Regional Dialogue on NDCs for Latin America and the Caribbean
19 – 20 August 2019

AGENDA

CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES
We have a rapidly shrinking window of time to accelerate action or we risk our planet into catastrophic consequences. According to the IPCC, to limit the global temperature rise below 1.5°C, global GHG emissions must peak in 2020, then fall quickly by half in 2030 and reach net-zero emissions by mid-century. Simultaneously, scaled up efforts to significantly increase adaptation and resilience of the most vulnerable must be in place now. To achieve this, we need to transform our economic and social development at an unprecedented scale and pace across all societies. It requires scaling up usage of a wide range of innovative technologies, massive shift in behavioral change and, importantly in investment patterns across all sectors at all levels.

Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement present an unprecedented opportunity to transform our development pathways at an unprecedented scale and pace across all societies. However, currently these NDCs do not effectively keep warming below 1.5°C nor sufficiently strengthen resilience to address impacts. Countries are now in the process of preparing second-round NDCs with increased coverage, clarity, and ambition – as well as long-term, low-GHG emission development strategies – ahead of the 2020 deadline.

The year 2019-2020 is a critical period and presents a window of opportunity that we cannot miss. Several significant events will take place during this period, which all aim to help re-energize countries’ efforts, raise ambition and make concrete commitments for climate action. Among these events are the UNDP/UNFCCC Regional NDC Dialogues which aim to provide a platform for countries and key partners to share knowledge and foster cooperation in support of NDC implementation and enhancement.

The Regional NDC Dialogue for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) is one of three in the UNDP/UNFCCC dialogue series that is taking place this year, as part of the Regional Climate Weeks, with the goal of increasing momentum for more ambitious and accelerated climate action. In doing so, the event also serves as a contribution to the UN Secretary-General’s Climate Action Summit taking place in September in New York and the COP-25 in December in Chile.

In this context, the LAC NDC Dialogue will seek to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Provide a platform for countries to discuss how to enhance their NDC considering the possibilities of greater coverage, clarity and ambition, and taking advantage of the lessons learned from NDC implementation progress to date;
2. Identify solutions to the specific political and technical challenges that countries face in implementing NDCs;
3. Provide a forum for peer-to-peer learning and exchange of national experiences, best practices and lessons learned to address challenges relating to NDC preparation and implementation as well as expectations for raising ambition;

4. Exchange experiences on financing strategies as well as innovative financial instruments to accelerate NDC implementation; and

5. Identify concrete opportunities that contribute to the achievement of NDC goals.

At times, this dialogue will consist of two separate parallel streams for the Latin American and Caribbean regions, in addition to joint plenary sessions. This will allow for a more tailored approach to the Dialogue, addressing specific needs for each region separately, while providing an opportunity to integrate both as the LAC region as a whole. The Latin American stream will be held in Spanish and the Caribbean stream in English. The joint plenary sessions will be held either in English or Spanish according to speaker preferences, including simultaneously translation. Participants are welcome to self-select which sessions they would prefer to attend based on their country context and/or language preference.

The dialogue also has a gender strategy, which entails taking a multi-pronged approach to ensuring gender equality and women’s empowerment is a salient and cross-cutting theme throughout the sessions of the dialogue. As such, “gender voices” who are actors integrating gender equality aspects within the NDC process, will participate in various sessions and breakout groups of the dialogue to offer a gender lens by asking questions, sharing examples, differing perspectives and reflections.
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**Setting the Scene**

**Session 1**

**Room: SDG 1**

**Opening & Dialogue Objectives**

**Welcome Remarks**
- Mr. Adriano Santhiago de Oliveira, Government of Brazil

**Opening Remarks**
- Mr. Haroldo de Oliveira Machado Filho, UNDP Brazil
- Mr. William Agyemang-Bonsu, UNFCCC Secretariat

**Dialogue Objectives, Setting the Scene & SG Climate Action Summit**
- Mr. Gianluca Merlo, UNDP Regional Hub Panama

**Session 2**

**Room: SDG 1**

**Outcomes of Negotiations and the Road to COP-25; NDCs in the Region**

In this session, the UNFCCC RCC Panama will highlight key NDC-related outcomes from the Bonn negotiations and link these outcomes to the preparation/update of NDCs in 2020. An overview of NDC implementation in the region will be presented to set the stage for subsequent dialogue sessions and examples of initiatives that leverage resources and expertise in supporting countries in implementing their NDCs will be showcased.

