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Regional Dialogue on Nationally Determined Contributions for Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia

21-23 May 2018
Tbilisi, Georgia

Location: Holiday Inn Tbilisi
1, 26 May Square
Tbilisi 0171

AGENDA

CONCEPT AND OBJECTIVES

This **Regional Dialogue on Nationally Determined Contributions for Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia** is co-organized by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat. It is hosted by the Government of Georgia and supported by the European Union and the Governments of Germany, Japan, and Norway. The Dialogue will convene government representatives from Eastern Europe, the Caucasus region, and Central Asia (including from ministries of environment, planning, finance, and energy), as well as representatives of international organizations and other institutions involved in NDC implementation.

The Dialogue will seek to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Exchange national experiences and views related to NDC implementation planning, including linkages to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) and other planning processes, as well as opportunities to advance gender equality;
2. Identify opportunities for translating NDCs into concrete actions (in particular in the energy sector) to contribute to NDC goals;
3. Discuss finance considerations, including private-sector engagement, in the context of NDC implementation; and
4. Discuss future steps on NDCs in the context of the Talanoa Dialogue, raising ambition, and long-term development strategies.

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DAY 1 – 21 May	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
Session 1:	Opening & Dialogue Objectives
9:00 – 10:00 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Armen Grigoryan, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub	<p>Welcome (5 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Nino Tandilashvili, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia <p>Opening Remarks (5 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Donald Cooper, Director, UNFCCC Secretariat - Mr. Niels Scott, UN Resident Coordinator, Georgia <p>Round of Introductions</p> <p>Dialogue Objectives; Setting the Scene for Discussions (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Michael Comstock, UNDP
Session 2:	<p>The NDC Process & NDCs from the Region</p> <p><i>In this session, the UNFCCC Secretariat will highlight key NDC-related outcomes of recent climate negotiations, including COP-23, and provide an overview of the NDC process up to 2020. UNDP will provide an overview of NDCs from the region in order to provide context for dialogue discussions.</i></p>
10:00 – 11:15 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Armen Grigoryan, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub	<p>Recent Climate Negotiations and the NDC Process up to 2020 (25 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Bernd Hackmann, UNFCCC Secretariat <p>Overview of NDCs from the Region (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Natasha Olofinskaya, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub <p>Plenary Discussion</p>
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee/Tea Break
Session 3:	<p>Country Progress on NDC Implementation</p> <p><i>This session will open dialogue discussions on NDC implementation in the region, including a presentation by the NDC Partnership on NDC implementation planning. Country representatives will share national experiences related to NDC implementation, including updates on recent progress, capacity needs being identified, and plans between now and 2020.</i></p>
11:45 – 13:30 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Bernd Hackmann, UNFCCC Secretariat	<p>NDC Implementation Planning (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Lee Cando, NDC Partnership <p>Progress on NDC Implementation in the Region (15 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Lyudmila Shardakova, Uzbekistan - Mr. Ion Comendant, Republic of Moldova <p>Plenary Discussion</p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
Session 4:	<p>Synergies between NDCs & SDGs; Integration into National Planning</p> <p><i>UNDP will provide an introductory presentation on synergies between NDCs and the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the national level. NewClimate Institute will present an IKI NDC Support Cluster tool being developed to support countries in linking NDCs and SDGs. Countries will then share their national experiences in integrating NDC implementation and SDGs into national planning processes.</i></p>

14:30 – 16:15 <u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Maia Tskhvaradze, Georgia	Synergies between NDCs and SDGs (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Michael Comstock, UNDP SCAN Tool for Linking Climate Action and the SDGs (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Sofia Gonzales, NewClimate Institute Integrating NDCs and SDGs into National Development Planning (15 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Tea Avazashvili, Georgia - Ms. Asya Muradyan, Armenia Plenary Discussion		
16:15 – 16:45	Coffee/Tea Break		
Session 5:	Breakout Session: Integrating NDCs into National Planning Processes to Support NDC Implementation <i>This session will allow participants to discuss in more detail, and within smaller groups, opportunities for incorporating NDC planning into other national processes. These discussions will be in the context of facilitating national NDC implementation and achieving NDC goals as they relate to development goals, sectoral priorities, and adaptation efforts.</i>		
16:45 – 18:00	Room A: NDCs and Sustainable Development Planning <u>Chair:</u> Mr. Rovshen Nurmuhamedov, UNDP Turkmenistan <u>Speaker (10 min):</u> Mr. Mergen Kepbanov, Turkmenistan	Room B: NDCs and Sectoral Plans <u>Chair:</u> Mr. Kakhaber Mdivani, Georgia <u>Speaker (10 min):</u> Ms. Nurengiz Farajullayeva, Azerbaijan	Room C: NDCs and National Adaptation Plans <u>Chair:</u> Ms. Ana Bucher, World Bank <u>Speaker (10 min):</u> Mr. Gjergji Simaku, Albania
18:00	End of Day 1		
18:15	Welcome Reception		

