



UNDP's Climate Promise

UNDP's Climate Promise is the world's largest offer of support to countries on national climate pledges under the Paris Agreement. These pledges, or Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), are crucial stepping stones towards net-zero emissions and meeting the Paris goals. The initiative supports over 120 countries, in collaboration with over 35 partners and is a major contribution to the NDC Partnership.

As of July 2022, 100 Climate Promise countries had submitted enhanced NDCs to the UNFCCC, representing 22.21% of global emissions and 84% of developing countries. Of these submissions:

Mitigation

89%

have increased mitigation ambition, of which 100% include energy targets.

Adaptation

95%

increased adaptation ambition, often aligning to National Adaptation Plans.

Inclusion

96%, 97%

include gender and youth considerations, respectively, reflecting broad stakeholder engagement.

What makes UNDP's Climate Promise unique?

Bringing together strong partners



Strong country presence and partner networks



Connecting the national and global



Aligning climate change and development



UNDP Climate Promise: From Pledge to Impact

UNDP is scaling up support to solidify countries' ambition and help turn their targets into action. As politically-backed blueprints for investments in key engines of sustainable development, NDCs offer opportunities to unlock potentials for a just transition. The Climate Promise leverages this engagement and political buy-in on NDCs to support countries to mobilize both public and private investments to realize NDC targets while also simultaneously achieving SDGs. Climate Promise support is provided to countries along three mutually supportive pillars:

Scale and Speed

Countries have inclusive and gender-responsive governance and financing mechanisms to enable achievement and tracking of NDC targets across sectors.

Amplifying Ambition

NDCs effectively contribute to long-term pathways consistent with the Paris Agreement and the SDGs.

Lasting Inclusivity

Actors collectively are empowered to drive climate action and ensure whole-of-society engagement.

To complement and support country engagement, a global component provides state of the art technical expertise in key cross-cutting areas – including just transition, circular economy, net-zero pathways, gender mainstreaming, urban issues. Real-time intelligence tracks current NDC data trends, while a strong communications arm shares country solutions to inform ongoing UNFCCC processes and negotiations, enhance visibility and send a strong demonstration of multilateralism.

Partnerships remain at the heart of this support to bring strong partners together. Long-standing partners like the EU, Germany, Sweden, Spain and Italy continue to support the Climate Promise, while new partners like Japan, the UK, Belgium, Iceland and Portugal have joined to further scale up support to countries to respond to the increasing demand. The Climate Promise is a major contribution to the NDC Partnership, and fully aligned with the Partnership's 2021-2025 Program of Work, with UNDP being one of the Partnership's largest implementing partners.



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