UNDP’s Engagements at COP25

Week 1

Tuesday 3rd December

15:00 – 16:30 - How National Adaptation Plan processes can be leveraged for implementation of the Paris Agreement. Location: Room 1

Event organised by NAP Global Network and Grenada to share frameworks and country experiences with using the NAP process for developing NDC updates and enhancement Adaptation Communications, and Biennial Transparency Reports.

16:30 – 17:30 - Towards neutrality 2050: Increasing the ambition of the NDC and Long-term Emission Reduction Strategies (LTS) of Chile. Location: NDC Pavilion

Wednesday 4th December

13:15 – 14:45 - Moving towards more permanent institutional arrangements for reporting to the Convention and Paris Agreement. Location: Room 4

The annual UNFCCC side event on MRV and the transparency framework

13:15 – 14:45 - GCF Side Event on Project Implementation. Location: GEF-GCF Pavilion

The objective of this side-event is to showcase lessons learned on accessing GCF funds. UNDP will reflect on work supporting countries access GCF funds compared with other vertical funds and donors, on the challenges faced and the lessons learned.

13:30 – 14:45 - Building capacities in the enhanced transparency framework. Location: Italian Pavilion

Presentation of successful experiences on Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency and the enhanced transparency framework

14:30 – 15:30 - UK-India Partnership to Integrate Climate Resilience into Development Planning. Location: UK Pavilion

The event will showcase how this partnership has deployed innovative and replicable tools to support integration of climate resilience in government policy and programmes in both
rural and urban India, across multiple sectors such as water, agriculture, transport and natural resources management.

15:45 – 17:15 - Gender Equality and Women's Rights in Climate Action: Lessons Learned and Opportunities from Latin America. **Location: Capacity Building Hub**

This vice-ministerial level event co-organized by AIDA and UNDP, with governments of Costa Rica, Chile and Ecuador as partners, aims to support a dialogue between government representatives and civil society organizations from Latin America to help bridge knowledge, address gaps, strengthen capacities in the long term through partnerships and lead to inclusive participation in order to better integrate gender equality and women’s rights in national climate agendas, policies and actions. Concept note can be found [here](#).

16:45 – 18:15 - Indigenous Women: Frontline Defenders in the Fight Against Climate Change. **Location: Room 6**

Indigenous women have an intrinsic and important knowledge of sustainable resources use and are at the front-line of defending the environment. They will share their important roles and contributions in the transfer of Indigenous Knowledge as well in defending, managing and conserving their forests.

18:00 – 19:00 - 2030 is planned today: how can the national and local governments of Lebanon lead the way to a more prosperous future? **Location: NDC Partnership Pavilion**

A discussion with panelists from Lebanon’s Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Agriculture, as well as the International Climate Initiative (IKI), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (AUB-IFI) and the EU-ClimaMed

18:00 – 21:00 From REDD + readiness to Results Based Payment and Paris Agreement: a nature-based solution to fight against climate change. **Location: Colombia Pavilion**

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Honduras will share lessons, experiences and ideas on how REDD+ has and can be catalytic for the effectiveness of ambitious climate commitments. Colombia, Argentina and Liberia will bring in their views on results achieved and on how the process will flow into the formulation of long-term low greenhouse gas emissions development strategies, increase the ambition in the update process of their NDC and reach zero-emissions goals through nature-based solutions.

**Thursday 5th December**

08:00 – 20:00 - Transparency Day. **Location: PCCB Hub**

The Transparency Day at COP25, jointly organised by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building and the UN Development Programme. Find information on all events [here](#).
12:30 – 14:00 - Climate action and land use - opportunities and risk. **Location: EU Pavilion**

This event – organised by UNDP, FAO and Ikea – will explore questions related to what governments and businesses can do to improve land use management with special focus on forestry and agriculture and the food, materials and fuels they provide. Questions on what policies can address risks and over the role of the private sector in promoting responsible sourcing will all be addressed.

