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# REGIONAL NDC DIALOGUE FOR ASIA & ARAB STATES

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## AGENDA

### 1. Concept

The Regional Dialogue on *Nationally Determined Contributions for Asia & the Arab States* is co-organised by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the Secretariat of UN Climate Change (UNFCCC) and co-hosted by the Government of Thailand. It is made possible by financing from the European Union and the governments of Germany, Japan and Norway, and serves as a contribution to the NDC Partnership.

The Dialogue series was launched in 2014 to provide a forum for peer-to-peer exchange on the design of intended NDCs, before transitioning to address issues of NDC implementation.

### 2. Participants

Participants for this dialogue – the 18<sup>th</sup> in the series – have been invited from ministries of environment, energy, planning, finance, and gender/women in 33 countries in Asia and the Arab States, as well as development partners, the finance community, private sector, and other institutions involved in NDC implementation.

### 3. Purpose

Support and advance the Paris Agreement process by: providing an opportunity for countries to exchange experiences of transitioning from INDCs to NDCs, using NDCs as a driver for sustainable development and operationalising NDCs, with a particular focus on scaled-up investments in the energy sector.

### 4. Objectives

- Exchange emerging good practice and experiences on how countries are aligning NDC and SDG processes;
- Identify approaches for raising ambition and identify NDC implementation processes that support long-term development strategies, the adaptation-mitigation nexus and climate resilience;
- Identify priorities and action points to move NDC implementation forward;
- Improve understanding of financial tools, private sector incentives, and investment drivers for clean energy solutions;
- Identify solutions and practical approaches to address barriers to clean energy finance;
- Identify appetite for ongoing regional conversation and leadership to drive forward;



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- Introduce gender equality and women’s empowerment considerations and actions for NDC implementation and investments in the energy sector.

**2nd October 2018**

Time	Session title & description	Location
19:00-22:00	<b>Joint Welcome Reception</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome Remarks</b> by Dr. Raweewan Bhuridej, Secretary General of Office of Natural Resources and the Environmental Policy and Planning, Thailand</li> <li>• <b>Welcome by the organisers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Srilata Kammila, Regional Team Lead - Asia-Pacific, Global Environmental Finance, UNDP</li> <li>○ Bjoern Surborg, Principal Advisor and Climate Change Cluster Coordinator, GIZ</li> <li>○ Anne Hammill, Director, Resilience Program, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), NAP Global Network</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Getting to know each other and exchange between participants</b></li> <li>• <b>Dinner &amp; entertainment</b></li> </ul>	Glenn Bar

**3rd October 2018**

Time	Session title & description	Location
08:00-09:00	<b>Registration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants arrive and sign in</li> <li>• Coffee/Tea available</li> </ul>	Eternity Room
09:00-10:00	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome Remarks and Keynote Speech</b> by Phudhiphong Suraphruk, Deputy Secretary-General of the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand</li> <li>• <b>Welcome Remarks</b> by Lovita Ramguttee, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Thailand</li> <li>• <b>Purpose and objectives of the Dialogue</b></li> <li>• <b>Participant introductions &amp; expectation setting</b></li> </ul>	Eternity Room
10:00-11:15	<b>Where are we?</b> This session is aimed at giving an overview of the status of NDC implementation, trends and development challenges in the Asian and Arab regions and the diversity of contexts in both regions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In conversation with:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rohini Kohli, Lead Technical Specialist, UNDP (moderator)</li> <li>○ Fan Xing, Assistant Researcher, China National Center for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation, China</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Eternity Room

