UNDP’S CLIMATE PROMISE

UNDP launched our Climate Promise at the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019. The Climate Promise supports over 100 countries to enhance their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement. Delivered in collaboration with a wide variety of partners, it is the world’s largest offer of support for the enhancement of climate pledges.

While climate change poses a risk for everyone and threatens to roll back decades of sustainable development gains, the poorest, marginalized, and most vulnerable populations are disproportionately burdened. UNDP advocates for an inclusive approach that supports whole-of-society ownership, advances equality, and strengthens social and environmental sustainability.

UNDP is leveraging its extensive climate change portfolio, its Country Office network and global policy services to provide thematic technical support to countries and ensure that NDCs are fully aligned with national sustainable development priorities.

The five service lines defined under UNDP’s Climate Promise respond to major areas of demand from developing countries and can be tailored and scaled up for maximum impact to fit specific country needs.

IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19

The global crisis caused by COVID-19 has impacted all aspects of life. Countries are faced with making immediate and immense policy choices and taking unprecedented action to protect lives, and to avoid catastrophic social, economic and political consequences.

As part of UNDP’s organizational approach to COVID-19, the Climate Promise works to strengthen countries’ abilities to prepare, respond and recover. Through the five Climate Promise service lines, UNDP is helping countries to immediately adapt and adjust NDC design and implementation activities in an inclusive and integrated manner.

In addition, UNDP is supporting governments to connect NDCs and the Paris Agreement to longer-term recovery efforts. Integrating climate action and principles of just transition and green economy into prevention planning, response plans and stimulus packages, as well as national and sub-national policies and investments, can lay the foundation for a low-emission and resilient society. This way, we can help to ensure that vulnerable communities are protected against the crises of today while also designing a more resilient and sustainable tomorrow.

DONORS

PARTNERS

Build political will & societal ownership at national & sub-national levels

Review, align, & update existing targets, policies & measures

Incorporate new sectors and/or greenhouse gases

Assess costs and investment opportunities

Monitor progress & strengthen transparency

+ UNDP core donors
OUR PROGRESS
As of April 2020, UNDP has received formal requests from 110 governments for support on NDC enhancement under the Climate Promise.

WHY UNDP?
UNDP engages with partners on the ground in more than 170 countries and territories to support ambitious climate action. Our unique Global Policy Network provides integrated sustainable development expertise so that new NDCs advance priorities such as energy access, nature-based solutions, water and waste management, health, youth engagement, gender equality and green jobs. These networks have fostered unparalleled relationships, partnerships and trust with governments and other stakeholders over decades of work.

UNDP also draws upon our rich experience on NDC implementation and readiness in over 60 countries through key projects such as the NDC Support Programme, EU4Climate, and the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency, as well as global support initiatives for National Adaptation Plans, REDD+, National Communications and Biennial Update Reports and Green Climate Fund readiness. The Climate Promise also strengthens the foundation upon which bold climate action can implemented and expanded in 2020 and beyond.

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