**14:00 – 14:45 - Carbon neutral footprint (Huella Chile). ****Location: Action Hub, Blue Zone**

This event will be on carbon footprint programmes in Latin America and contributions to GHG management in the private sector. It will feature conversations about the experiences, challenges and opportunities of the Carbon Footprint Programmes in Latin America in Chile, Peru and Costa Rica and how this could contribute to the participation of private sector on NDC implementation.

**18:00 – 19:30 - Global Youth Video Competition Award Ceremony and Press Event. ****Location: Action Hub, Blue Zone**

The [Global Youth Video Competition](#) is a platform for young people, from around the world, to showcase their climate action. This year, over 400 videos were submitted by young people between the ages of 18 and 30 from 114 countries, with the winning entries picked through an online public voting. The competition is led by the Secretariats of the three environmental conventions—United Nations Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification—in partnership with the Global Environment Facility, the United Nations Development Programme Small Grants Programme (UNDP/GEF SGP), Television for Environment (tve), BNP Paribas Foundation and Youth Climate Report.

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**Friday 6th December**

**08:30 – 12:30 - Domestic Climate Finance Mapping and Planning. ****Location: Hotel Pullman**

This meeting aims to foster a community of practice around climate finance tracking methodologies and promote exchanges and experiences of different countries and different contexts, as well as experiences developing [Climate Public Expenditures and Institutional Review (CPEIR)](#) and budget tagging systems.
10:00 – 11:15 - Youth Climate Action: Implementing NDCs and Raising Ambition. Location: SDG Pavilion

This side-event will offer the opportunity for a dialogue between the youth representatives and UN agencies to identify ways to involve youth at the global, national and local levels to accelerate climate action and NDC implementation.

11:00 – 12:30 - Strengthen climate resilience by associating the blue economy to the Integrated Coastal Zone Management. Location: Francophonie Pavilion

The aim of the side-event is to exchange with various international stakeholders, technical partners and renowned experts around strategies and good practices that will improve the integrated management of coastal zones for better resilience to environmental risks, climate change and better assimilation of the blue economy.


The session will focus on the question of why innovation in adaptation is important and what are some of the ways in which innovation can be enabled and accelerated, both broadly, as well as in the context of the Adaptation Fund’s special financing windows for innovation through direct access as well as via the aggregators. It will consider the importance of learning and capturing the insights that come from the innovation efforts of the Adaptation Fund, and will draw upon a new project being implemented by UNDP.

13:30 – 14:45 - Transformative potential of small-scale energy access investments: linking community action to SDGs and NDC implementation. Location: SDG Pavilion

This side-event will feature experts and energy practitioners exploring practical ways of anchoring national and global policies and commitments in the local context as well as opportunities to amplify local knowledge and innovation through larger policy frameworks.

Saturday 7th December

17:00 – 19:00 – Suriname/High Forest Low Deforestation Countries Roundtable Discussion/Side Event. Location: IDB Pavilion

The event will feature presentations and a panel discussion on the role of high-forest low deforestation countries and intact forest areas in the context of nature-based solutions for climate change, with a focus on access to climate finance.
13:15 – 14:45 – UNDP and UNFCCC: Country Experiences and Lessons Learned in Revising NDCs towards 2020. Location: UNFCCC Pavilion

A UNDP and UNFCCC side event will showcase ongoing NDC preparations and update activities in all major regions and provide a platform for governments to share experiences and lessons learned relating to the NDC revision process.

18:00 – 19:00 - Raising NDC ambition: The need for a global long-term vision climate and economy in Africa. Location: NDC Partnership Pavilion

The objective of this event is to exchange experiences between panellists regarding the necessity to adopt a long-term global vision based on a socio-economic development compatible with the objectives of the Paris agreement in order to enhance the climate ambition of NDCs. This vision shall be defined based on the consultation and the involvement of all stakeholders targeting full decoupling GHG emissions from the development of gross domestic product and the highlighting of economic and social consequences of an ambitious climate policy.

