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Regional Dialogue on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) for Africa

26-28 September 2017
Rabat, Morocco

AGENDA

CONCEPT AND OBJECTIVES

This **Regional Dialogue on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) for Africa** is supported by a number of donors and is co-organized by the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat, and the Government of Morocco in collaboration with GIZ and the NDC Partnership. The Dialogue will convene government representatives from across Africa as well as international organizations/experts involved in NDC processes and implementation.

The Dialogue will support countries in the process of moving toward implementation of their NDCs submitted in the context of the Paris Agreement on climate change. This is the 4th such regional dialogue in Africa and it aims to meet the following objectives:

- Update on the planning status of NDC implementation, share experiences, best practices, and opportunities and associated challenges in the region.
- Clarify capacity building gaps and needs on NDC implementation with a focus on Africa and provide recommendations on support priorities to address such gaps.
- Discuss NDC implementation at the local authority level, considering policies and actions, and incentives.
- Address climate finance needs for NDC implementation and strengthen the role of the private sector in the implementation of NDCs.
- Discuss entry points to integrate gender equality and women's empowerment into NDC implementation and planning

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Registration |
| Session 1 | Opening and Dialogue Objectives |
| 9:00 – 9:30 (Session 1a) <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Mohamed Nbou, Morocco | <p>Welcome Remarks (3 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Nezha El Ouafi, Secretary of State to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development, Morocco - Ms. Mounia Boucetta, Secretary of State to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Morocco - Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi, UCLG Africa - Ms. Arlette Soudan-Nonault, Minister of Tourism and Environment, Congo <p>Opening Remarks (5 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. William Agyemang-Bonsu, UNFCCC Secretariat - Mr. Stephen Gold, UNDP - Mr. Markus Woelke, German Embassy to Morocco <p>Dialogue Objectives; Setting the Scene for Discussions (5 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Yamil Bonduki, UNDP <p>Signing Ceremony of Partnership Agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Centre de Compétences Changement Climatique (4C) and United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa) |
| Session 2 | <p>Putting NDC Implementation in Context</p> <p>The discussion will highlight key provisions of the Paris Agreement relating to (I)NDCs, as well as relevant outcomes of COP-22 in Marrakech and planning for the 2018 Facilitative Dialogue. An overview of submitted INDCs and initial NDCs will be presented, including trends from the African continent in order to provide context for dialogue discussions.</p> |
| 9:30 – 10:30 (Session 2a) <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Stephen Gold, UNDP | <p>Key Considerations for NDC Implementation will be elaborated, Drawing on Lessons from recent NDC dialogues and the evolving NDC Implementation Document.</p> <p>The Climate Negotiations & NDCs (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Bernd Hackmann, UNFCCC Secretariat <p>NDC Implementation in Africa (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Aliou Dia, UNDP <p>Plenary Discussion and Q&A</p> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee Break |
| 11:00 – 12:30 (Session 2b) <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Pablo Vieira, NDC- Partnership | <p>Country Experiences in Preparing for NDC Implementation (15 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Mohamed Zmerli, Tunisia - Mr. Moses Ssonko, Uganda - Mr. Antwi-Boasiako Amoah, Ghana <p>Core Elements of new NDC Implementation Document Tool for Policymakers (developed by UNDP, UNEP, DTU, WRI, UNFCCC) (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. James Vener, UNDP |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| Session 3 | <p>Country Priorities for Implementing NDCs and Identification of the Capacity Building needs for NDC Implementation</p> <p>This session will include a panel discussion and break-out working groups to conduct substantive discussions on the capacity building gaps, needs, and priorities experienced by African countries in NDC implementation. The sharing of experiences and technical advice will help lead to a road map on NDC capacity building for Africa, and the outputs</p> |