**Outcomes of Bonn Negotiations & the Road to COP-25**
- Mr. Carlos Ruiz-Garvia, UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre Panama

**Overview of NDC Implementation in the LAC Region**
- Ms. Pía Zevallos, Libélula

**Raising Ambition in LAC and Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP)**
- Mr. Pablo Vieira, NDC Partnership

**Plenary Discussion**

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**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break**

**Where Are We?**

**Session 3**

**Latin America: Room SDG 1 & Caribbean: Room SDG 2**

**Country Progress & Successes Related to NDC Implementation**

This session will underscore the progress that countries in the region have made in implementing NDCs, as well as the challenges experienced in aligning other relevant national agendas. Discussions will be held against the backdrop of 2020 and the preparation (or update) of countries’ next NDCs and will include themes such as gender considerations in NDC implementation.

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**Latin America**
- Mainstreaming NDC targets in national development plans, including gender considerations - Ms. Jenny Mager, Chile
- Mainstreaming NDCs in national development plans - Ms. Adriana Gutierrez, Colombia
- Mainstreaming health and resilience in NDC

**Caribbean**
- Mainstreaming NDC targets in national development plans - Dr. Lennox Alexander Gladden, Belize
- Progress on mainstreaming gender into climate change action - Ms. Sharon Coburn Robinson, Jamaica
- Integrating NAPs in NDCs - Ms. Annette Rattigan-Leo, Saint Lucia
- Linking disaster risk reduction strategies with NDCs - Ms. Odalys Caridad Goicochea Cardoso, Cuba
- Tracking NDC progress - Ms. Jeniffer Hanna Collado, Dominican Republic
### Where Do We Want to Go?

#### Session 4: Where Do We Want to Go? (Room: SDG 1)

**The Global Ambition Gap & Implications for 2020: Opportunities for Bold Climate Action**

This session will look into the future to discuss where we need to go globally in the context of the Paris Agreement and explore what low-GHG and climate-resilient development looks like for the LAC region. The session will then drill down to the national level and look at countries’ visions for long-term sustainable development (which can be articulated in long-term strategies) and at NDCs as 5-year stepping-stones toward these long-term visions. Finally, it will explore implications for 2020, including opportunities and anticipated challenges in preparing (or updating) countries’ next NDCs.

#### 14:00 – 15:30

**Global & Regional Context**
- Latin America: Mr. Cayetano Casado, NDC Partnership
- Caribbean: Mr. Carlos Fuller, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)

**NDCs as Stepping-Stones toward Long-Term Sustainable Development**
- Communication of long-term strategies - Ms. María del Pilar Salazar Vargas, Mexico
- NDCs as stepping-stones toward a long-term strategy - Mr. Carlos Gentile, Argentina
- Equality in NDCs: from a gender perspective - Ms. Cristina García Sotomayor, Ecuador

**Interactive Group Exercise**
- Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) of NDC progress - Ms. Anna Kuehnel, GIZ
- Aligning NDC and SDG agendas - Ms. Amal-Lee Amin, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)
- Integrating gender in long-term strategies - Mr. Juan Andrés Casas Monsegny, Colombia
- NDC enhancement - Ms. Viviane Romeiro, WRI
- Next steps for 2020 NDC revision in LAC - Mr. Carlos Ruiz-Garvia, UNFCCC Secretariat
- NDC finance strategies - Mr. Gianluca Merlo, UNDP
- Recap: Rapporteurs from each group discussion

#### 15:30 – 16:00

**Coffee Break**

### Concrete Climate Action on the Ground

This session will explore concrete opportunities for mainstreaming climate change (mitigation and adaptation) in three contexts related to NDCs in each region: energy transition; nature-based solutions; and resilience and adaptation. Discussions will also focus on opportunities for mobilizing finance in these contexts.
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<td>Breakout Session Lead: Mr. Ricardo Gorini, IRENA</td>
<td>Breakout Session Lead: Ms. Clea Paz, UNDP</td>
<td>Breakout Session Lead: Ms. Claudia Ortiz, UNDP</td>
<td>Breakout Session Lead: Ms. Elizabeth Press, IRENA</td>
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17:30 – 18:00 (Room: SDG 1)
Recap of Breakout Session Group Discussions
- Rapporteurs from each breakout group

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End of Day 1

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Day 2

How Do We Get There?