Week 2

Monday 9th December

11:30 – 13:30 - Contributions of nature-based solutions particularly from the forest sector to achieving ambitious NDCs, with a focus on Ghana. Location: Room 4

The event will focus on accelerating implementation of the Paris Agreement through Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, REDD+ in the NDC.

13:00 – 15:00 - The meeting of the High Ambition Alliance on Chemicals and Waste in the margins of UNFCCC COP25. Location: IFEMA European Coordination Room, Building 8

This meeting is intended to engage members in an open and transparent dialogue on the direction, ambition and key elements of sound management of chemicals and waste and further to set the direction for a General Assembly resolution.

16:30 – 17:30 - A Guide for Integrated Planning in Africa to Mainstream the SDGs, Agenda 2063, NDCs, DRR and the New Deal. Location: NDC Partnership Pavilion

The UNDP and AfDB tool aimed to mainstream the SDGs, Agenda 2063, the Paris Agreement/NDCs, DRR and the New Deal into national development plans, will be presented and a panel of African countries will discuss a new generation of national development plans.
18:30 – 20:00 - Nature-based Solutions on the ground (SDG15): UN Support to people and landscapes. **Location: Room 1**

In this UN system side event, UN agencies and their partners in civil society and government, including indigenous peoples, will share their diverse experiences related to protecting and restoring diverse biomes, ranging from mountains to forests.

18:30 – 20:00 - Governor’s Climate and Forests Task Force Side Event: This is What Innovation Looks Like: Implementing Subnational Forest and Climate Strategies. **Location: Room 2**

A panel will focus on sub-national leaders from across the tropics who are implementing innovative strategies for low emissions development in tropical forest regions. It will include new announcements and focus on political leadership, innovative finance instruments and bold, high-impact approaches.

19:00 – 20:00 - Launch of the local agenda for climate action. **Location: Chile Pavilion, Blue Zone**

The objective of this event is to present the local (municipalities) agenda for climate action.

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**Tuesday 10th December**

09:00 – 10:00 - NDC Partnership High Level event. **Location: NDC Partnership Pavilion**

Join the NDC Partnership’s Ministerial Co-Chairs and other guest speakers as we celebrate the Partnership’s three-year anniversary and hear inspiring stories and exciting milestones from our members.

12:45 – 14:15 - From words to action: projects with innovative capacity building solutions to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment and address climate change in Latin America. **Location: Capacity Building Hub**

The event will showcase findings from a UNDP, UN Women and UNEP publication which will be launched, compiling experiences to showcase the progress of environmental projects in the LAC region in integrating the gender perspective throughout the life cycle. The event’s objective is to create a knowledge exchange platform to show lessons learned and good practices so other projects can also be gender responsive.
13:30 – 14:15 - Accelerating Ambition through National Climate Funds.  
**Location: SDG Pavilion**

Panellists will discuss their experiences and lessons for the design and operationalization of national climate funds (NCFs). A revised version of UNDP’s guidebook on NCFs will be presented, followed by a dynamic conversation among policymakers and practitioners on how NCFs can accelerate ambitious climate action. The panel will also include representatives of Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund to discuss how these organizations can support effective implementation via national climate funds.

15:00 – 16:30 - COP Presidency High Level Event on Gender co-hosted by Germany: Towards ambitious and gender-inclusive climate action and biodiversity preservation.  
**Location: Room 5**

This high-level gender event organized as part of Gender Day is focused on gender justice for climate change and biodiversity, recognizing the importance of gender considerations in national and international policy and action and the key role women play as agents of change.

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**Wednesday 11th December**

10:15 – 11:45 - Small Island Developing States at the Forefront of Climate Action.  
**Location: AOSIS/CARICOM Pavilion**

This event will highlight the pledge by SIDS for ambitious NDCs and foster dialogue with key partners for implementing climate solutions in SIDS, including their large ocean territories.