DAY 2 – 22 May	
Session 1:	Report Back from Previous Breakout Session
9:00 – 9:30 <u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Alana Craigen, UNDP	Recaps of Each Breakout Group Discussion (5 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rapporteurs from each breakout group
Session 2:	NDC Actions in the Energy Sector <i>This session will discuss translating NDC goals into action, focusing specifically on the energy sector as a key sector for many of the countries in the region. We will hear from energy experts from participating countries who will share their perspectives on opportunities for energy-sector NDC actions, as well as national experiences and capacity needs identified in the context of NDC implementation.</i>
9:30 – 11:00 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Cyril Loisel, European Commission	NDC-Related Plans and Experiences in the Energy Sector (15 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ozren Laganin, Bosnia and Herzegovina - Ms. Nazik Margaryan, Armenia - Mr. Ular Niiazaliev, Kyrgyz Republic Plenary Discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break

Session 3:	<p>Financing & Private Sector Engagement for NDC Implementation</p> <p><i>This session will include a discussion among country and non-country panelists on NDC financing for NDC implementation from a variety of sources. The discussion will also address opportunities for engaging the private sector in NDC implementation planning as a key investor in and implementer of actions that can help countries achieve their NDC goals. The focus will be on NDCs as an investment opportunity, the role of the private sector, and the role of governments in creating enabling environments for investment.</i></p>
<p>11:30 – 13:00</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Jo Scheuer, UNDP</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: NDC Financing Needs/Strategies and Engaging the Private Sector (8-10 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Frédéric Wils, GIZ - Ms. Ana Bucher, World Bank - Mr. Cyril Loisel, European Commission - Ms. Lyazzat Bishenova, Kazakhstan - Mr. Gela Suli, Creative Business Cup Georgia - Mr. Max Von Rossem, Blue Orchard (TBC) <p>Plenary Discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
Session 4:	<p>Financing & Private-Sector Engagement for NDC Implementation (cont'd)</p> <p><i>This session will continue the previous discussion on NDC implementation financing and private-sector engagement through a group exercise. Participants will discuss in smaller groups key considerations for developing strategies to fulfill financing needs, as well as entry points for engaging the private sector in NDC implementation.</i></p>
<p>14:00 – 15:30</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Jo Scheuer, UNDP</p>	<p>Group Exercise: Financing and Private-Sector Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group work in plenary based on prepared discussion questions
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
Session 5:	<p>Gender Integration in NDC Implementation</p> <p><i>This session will explore and assess entry points for integrating gender equality and women's empowerment into national climate change planning and policy, and for harmonizing gender and climate change actions across ministries and sectors. Country representatives will share opportunities, challenges, and lessons learned on gender-responsive climate actions to meet NDC targets and advance gender equality. The session will allow participants to learn from these experiences and engage on practical tools and approaches for integrating gender into climate action and policy.</i></p>
<p>16:00 – 18:00</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Natasha Olofinskaya, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub</p>	<p>Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in NDC Implementation (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Natasha Olofinskaya, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub <p>Panel Discussion: Linking and Ensuring Complementarity of Gender-Responsive Climate Change Policies and Actions to Achieve NDCs (8-10 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Anna Samwel, Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF) - Ms. Danijela Racic, Montenegro - Ms. Ljubica Teofilovska, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - Mr. Nasimjon Rajabov, Tajikistan <p>Plenary Discussion</p>
18:00	End of Day 2

DAY 3 – 23 May	
Session 1:	<p>The Talanoa Facilitative Dialogue and Long-Term, Low-Emission Development Strategies</p> <p><i>This session will look beyond current NDCs toward the next rounds of contributions. It will discuss the role of the Talanoa Facilitative Dialogue in taking stock of collective progress on NDCs to inform future rounds. It will also look at long-term, low-emission development strategies, which the Paris Agreement invites countries to prepare by 2020 and which can serve as a long-term national vision or framework toward 2050. Both of these topics will be discussed in the context of opportunities for enhancing the ambition of future NDCs to achieve the Paris Agreement’s long-term goals.</i></p>
9:00 – 10:45 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Michael Comstock, UNDP	<p>The Talanoa Facilitative Dialogue and Long-Term, Low-Emission Development Strategies (25 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Bernd Hackmann, UNFCCC Secretariat <p>Group Exercise: Talanoa and Long-Term Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group work in plenary based on prepared discussion questions
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee/Tea Break
Session 2:	<p>The Way Forward on NDCs</p> <p><i>This session will provide an opportunity to build on the previous session through an interactive panel discussion. Panelists will discuss the extent of implementation of NDCs currently and what is needed to enhance the ambition of future NDCs in line with the Paris goals and countries’ long-term strategies. They will also discuss opportunities for undertaking a whole-of-society approach to transform economies; sustainable mechanisms for planning and implementing future NDCs; avoiding lock-in of greenhouse gas emissions; and types of capacity support that may be needed.</i></p>
11:15 – 13:00 <u>Session Chairs:</u> Mr. Bernd Hackmann, UNFCCC Secretariat & Mr. Michael Comstock, UNDP	<p>Panel Discussion: The Way Forward on NDCs (8-10 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Grigol Lazriev, Georgia - Mr. Mykhailo Chyzhenko, Ukraine - Mr. Ozren Laganin, Bosnia and Herzegovina - Ms. Anna Yodchyk, Belarus - Mr. Juergen Keinhorst, Germany - Ms. Caroline Uriarte, LEDS Global Partnership <p>Plenary Discussion</p>
Session 3:	Conclusions & Next Steps
13:00 – 13:15	<p>Closing Remarks (5 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government of Georgia - Dialogue co-organizers
13:15	Adjourn & Lunch