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ahmed Abu Thaher, Director General for Projects and International Relations, Environment Quality Authority, State of Palestine</li> <li>○ Tshering Dorji, Deputy Chief Environment Officer, National Environment Commission Secretariat, Bhutan</li> <li>○ Xuehong Wang, Team Leader, Transparency Framework and ICA Mitigation, Data and Analysis Programme, UNFCCC</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Participant discussion &amp; plenary feedback</b></li> </ul>	
11:15-11:45	<b>BREAK</b>	Open Kitchen
11:45-13:00	<p><b>Where do we want to go?</b></p> <p>This session is aimed at articulating development and energy goals and how they contribute to NDC operationalisation. In this session, we can discuss different approaches to operationalisation of NDCs, particularly in the energy sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation of a country case: Philippines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Walid Ali, Regional Climate Change Specialist in the Arab region, UNDP (moderator)</li> <li>○ Hershey Tapia Dela Cruz, Senior Science Research Specialist, Department of Energy</li> <li>○ Sandee Recabar, Planning Officer and Division Chief, Climate Change Commission</li> <li>○ Macario Torres Jusayan, Chief Gender and Development Specialist, Philippine Commission on Women</li> <li>○ Mary Jane Arellano Alvarez, Senior Economic Development Specialist, National Economic and Development Authority</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Small group discussion</b> on the country case presentation, identifying approaches for NDC operationalization.</li> <li>• <b>Plenary feedback</b></li> </ul>	Eternity Room
13:00-14:30	<b>LUNCH</b>	Cuisine Unplugged
14:30-16:30	<p><b>How do we get there? Routes to investing in clean or efficient energy solutions</b></p> <p>This session is aimed at exploring different energy technologies that will contribute to making the energy transition and vision happen. Participants will be able to choose one out of seven breakout groups where they will explore technology needs assessment, investment needs, enablers and barriers.</p> <p>Participants can choose from the following breakout groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Solar energy solutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kittisak Prukkanone, Director of Measure and Mechanism Development Section, Climate Change Management and Coordination Division, Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP), Thailand (session co-lead)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Eternity Room

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Husain Abdallah Mugaibel, Global Lead Energy Specialist, Islamic Development Bank (session co-lead)</li> <li>○ Shuaib Ali Abdullah Al-Zaghir, Director of Minister Office, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Yemen (country case contributor)</li> <li>• <b>Wind &amp; river hydro solutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bethany Speer, Researcher Iv-Decision Support Analysis, Markets &amp; Policy Analysis Group, NREL &amp; LEDS GP (session lead)</li> <li>○ Tegshjargal Bumtsend, GHG Inventory Specialist, Environment and Climate Fund, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Mongolia (country case example)</li> <li>○ Arshad Mahmood, Additional Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Pakistan (country case contributor)</li> <li>○ Deki Yangzom, Assistant Program Officer, National Commission for Women and Children, Bhutan (country case contributor)</li> <li>○ Chime Wangmo, Engineer, Department of Renewable Energy, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan (country case contributor)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Energy efficiency in buildings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Milou Beerepoot, Regional Energy &amp; CCM Specialist, UNDP (session lead)</li> <li>○ Tran Thuc, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam (country case example)</li> <li>○ Vahakn Kabakian, Climate Change Advisor and Project Manager, Ministry of Environment, Lebanon (country case contributor)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Energy efficiency industry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Manuel Soriano, Senior Technical Advisor, UNDP (session lead)</li> <li>○ Ahmad Rajabi, Director, Division for International Energy and Climate Change Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iran (country case contributor)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Theta (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)</p> <p>Sigma (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)</p> <p>Kappa (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)</p>
16:30-17:00	<b>BREAK</b>	
17:00-17:30	<b>Feedback from the Breakout Groups</b>	Eternity Room
17:30-18:00	<b>Close of Day &amp; Reflections</b>	Eternity Room

4th October 2018

Time	Session title & description	Location
09:00-10:00	<b>Welcome back &amp; Overview of Day 2</b>	Eternity Room
10:00-12:00	<b>Finance instruments for unlocking investment</b> This session is aimed at building a wider understanding of potential finance solutions, how they work in practice, why they	Eternity Room

