

# Regional webinars: Support ecosystem for next round of NDCs

Organized by the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centres

# **Summary report**

Further information on each webinar available here:

MENA, Thursday, 21 March
Latin America, Monday
Pacific, Tuesday 26 March
Sub-Saharan Africa, Tuesday
Asia, Wednesday, 27 March
Caribbean, Wednesday, 27 March

#### **Background**

The first Global Stocktake, concluded at COP 28 last year in Dubai, outlined that despite overall progress on mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation and support, Parties are not yet on track towards the collective achievement of the Paris Agreement objectives, including its long-term temperature goal, reaching the necessary levels of resilience, and mobilizing and aligning the necessary financial flows. In this context, the GST decision encouraged Parties to come forward with ambitious, economy-wide emission reduction targets, covering all greenhouse gases, sectors and categories and aligned with the 1.5°C limit in their next round of NDCs.<sup>1</sup>

The latest science from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) indicates that greenhouse gas emissions need to be reduced by 60% by 2035, compared to 2019 levels and that adaptation and mitigation must be pursued with equal force and urgency to advance sustainable development for all.<sup>2</sup> The Paris Agreement requires all countries to prepare and communicate to the UNFCCC new NDCs every five years (2020, 2025, 2030...). The new round of NDCs, to be submitted by early 2025, and are to be informed by the outcome of the first GST. The next generation of nationally determined contributions (NDCs), or NDCs 3.0, are an opportunity to set the world on track for achieving the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

The GST invited organizations in a position to do so and the secretariat, including through its Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs), to provide capacity-building support for the preparation and communication of the next NDCs<sup>3</sup>. The regional webinars were delivered as a follow-up to the NDC inter-agency workshop which was convened by the Executive Secretary on 4-5 March 2024 in Bonn.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Decision 1/CMA. 5 para 39.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> IPCC Working Group III report, Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of climate change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Decision 1/CMA.5 para 189.



### **Objective**

In the month of March 2024, the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centres delivered six regional webinars to share information on the support ecosystem for the next round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The regional webinars provided details to countries on the variety of support available for preparation of their next round of NDCs. In the webinars, the RCCs brought together various development and support organizations operating globally and regionally to offer information on the support available and on offer for Parties to develop 2025 NDCs.

#### **Webinars Agenda**

The agenda below was followed across all the six webinars.

Time	Session
5'	Introduction to the Webinar
5'	Welcome and Opening Urgency of NDCs 3.0 From Global to Regional: RCCs Outlook on NDC Capacity-Building
5'	CMA Decisions and GST outcomes  This session provided an overview of the latest CMA decisions and GST outcomes relevant to the development of the next round of NDCs
10'	Country Experiences: NDC Development and Implementation Identified countries shared their experiences on key lessons learned during their NDC preparation and implementation and highlight priority areas where they require support in development of 2025 NDCs Questions:  • What are the key lessons from the last round of NDCs which will inform the next round of NDCs?  • What are the key areas and priorities where capacity-building can enhance the next round of NDCs?
60,	Support Available for NDCs Presentations (5 minutes each) by development partners on the support available for the 2025 NDCs. These presentations will cover:
5'	Closing Remarks

#### **Key take-aways**

- Countries identified and presented various areas where support is required in the for the preparation and implementation of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and climate action plans in various areas. Some common areas that countries highlighted, included:
  - o Capacity-building for NDC preparation and implementation.



- Strengthening the scientific basis of NDCs, such as greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, baselines, and modeling.
- Improving data collection for monitoring and reporting.
- Enhancing Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) systems.
- Accessing finance and technology for climate action.
- Creating investment plans and project pipelines.
- The RCCs convened a large group of development and implementing organizations from the regions to share the support they provide and plan to provide towards the development of instructive, informative, and implementable NDCs 3.0.
- Development and implementing organizations emphasized the importance of NDCs being ambitious, country-owned, aligned with national development priorities, circumstances, and sustainable development pathways, driving transformational implementation both on mitigation and adaptation, through unlocking finance, while ensuring no one is left behind, be based on high-quality data, and employ all of government and all of society approaches.
- Further, development and implementing organizations, then shared information on their support offers to countries. Further details are available in Annex X.
- They also indicated their readiness to support countries to develop new NDCs.

#### Way forward

- The RCCs will continue to engage with countries and development partners to foster increased cooperation and coordination in the development of ambitious and implementable NDCs by 2025.
- Additional follow-up webinars will be organized for the regions to support the
  countries in their NDC preparation and implementation efforts. These webinars will
  serve as platforms for sharing further information, supporting capacity-building, and
  providing opportunities for countries to learn from each other on specific focus areas
  of regional interest in NDC preparation and implementation.
- Please reach out to rcc-coordination@unfccc.int for further information.