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| | will be used to provide inputs to the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB) moving forward. |
| 13:30 – 15:00 (Session 3a) <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Mohamed Boussaid, GIZ 4C Morocco | <p>Panel Discussion on Priorities for NDC Implementation and Capacity Building Support at the Country Level (8 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Demeke Tsehay Dibekullu, Ethiopia - Mr. Mkhuthazi Steleki, South Africa - Mr. Steffen Menzel, GIZ - Mr. Bouzekri Razi, Morocco <p>Introduction to afternoon Break-out Working Groups</p> |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | Coffee Break |
| 15:30 - 17:00 (Session 3b) <u>Climate action Assessment Session Chair:</u> Ms. Alexandra Soezer, UNDP | <p>Break-out Working Groups: Groups will discuss on what is required to bridge the gap from planning to implementation activities on the ground:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliberate and identify the main considerations that need to be resolved to proceed from NDC planning to implementation. - What are 3 main areas where capacity building support is required? - What are the challenges you envision in institutionalizing capacity building for NDC implementation? - What could your institution do to overcome these challenges? <p>Climate Action Assessment Two tools for policy-makers are presented to improve transparency and comparability between alternative mitigation actions to implement NDCs:</p> <p>World Bank Group Mitigation Action Assessment Protocol (MAAP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Miguel Rescalvo, World Bank <p>UNDP Climate Action Impact Tool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Alexandra Soezer, UNDP |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | Report back to Plenary and Discussion |
| 18:00 – 20:00 | Social Event |

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| Session 4 | <p>NDC Implementation and the Role of Local Authorities</p> <p>Successful implementation of nationally appropriate climate actions requires establishing mechanisms whereby the interests, concerns, and priorities of local authorities are appropriately reflected. This includes dedicating efforts to improved coordination and communication across levels of government and non-governmental agencies, promoting local authority values and building on their capacities, and emphasizing broader networks and partnerships.</p> |
| 9:00 – 10:30 (Session 4a) <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi, UCLG Africa | <p>Effective NDC Implementation by Engaging Local and Regional Authorities</p> <p>This session will benefit from participation of United Cities and Local Governments and representatives from local government authorities, and address: Enhancing decentralized cooperation; Strengthening partnerships through strong networks and platforms of multiple actors; Fostering exchange and knowledge; and Utilization of local finances for regional climate programmes.</p> <p>Country Examples of Climate Change Action at the Local and Regional Level (10 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Naguib Amin, Cleaner Energy Saving Mediterranean Cities |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Mohamed Sefiani, Morocco - Mr. Mohamed Aydi, Tunisia <p>Introduction to Break-out Working Groups</p> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee Break |
| 11:00 – 12:30 (Session 4b) | <p>Break-out Working Groups: Groups will discuss what is required to engage local and regional actors effectively and how their engagement can advance NDC implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can decentralized cooperation strengthen political and institutional processes for NDC implementation? • What should be the role of regional and local authorities to support the adoption of actions identified in the NDC? • What kind of local & regional planning processes (environmental, social, sectoral) should NDC implementation consider to ensure local ownership and lasting results? • As a local government representative, what is the key message you have to encourage local participation in NDC implementation? |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Report back to plenary and discussion |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch |
| Session 5 | <p>Integrating Gender Equality into NDCs</p> <p>This session presents a set of tools and approaches to integrate gender in NDCs and climate policy, including climate finance, at the national level. Presenters from the Government of Kenya, UNDP, IUCN, Government of Morocco, and GCF will present an overview of approaches and selected good practices. Presentations will focus as much as possible on the African context and provide concrete examples on how to integrate gender dimensions into NDC planning and implementation processes.</p> |
| 14:00 – 15:30 (Session 5a) | <p>Discussion regarding Strengthening the Capacity to Integrate Gender Equality into NDC Implementation and Planning (10 min each)</p> <p>Overview of Gender Equality in the Convention and in National Climate Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Paul Kihugu Kuria, Kenya <p>Gender Equality in National Climate Action: Leverage Points and Building Blocks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Verania Chao, UNDP <p>Climate Change Gender Action Plans (CCgaps) Planning Tool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Itza Castaneda, IUCN (via Skype) <p>Gender and Climate Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Stephanie Capdeville, Green Climate Fund |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee Break |
| 16:00 – 17:00 (Session 5b) | <p>Entry Points for Gender Equality in NDC Planning and Implementation (10 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Nadia Benali, Morocco - Ms. Sabia Aku Kpekata, Ghana - Mr. Paul Kihugu Kuria, Kenya |
| 17:00 | End of Day 2 |