	<p>are effective to unlock investments for climate actions and how they could work in a different country context. Participants will be able to choose three out of eight different financial instruments to explore in more detail.</p> <p>The instruments are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New sources of finance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Green bonds (including green sukuk)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Glenn Hodes, Climate Change Policy &amp; Finance Specialist, UNDP (table lead)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Impact investing                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jung-Hwan Kim, Regional Advisor for Asia Pacific, GCF (table co-lead)</li> <li>▪ Artak Melkonyan, Project Management Specialist, UN SDGs Impact Finance, UNDP (table co-lead)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Micro-finance and crowd-funding                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Steffen Bitterling, Advisor on Climate Finance, GIZ Pakistan (table co-lead)</li> <li>▪ Syed Mehdi Mustafa, Advisor – Financial Instruments Development, GIZ Pakistan (table co-lead)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Practical and applied instruments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Climate budget formulation &amp; tagging                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evelyne Batamuliza, Gender &amp; Climate Change Finance Regional Specialist, UNDP (table lead)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Investment assessments                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Susanne Olbrisch, Climate Policy Specialist – Financial Assessments, UNDP (table lead)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Instruments focusing on risks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ De-risking and insurance                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vahakn Kabakian, Climate Change Advisor and Project Manager, Ministry of Environment, Lebanon (table lead)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
12:00-13:30	<b>LUNCH</b>	Cuisine Unplugged
13:30-15:30	<p><b>Enabling environment for unlocking investments</b></p> <p>This session is aimed at exploring enabling factors in more detail and what needs to happen practically to incentivise investments. In breakout groups participants can share emerging practice of what works and identify thought starter questions which should be considered when aiming to strengthen the enabling environment for investments.</p> <p>Breakout sessions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy and regulations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bethany Speer, Researcher Iv-Decision Support Analysis, Markets &amp; Policy Analysis Group, NREL &amp; LEDS GP (session lead)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Access to finance</b></li> </ul>	Sigma 1 (6 <sup>th</sup> Floor)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Evelyne Batamuliza, Gender &amp; Climate Change Finance Regional Specialist, UNDP (session co-lead)</li> <li>○ Fleur Newman, Gender Affairs Officer &amp; Lead, Gender and Climate Change, UNFCCC (session co-lead)</li> <li>• <b>Technology transfer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jung-Hwan Kim, Regional Advisor for Asia Pacific, GCF (session lead)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Capacity development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rob Bradley, Knowledge and Research Director, NDC Partnership (session lead)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Sigma 2 (6 <sup>th</sup> Floor)  Theta (6 <sup>th</sup> Floor)  Kappa (6 <sup>th</sup> Floor)
15:30-16:00	<b>BREAK</b>	Open Kitchen
16:00-16:30	<b>Feedback from breakout groups &amp; table conversations</b>	Eternity Room
16:30-17:00	<b>Close of Day &amp; Reflections</b>	Eternity Room

5th October 2018

Time	Session title & description	Location
09:00-09:30	<b>Welcome back &amp; Overview of Day 3</b>	Eternity Room
09:30-10:15	<b>Integrated responses for scaled up climate action</b> This session is aimed at learning from real project examples how using an integrated approach can lead to scaled up climate action. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susanne Olbrisch, Climate Policy Specialist – Financial Assessments, UNDP (moderator)</li> <li>• Jorge Antunes, International Negotiations, DG CLIMA - European Commission</li> <li>• Ridwanur Rahman, Assistant Chief, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bangladesh</li> <li>• Fleur Newman, Gender Affairs Officer &amp; Lead, Gender and Climate Change, UNFCCC</li> <li>• Randa Yassir, Advisor to the Minister, Office of the Minister of State for Women Affairs, Lebanon</li> <li>• Arshad Ali Chaudhary, Chief and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform, Pakistan</li> </ul>	Eternity Room
10:15-10:45	<b>BREAK</b>	Open Kitchen
10:45-12:00	<b>Unlocking investments challenge buster</b> This session is aimed at providing participants with an opportunity to address a real and ongoing challenge they're currently facing around NDC implementation and unlocking investments.	Eternity Room
12:00-13:30	<b>LUNCH</b>	Cuisine Unplugged
13:30-14:30	<b>Looking ahead &amp; action planning</b> This session is aimed at capturing learnings and insights from the dialogue and identifying possible next steps for action.	Eternity Room



14:30-15:00	<b>Close of the Dialogue</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Closing Remarks</b> by Susanne Olbrisch, Climate Policy Specialist – Financial Assessments, UNDP</li></ul>	Eternity Room
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