#### Support available for NDC 3.0

Partner	Areas of support for NDC 3.0	Useful links
Agence Française de Développement (AFD)	<ul><li>Knowledge generation</li><li>MRV systems</li><li>Resilient investments</li></ul>	Sub saharan Africa presentation
Asia Development Bank	Technical assistance     Knowledge generation     Financial mobilization	Pacific presentation Asia Presentation
Caribbean Community Climate Change (CCCC)	<ul> <li>Technical assistance</li> <li>Capacity building</li> <li>Knowledge generation (access to climate data)</li> </ul>	Caribbean presentation
Caribbean Cooperative Measurement Reporting & Verification (MRV) Hub	Technical assistance     Capacity building	
Climate Analytics	Technical assistance     Capacity building	Caribbean presentation
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH	NDC Enhancement and LT-LEDs Development     NDC/LT-LEDS alignment     Capacity building     Leveraging climate finance	MENA presentation LatAm presentation Pacific presentation Sub Saharan Africa presentation Asia Presentation Caribbean presentation SPA project



Environment Affairs Officer Environment and Development Division (ESCAP)	<ul> <li>Intergovernmental support</li> <li>Technical assistance</li> <li>Capacity building Knowledge generation</li> </ul>	Pacific presentation Asia Presentation
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	Technical assistance	MENA presentation
Global Environment Facility (GEF)	Technical assistance     Capacity building	LatAm presentation Sub Saharan Africa presentation Caribbean presentation
Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)	<ul><li>Technical assistance</li><li>Knowledge generation</li><li>Financial support &amp; mobilization</li></ul>	Pacific presentation Caribbean presentation
Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT)	<ul> <li>NDC tracking Framework</li> <li>Policies and measures impact assessment</li> <li>Projections of GHG emissions and removals</li> </ul>	Caribbean presentation
International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)	Technical analysis     Capacity building	Asia Presentation
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	<ul> <li>Country level collaboration</li> <li>Measuring results and outcomes</li> <li>Long-Term Strategies (LTS)</li> <li>Attracting private capital at scale</li> <li>Adaptation and disaster risk</li> <li>Frameworks on nature, water, health and gender</li> </ul>	MENA presentation
NDC Partnership	<ul> <li>Preparatory support</li> <li>Development, update, and ambition enhancement</li> <li>Promoting long-term transformation and action</li> </ul>	MENA presentation Pacific presentation LatAm presentation Sub Saharan Africa presentation Asia Presentation Caribbean presentation NDC enhancement
UN Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (UNESWA)	Technical assistance     Capacity building     Financial mobilization	MENA presentation
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Technical assistance     Capacity building	MENA presentation
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	<ul> <li>NDC Stocktake</li> <li>Coordination and buy-in</li> <li>Target setting and policy alignment</li> <li>Costing and Means of Implementation</li> </ul>	MENA presentation LatAm presentation Pacific presentation Sub Saharan Africa presentation Asia Presentation Caribbean presentation
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	<ul> <li>Baseline analytical tools and data</li> <li>Climate action sectoral assessment</li> <li>Consultations, engagement, consensus building</li> <li>Support national and international goals and targets</li> <li>Preparation for NDC implementation:</li> </ul>	MENA presentation LatAm presentation Pacific presentation Sub Saharan Africa presentation Asia Presentation Caribbean presentation
La Communauté du Pacifique (SPC)	<ul> <li>NDC Update and enhancement</li> <li>NDC MRV</li> <li>NDC investment planning and project pipelines</li> <li>Capacity building and communications support.</li> </ul>	Pacific presentation
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	<ul> <li>Review of NDCs</li> <li>Develop new NDCs</li> <li>Develop NDC Implementation Roadmaps</li> <li>Project Pipelines</li> <li>MRV</li> <li>Technical Assistance &amp; Training</li> </ul>	Pacific presentation

## **Participants**

The webinars were well attended, with representatives from various countries and organizations participating. Notably, 130 countries were represented, including individuals from UNFCCC national focal points, NDC focal points, country experts, and the UN Resident Coordinators Office as per distribution below:

Regional webinar	Number of participants, including presenters and organizers	Number of countries that shared experiences	Number of organization that presented / shared information	Speakers from UN RC system	Attendees from UN RC system
<u>Asia</u>	127	2	7	1	5
<u>Caribbean</u>	71	1	10		
Sub Saharan Africa	237	1	9		4
Latin America	116	2	5		
MENA	92	2	8	1	1
<u>Pacific</u>	71	2	8		1