<i>Opening</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks
10'	<i>Scene Setting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Objectives • Update on 2nd global interagency meeting • Recap of 1st regional partners meeting
10'	<i>UNDP Climate Promise</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN SG mandate for coordinated platform for UN-Support • Updates on roll-out of Climate Promise support in the region
35'	<i>NDC Partnership</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Thematic Call on LT-LEDS and NDC Alignment, Update, and Enhancement • NDC 3.0 Navigator (brief demo)
20'	<i>Discussion on regional priorities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caribbean country engagement on NDC 3.0 • Key issues on NDC preparation and implementation in Caribbean (possible solutions)
5'	<i>Closing remarks and way forward</i>

Presentation Summary

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

The UNDP provided updates on the roll-out of their Climate Promise 2025 and highlighted the UN system-wide coordination on the NDCs 3.0. Launched in 2019, the Climate Promise initiative has supported over 100 countries globally, including approximately nine Caribbean nations to revise and submit more ambitious NDCs. As with past phases of the Climate Promise, the services are organized around three pillars: Ambition, Acceleration and Inclusivity. Climate Promise 2025 emphasizes the ambition pillar which includes assessing the progress of NDCs, building political will and societal

ownership, evaluating cost and investment opportunities among other activities. Presently, a NDC stocktake is being undertaken with seven Caribbean countries to inform the rollout of support to these countries, namely: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, St. Lucia, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

The UN coordination on the NDCs 3.0 is in response to a call from the UN Secretary General for a UN system-wide approach to supporting countries on the submission of NDCs 3.0. This UN coordinated offer seeks to develop a common framework for support delivery on NDC, coherent advocacy and outreach on climate ambition, and ensure availability of consistent analysis, tools and guidance. It also includes a systematic and coordinated roll out of support to countries, all of which is being coordinated by the UNDP.

This process is being supported by the UN Resident Coordinator Offices around the region through the convening of UN Country Team meetings to coordinate the support of the rollout of the offer. The second step is the UN agency mapping to inform what each agency can or will offer as it relates to the NDC revision and/or enhancement process. UNDP will then consolidate the offer and inform the countries of the offers. The countries will be encouraged to engage directly with the relevant UN agencies.

NDC Partnership (NDCP)

The NDCP provided updates on the Global Call on NDCs 3.0 and LT-LEDS and introduced the NDC 3.0 Navigator – a key tool developed in response to the outcomes of the Global Stocktake. The Global Call on NDCs 3.0 was designed to provide resources and expertise to countries for updating and enhancing their NDCs. This initiative emphasizes a holistic approach that is tailored to the specific needs of each country, ensuring that NDCs are updated and enhanced in accordance with the Paris Agreement. The Global Call, which runs from 2023 until the third quarter of 2025, has already seen 65 countries requesting support, including 16 from Latin America and the Caribbean.

The NDC 3.0 Navigator was also introduced and presented as an interactive tool designed to assist governments and supporting organizations in the development and enhancement of their NDCs by 2025. The Navigator was created to address the findings from the Global Stocktake and offers a range of functionalities to guide users through the NDC process. The tool is intended to be dynamic and participatory, with continuous improvements based on user feedback, ensuring it remains relevant and effective in supporting the NDC enhancement process.

The NDCP representative then gave a demo of the tool with the participation of a volunteer from one of the organizations attending. Through the demo, the participants were introduced to the various routes and opportunities that are built into the platform allowing countries to identify needs, gaps, and opportunities for improvement, allowing for a tailored approach to each country's unique context. The overall purpose is to allow countries to access the best roadmap to developing their NDCs. The organizations were encouraged to navigate the tool and to provide feedback and assist in identifying how it could be improved.

Key Takeaways

During the discussion sessions, the development and implementing organizations identified the following as key points:

- coordination of efforts among development and implementing partners supporting Caribbean countries in this new round of NDCs is essential to mainstream support to countries and avoid duplication
- a whole-of-government approach is needed for setting and achieving NDC targets from the technical levels involved in the data, analysis and report writing to the decisions makers who influence policies and political commitments
- countries can leverage existing projects and integrate national policy instruments aligned with NDC objectives such as BTRs, NAPS, NBSAPS, etc. into the NDC 3.0 preparation process to ensure a holistic and coordinated approach to climate actions
- countries can mobilize and empower their local and national stakeholders in the NDC preparation and implementation process and learn from lessons and achievements of other countries in the region
- organizations in the meeting identified specific roles that they can take in the coordination and roll out of support to Caribbean countries for the NDC 3.0 process (list provided in Annex 1: question 1)
- the organizations attending the meeting identified capacity building and financing as the top priority areas in the regional coordination of the NDC 3.0 preparation process in the Caribbean
- the importance of aligning NDCs 3.0 with long-term climate goals was emphasized and the organizations identified the factors that should be considered (list provided in Annex 1: question 3)

For the complete Mentimeter responses to the questions from the discussion sessions kindly see Annex 1.

Way Forward

- The partners are encouraged to contribute information to the partners support matrix on the specific type of support available to countries, pre-requisites to access the support and availability of funding.
- The partners are encouraged to navigate the NDC 3.0 Navigator (<https://ndcnavigator.org/>) and to actively contribute feedback to enhance its functionality.
- The RCC Caribbean, NDC Partnership and UNDP to continue engaging with a growing network of development and implementing partners to foster increased cooperation and coordination of support to countries in the development of ambitious and implementable NDCs by 2025.
- The Regional Partners Stocktaking Meeting will be convened quarterly and serve as a platform for sharing information on support available to countries, to assess Caribbean countries NDC 3.0 status and to strategize on how best to create awareness around the support available to the region.

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