

NDC Assist II - Strengthening the financing and implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions

The Challenge

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time. By adopting the Paris Agreement in 2015, almost all the countries in the world committed to acting together for the first time. Their aim is to limit global warming to well below 2 °C, if possible, to 1.5 °C, and to adapt to the effects of climate change. To this end, the parties have pledged to develop their own Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), implement them, and progressively make them more ambitious. The Paris Agreement also aims to align public and private financial flows with low-emission and climate-resilient development.

To support developing countries and emerging economies in achieving their climate goals in line with the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), together with other partners, launched the global NDC Partnership (NDCP) in 2016.

Since then, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH has supported selected members of the NDCP in their efforts to implement their NDCs and to make them more ambitious. The project NDC Assist II focuses on strengthening the capacities of member states and actors of the global NDCP and the private sector for the financing and implementation of their NDCs, with special consideration for gender-sensitive aspects.

Target

The capacities of member countries and actors of the global NDC Partnership and the private sector to finance and implement NDCs while considering gender-sensitive aspects, are strengthened.

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Project regions	Global, with country activities in Albania, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Rwanda, and South Africa, and regional activities in the south Pacific.
Partner	Ministries of Finance and/or Environment, Pacific Community, CRAFT/ Lightsmith Group, Acumen Resilient Agriculture Fund
Duration	01.01.2017 – 31.12.2020 (NDC Assist I) 08.10.2020 – 31.12.2023 (NDC Assist II)

The Approach

NDC Assist II is divided into four components:

- **NDC Implementation Frameworks:** In this component, the project provides technical assistance and strategic advice on NDC financing and implementation

strategies and on integrating climate aspects into economic stimulus programs. In Kenya, for example, key processes such as the development of the National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP) were supported. In Albania, the project advises the responsible ministries in integrating climate aspects into public budget planning. In Rwanda, the project supports the government in mainstreaming NDC priorities into sectoral strategies and budgets.

- **Pacific NDC Hub:** NDC Assist II supports small island states in the South Pacific that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. Specifically, NDC Assist II administers the [Pacific NDC Hub](#), which, together with the NDC Partnership, assists the 14 Pacific Island states in reviewing, improving and implementing their climate goals and contributes to advancing transformative climate actions and sustainable development.
- **Private Adaptation Finance:** NDC Assist II mobilizes the private sector to finance and scale business models relevant to climate resilience and adaptation ([Private Adaptation Finance](#)). Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda and Pakistan that offer adaptation-relevant technologies or services receive tailored support to scale up their business models. A holistic approach including ecosystem building and peer learning is applied to support the supply and demand side of investments in climate change adaptation and -resilience.
- **Art. 6 – Capacity Building:** This component of the project aims to strengthen the strategic capabilities for leveraging international market mechanisms according to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement in Rwanda, South Africa, and Peru. Involved ministries and downstream institutions receive strategic and methodological advice to enhance the national policy and institutional framework related to the development of carbon markets.

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The NDC-Partnership

The NDCP is a global alliance that support developing countries and emerging economies in achieving their climate goals in line with the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda.

The NDCP addresses three levels:

1. Technical assistance
2. Helping countries to access funding
3. Practical knowledge

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Another main focus of NDC Assist II is the dissemination of knowledge from collaboration within the NDC Partnership and with the private sector. The focus is on peer-to-peer learning measures to share country experiences and make successful approaches to NDC financing and implementation accessible to as many NDCP member countries as possible. The issue of gender equality, particularly regarding gender-sensitive financing and incentive instruments, plays a central role in the transfer of learning experiences at the international level.

The project's partners include the Ministries of Finance and/or Environment in the partner countries, as well as the Pacific Community, the private equity fund CRAFT (Lightsmith Group) and the Acumen Resilient Agriculture Fund. The project receives additional funding from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the European Union (EU).

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