

# Developing Capacities for Climate Action and Transparency

## Support Project for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (SPA)

### Challenge

The acceleration of climate change and biodiversity loss is posing an existential threat to nature and humanity. The Paris Agreement provides us with a global mechanism to limit harmful human activity and address the climate crisis. In 2015, nearly all UN member states agreed on a common goal of limiting global warming to well below 2°C, better 1.5°C. It is now crucial to enable all countries to meet the pledges of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and enhance their mitigation, adaptation, transparency and nature preservation ambitions. Only through a quick implementation of the Paris Agreement will we be able to ensure a livable future on this planet. The time to act is now – and within a long-term perspective.

### Objective

The Support Project for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (SPA) aims to enable partner countries to effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase their adaptive capacities, and monitor and communicate this transparently. We synthesise and disseminate knowledge and facilitate communication between important international actors to produce synergies for an efficient implementation of the Paris Agreement.

### Approach

On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), SPA works as an overarching policy advisory service at the interface between German international climate policy and development cooperation.

We identify, develop and disseminate concepts, tools, good practices and narratives for the implementation of NDCs and transparency systems. SPA thus contributes to international learning and establishes links between the agendas for climate action, biodiversity preservation, disaster risk reduction, Green Economy transformation and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We provide climate support for partner countries through four activity strands:

#### 1. Support for the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)

Upon request, SPA directly advises BMU on how to support the implementation of NDCs and the transparency framework in partner countries. The SPA team provides technical expertise and country insights.

#### 2. Support for global climate initiatives

SPA acts within four international climate initiatives to foster capacity development and mutual learning on NDC implementation and transparency in partner countries:

#### NDC Support Cluster

The NDC Support Cluster pools the expertise of important implementing organizations of the International Climate Initiative (IKI). SPA holds its secretariat. We collaborate with the partners on thought leadership and enable learning on NDC implementation across countries and institutions. We share and proliferate what works and what is needed for credible, ambitious and long-term oriented NDC implementation.

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#### NDC Partnership

The NDC Partnership is a global coalition of governments and institutions working to shift NDCs from commitment to implementation, while increasing ambition. Through the NDC Partnership, we assist BMU in coordinating its NDC-related efforts and activities worldwide. SPA supports it with two secondments.

#### Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA)

PATPA is an open alliance that engages countries in practical exchange and political dialogue on climate transparency as well as building up mutual trust. SPA hosts PATPA's secretariat. We strengthen the abilities of partner countries to implement the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and facilitate exchange between climate negotiators, policymakers, donors and practitioners for enhanced transparency.

#### Low Emission Development Strategies

##### Global Partnership (LEDS GP)

LEDS GP advances climate resilient, low emission development by enhancing coordination and exchange among countries and international programs. It builds capacities of climate practitioners and responds to the needs of partner countries on topics such as clean mobility, clean energy, mobilisation of private investment and sustainable rural development. SPA serves as LEDS GP's global secretariat. We coordinate peer-to-peer exchanges and technical assistance to early mover countries and regional communities of practice.

### 3. Knowledge management and dissemination

SPA shapes and advances discourses in international climate policy and development cooperation. We support mutual learning and the dissemination of knowledge on NDC implementation, ambition raising and transparency across the IKI portfolio and other GIZ projects.

SPA also considers the inclusion of nature-based solutions in NDCs and collaborates closely with the NAP Global Network.

### 4. Bilateral support for partner countries

SPA offers direct support to partner countries in the areas of capacity development and technical assistance. Under the NDC Partnership's Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP), we support six countries in enhancing their NDCs. Our Climate Helpdesk, a joint service of LEDS GP and PATPA, provides rapid and high quality technical assistance to developing countries for enhancing their NDCs, Long-term Low Emissions and Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) and transparency systems.

## Results

SPA has taken an active role in coordinating NDC support initiatives and is recognised internationally for its efforts:

#### **The NDC Support Cluster led the Global NDC Conference**

2019 in Berlin, which attracted 350 participants from about 80 countries. Its key messages can inform governments, international agencies, development banks, researchers, non-governmental and private actors in their efforts to ramp up climate ambitions.

**The NDC Partnership is growing steadily.** Currently, there are **country engagement processes in 60 countries**, and 21 Partnership Plans have been finalised as guidelines for effective NDC implementation.

**PATPA has brought together 1,200 technical experts from 120 countries** through 28 regional workshops and has organised eight Annual Partnership Retreats with **300 participants from 40 countries**. The expert networks which have evolved out of PATPA activities enhance South-South-North exchange and lead to growing national and regional expertise, thus reducing dependency on international consultants.

**LEDS GP supported the launch of the initiative "Renewable Energy for Latin America and the Caribbean"** (RELAC) at COP25. Through RELAC, LAC countries share the common regional goal of having 70 percent renewable energy capacity installed by 2030. LEDS GP will continue supporting the initiative with capacity building and peer-to-peer learning.

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