11:00 – 12:30 - GEF Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation.  
**Location: GEF-GCF Pavilion**

GEF event to announce projects under innovation challenge fund

11:45 – 13:00 - Enhancing NDCs and Raising Ambition: Partnerships for Delivering UNDP’s Climate Promise.  
**Location: Conference Room 5**

The objective of the event is to dive a bit deeper into the details of what will be delivered under UNDP’s Climate Promise, with a focused discussion on the future of NDC implementation and the role of renewables and energy transitions. The event targets Government representatives and other partners working on enhancing their NDCs, to provide information and demonstrate what is already being done, what is planned, and identify what is needed to raise ambition and strengthen partnerships for successful delivery of the Climate Promise.
13:15 – 14:45 - Accelerating the energy transformation in support of sustainable development and the Paris Agreement. Location: Conference Room 5

This high-level side event will focus on initiatives and action platforms that could have a significant impact towards achieving SDG7 goals and help close the energy access gap in a sustainable way, with special regard to innovative technological solutions. A revitalized UN-Energy has the opportunity to lend unique support in advancing climate action and sustainable energy goals.

15:00 – 16:30 - SDG 5 Side Event: Building Partnerships to Implement Gender-Responsive Climate Actions. Location: Room 3

This is the one UN event for SDG 5, co-organized by UN Women, ILO, OHCHR, WMO, UNFPA, UN Volunteers and CBD Secretariat. As a follow up to the SG’s Climate Action Summit gender equality initiative, the event will present examples of gender-responsive national plans/policies/strategies, as well as tools, methodologies and data to demonstrate how advancing gender equality strengthens implementation of climate actions and enhances climate mitigation/adaptation outcomes.

Thursday 12th December

14:30 – 15:00 UN SG High-level Leadership Dialogue: Turning the tide on deforestation. Location: GEF-GCF Pavilion

This high-level, interactive “Leadership Dialogue” is designed to provide participating Leaders of UN agencies (FAO, UNDP, UNEP, UNDESA, UNCBD, UNCCD and UNFCCC), and ministers from a few key countries with an opportunity to intensify high-level engagement and articulate solutions and contributions towards the achievement of net zero deforestation. The outcomes of this dialogue are expected to provide strategic direction for accelerated action by the UN and other key partners to reach this goal by 2030.

17:30 – 18:30 – Friends of Ocean and Climate: Blue COP Next Steps. Location: Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion

Leadership in the Ocean and Climate Nexus. Opportunity for Leaders from Fiji, Sweden, Chile, Norway, Indonesia, UK to shape the pathway for 2020 and COP26 role with the Ocean. Highlight big actions in terms of Ocean in the UNFCCC as well as ocean and climate action.
18:30 – 20:00 - SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities: Climate-induced human mobility, from ambition to action. Location: room 4

The event will take stock of key achievements on the human mobility front since COP21. It will join the dots between the outcomes of the UN Secretary General Climate Summit of 23 September that aimed to ‘raise ambitions’ to reach the objectives of the Paris Agreement and the ‘call for action’ of COP25, whose key objective is to complete the full operationalization of the Paris Climate Change Agreement.

Friday 13th December

15:00 – 16:00 - NDCs implementation in the Mediterranean and Arab region. Location: NDC Partnership Pavilion

Joint Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and UNDP event on how to best support countries on NDC implementation through community-based mitigation, adaptation and cross-cutting actions, as well as by providing upstream policy support and technical assistance to the governments (with focus on Mediterranean countries in the Arab region)

14:15 – 15:15 - Min. of Public Work Chile event - NDC resilience. Location: Chile Pavilion

The event will feature experiences on defining resilient infrastructure and the analysis and costing of physical climate risks. A new methodology will be proposed to adequately price climate risks across different sectors (energy, water, agriculture, housing, coastal protection, brown-green infrastructure, livelihoods, insurance schemes, etc.).