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| Session 6 | <p>Strategies for Financing NDCs</p> <p>NDC implementation will require the development of funding strategies that consider opportunities for mobilizing resources from national budgets and planned investments, private sector investment, and international sources (as needed for conditional NDC components). This session will provide participants with an opportunity to present progress in developing NDC resource mobilization strategies, as well as to learn about relevant NDC implementation support initiatives. Since private sector actors are among the biggest emitters of greenhouse gases, they make up large parts of key sectors for resilience and adaptation, and private finance will be essential for funding climate action in the context of NDCs, the dialogue will focus on practical entry points for engagement and strategies for effective private sector involvement in NDC implementation.</p> |
| <p>9:00 – 10:30 (Session 6a)</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Daniel Rossetto, Climate Mundial</p> | <p>Panel Discussion on Financing Aspects of NDC Implementation, including Facilitating Private Sector Engagement, Public-Private Partnerships, the current state of Financial Flows that can support NDCs, and Incorporating/Mainstreaming NDC Implementation into National Budgets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Moubarak Moukaila, West African Development Bank (BOAD) - Mr. Lassina Coulibaly, Mali - Mr. Pablo Vieira, NDC Partnership - Mr. Agré Mathieu Richemond Assie, Côte d’Ivoire - Mr. Michael Gajo, GIZ Morocco |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee Break |
| <p>11:00 - 12:00 (Session 6b)</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Miguel Rescalvo, World Bank</p> | <p>The Role of the Public Sector to Strengthen Institutional Systems and Encourage Private Sector Engagement, including Policy and Financial Incentives and Risk Mitigation (10 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Joseph Akinkugbe Adelegan, University of Venda, South Africa - Mr. Siphos Billiat, Malawi - Mr. Matthieu Ballu, European Commission |
| <p>12:00 - 13:00 (Session 6c)</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Alexandra Soezer, UNDP</p> | <p>How to Engage Private Sector to Channel Finance towards Climate Actions (Scaling up Investment and Participation by Impact Investors, a Role for Carbon Markets and Carbon Pricing, and De-risking Instruments) (10 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Daniel Rossetto, Climate Mundial - Mr. Manuel Cocco, South Pole Group - Ms. Irene Maffini, Trine - Ms. Courtney Blodgett, Independent Consultant |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch |
| <p>14:00 - 15:00 (Session 6d)</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. William Agyemang-Bonsu, UNFCCC</p> | <p>International Support Opportunities for NDC Implementation (10 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Stephanie Capdeville, Green Climate Fund - Mr. Aliou Dia, UNDP - Ms. Davinah Milenge-Uwella, African Development Bank (AfDB) - Ms. Meryem Andaloussi, Agence pour le Développement Agricole |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Coffee Break |
| Session 7 | <p>NDC Progress Reporting & Tracking</p> <p>Effective monitoring systems will be central to tracking progress toward countries’ goals, as well as reporting on NDC progress as part of the Paris Agreement’s enhanced transparency framework. Countries intend to build on existing national monitoring systems where possible and seek out efficient mechanisms for linking to existing</p> |

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| | reporting efforts, such as those for the National Communications and Biennial Update Reports. Countries will present their plans for establishing/strengthening monitoring systems in the context of NDCs, opportunities for linking with other mechanisms, and capacity development needs. |
| 15:30-17:00 (Session 7a) <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Bernd Hackmann, UNFCCC | MRV and Transparency Implications of Article 13 and of the Transparency Framework (10 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Neelam Singh, World Resources Institute (WRI) Country Experiences in Instituting MRV Systems (10 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Steven Nyirenda, Zambia - Mr. Jules Maxime Nguemadji Moussa, Cameroon |
| 17:00-17:15 | Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Mohamed Nbou, Morocco - Mr. William Agyemang-Bonsu, UNFCCC Secretariat - Ms. Ayshanie Labe Medagangoda, UNDP - Mr. Yamil Bonduki, UNDP |
| 17:15 | Adjourn & Coffee/Tea |