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<th>Coordinated Action Plan on Financing NDCs</th>
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- Ms. Ana Bucher, World Bank (representation of the Coalition Secretariat) |

Climate Risk Assessments |
- Regional Resilient Investment Framework - Mr. Raul Salazar, UN Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) |
- Supporting Investment Decision-Making for Resilient Infrastructure - Mr. Carlos Sanchez, Willis Towers Watson |
- Climate Resilient Infrastructure - Mr. Mauricio Lavin Valenzuela, Chile |

Plenary Discussion |

10:30 - 11:15
Session Chair: Ms. Leena Wokeck, FutureWays
Climate Finance Strategies and Private Sector Financing for NDC Action |
- Mr. Juan Martin Chaves, Uruguay |
- Ms. Annette Rattigan-Leo, Saint Lucia |
- Mr. Clifford Mahlung, Jamaica |

Plenary Discussion |

11:15 – 11:45
Coffee Break
### Session 7
**(Regional World Café - Room: SDG 1)**

**Innovative Mechanisms for Funding NDC Implementation**

Building on the previous discussion, this session will focus specifically on mechanisms that can be used to fund NDC implementation. It is aimed at building a wider understanding of potential finance solutions: how they work in practice, why they are effective to unlock funding for climate actions, and how they could work in different country contexts. Participants rotate around to two different stations for ~30 minutes each to hear an overview of specific mechanisms and how countries have put these in place, as well as to identify related challenges and solutions.

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| 11:45 - 12:45 | **Session Chair:** Ms. Alana Craigen, UNDP  
**Station A:** NDC implementation support in LAC  
**Table Host:** Ms. Julianne Baker-Gallegos and Mr. Cayetano Casado, NDC Partnership  
**Station B:** Carbon Markets  
**Table Host:** Mr. Marcos Castro R., World Bank  
**Station C:** REDD+ Result-Based Payments  
**Table Host:** Mr. Pierre-Yves Guedez, UNDP  
**Station D:** Climate Resilience Funding Mechanisms  
**Table Host:** Ms. Claudia Ortiz, UNDP and Ms. Ana Bucher, World Bank  
**Station E:** National Climate Funds  
**Table Host:** Ms. Ezra Ashmia Christopher, Antigua and Barbuda  
**Station F:** Attracting Private Finance  
**Table Host:** Mr. Jorge Barrigh & Mr. Frederico Fische, Private Finance Advisory Network (PFAN) |
| 12:45-13:00 | Recap of Table Discussions  
- Rapporteurs from each table discussion |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch |

### Session 8
**(Room: SDG 1)**

**Collaboration Strategies toward NDC Implementation and Enhancement**

Within the specific regional contexts, this session will discuss how to replicate enablers and overcome barriers for multilevel governance and enhance collaboration between national and sub-national governments as well as local actors regarding NDC implementation. It will focus on helping national level policymakers to formulate NDCs that include locally determined contributions and to enable a more holistic NDC implementation process.

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| 14:00-15:30 | **Session Chair:** Ms. Kay Mercé, UNFCCC Secretariat  
**Interactive Roundtable Exercise**  
- [Small, roundtable discussions focused on increasing opportunities for multilevel governance and horizontal and vertical collaboration]  
- Recap: Rapporteurs from each table discussion |
| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee Break |

### Session 9
**(Room: SDG 1)**

**Overcoming Barriers to NDC Implementation**

This session is aimed at providing participants with an opportunity to address a specific, ongoing challenge (voluntarily submitted by countries prior to the dialogue) that they are currently facing related to NDC implementation. Participants will work in small groups, each focusing on a challenge identified by a participant country. The challenge will be presented by the country then other colleagues in the group will offer solutions/feedback to advise the country in overcoming the challenge.

**Challenge Buster: Co-creating Solutions to Critical Challenges**
### Table 1: Decarbonization of the Economy: 4 Key Sectors - Ms. Adriana Briceno, Costa Rica

### Table 2: Creating and Implementing a Structured Plan of Energy Efficiency in Energy-Intensive Industries - Mr. Juan José Garcia Mendez, El Salvador

### Table 3: Creating a Data-Sharing Platform - Ms. Nathale Lewis-Clarke, Grenada

### Table 4: How to Better Integrate Gender Equality into the National Climate Change Action Plan under the NDC process - Ms. Marleny Oliva, Guatemala

### Table 5: NDC Coordination – Creating a National Climate Change Commission - Ms. Evelyn Rodriguez, Honduras

### Table 6: Bridging the Gap between Climate Finance Providers and Bankable Climate Projects - Ms. María del Pilar Salazar Varga, Mexico

### Table 7: NDC Implementation - Finance and Awareness – Mr. Kurt Inglis, Saint Lucia

### Table 8: Gender and Social Equity - Ms. Janelle Caupain, Suriname

### Table 9: Strengthening Parliamentary Participation & Contributions in Climate-related Decision-Making - Senator Veronica Camino, ParlAmericas

### Recap: Informal interviews with countries (table hosts)

### Reflections & Closing

The focus of this session is to capture insights from the dialogue and identify possible next steps for action in the context of 2020 NDCs and the region’s contribution to the Paris Agreement’s long-term goals.

### Reflections & Closing

- Mr. Martin Frick, UNFCCC Secretariat
- Ms. Marina Carrilho Soares, Government of Brazil

18:00  
End of Dialogue