

NDC Assist

Contributing to the NDC Partnership

The Challenge

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges of our time. In 2015, the international community endorsed the political framework for taking concerted action by adopting the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** and the **Paris Climate Agreement**. For the first time, almost all members of the United Nations pledged their own contributions to address climate change and limit global warming to at most 2°C, and if possible, 1.5°C. Countries demonstrate their commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement by implementing the **Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)**.

In the NDCs, countries specify their targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change. It is, therefore, vital that they are implemented quickly and effectively – a challenging task – if the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement are to be achieved.

To support developing countries in achieving their climate and development goals, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), together with the Government of Morocco and the World Resources Institute (WRI), set up a **global NDC Partnership** which was launched in 2016 at the COP22 in Marrakech, Morocco.

Our Approach

BMZ and BMUB are directing support for their climate portfolios at the country-level towards NDC implementation. To this end, BMZ commissioned the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) to implement the global NDC Assist project, which focuses on effective NDC implementation under the umbrella of the NDC Partnership. NDC Assist strengthens the capacity of selected members of the NDC Partnership to imple-

ment NDCs in the context of the 2030 Agenda. The NDC Assist approach is twofold:

- **Country engagement.** NDC Assist (a) empowers institutions by supporting enhanced coordination mechanisms and processes, development of NDC roadmaps as well as NDC stakeholder engagement and communication strategies; (b) catalyses action by assisting partner countries to incorporate NDCs in national regulations and policies, drafting development and investment plans or developing incentive schemes and investment projects; (c) encourages greater ambition by facilitating NDC reviews, modelling and prioritisation of further NDC actions and participation in the 2018 Facilitative Dialogue.
- **Regional exchange.** Through close cooperation with selected regional organizations, NDC Assist supports regional consultations and peer-to-peer exchanges on NDC implementation while making use of experiences gained during country engagement processes.

The NDC Partnership

The NDC Partnership is a coalition of countries and institutions working together to mobilize support and achieve ambitious climate goals under the Paris Agreement. The Partnership aims to assist partners from developing countries in successfully implementing their NDCs in the context of the 2030 Agenda.

The NDC Partnership addresses three levels:

1. Enhanced technical support for NDC implementation
2. Better access to finance for NDC implementation
3. Improved access to knowledge management in relation to existing analytical and advisory instruments.

More information: www.ndcpartnership.org



Official Launch Event of the NDC Partnership at COP22 in Marrakech, Morocco, on 16 November 2016.

Water tower in the community of Tienfala, Mali.

Cocoa beans in an agricultural cooperative in Tochace, Peru.



Solar panels in a field in Bangladesh.

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In addition to NDC implementation support in countries and regions, NDC Assist seconded personnel to the NDC Partnership Support Unit.

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Commissioned by	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Project Region	Global, with country and regional activities
Collaborators	NDC Partnership Support Unit and NDCP Implementing Partners such as UNDP, World Bank, UNFCCC, WRI and others
Duration	12/2016 – 12/2020

Examples of our Country Engagement

The technical and coordination support for effective NDC implementation that NDC Assist offers to selected countries always reflects country priorities. In **Pakistan**, NDC support is focused on developing a NDC roadmap and establishing a national Climate Change Authority. In a next step, NDC Assist will provide technical advice to break down the NDC into sector specific targets. The development of a NDC implementation roadmap, including a whole-of-government approach, is also a focus of NDC Assist's engagement in **Mali**, **Namibia** and **Honduras**. Countries like Namibia and Honduras are looking for a holistic approach to development, which also encompasses climate change. NDC Assist provides advisory services to support the alignment of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement.

With technical advisory on Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU), NDC Assist is supporting the Government of **Fiji** in its endeavours to revise and enhance its NDC. Furthermore, the project facilitates the establishment of a **Regional NDC Hub in the Pacific region** under the NDC Partnership. In the **Caribbean**,

NDC Assist supports the government of Saint Lucia and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) to implement a **regional NDC Investment Initiative**. Further, NDC Assist activities will be designed to respond to selected support requests by NDCP member countries.

Benefits

Within the diverse and complex development landscape, the emergence of **multi-stakeholder platforms** is driving more systematic and coherent approaches to development. The 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Paris Agreement are examples of global agreements that affirm the essential role of multi-stakeholder partnerships for scaling-up and amplifying success. Several platforms exist for coordinating services and partners working on 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement implementation. Like the NDC Partnership, these platforms target a wide range of governments, international development partners, private sector agencies, and civil society organizations with the intent to streamline aid through a more manageable and coordinated process.

What sets the NDC Partnership apart is its dual role as a **global partnership and a country-level coordination mechanism**. It leverages lessons learned from past and on-going initiatives to design a strong engagement model for partnership and coordination. Governments can rely on external institutional and technical assistance to enhance results, while simultaneously strengthening their internal capacity.

In this context, the NDC Assist project offers **rapid, tailored, technical support and capacity-development** services to members of the NDC Partnership by leveraging GIZ's large network of in-country bilateral and regional cooperation programmes. NDC Assist activities are closely coordinated with the NDC Partnership Support Unit, GIZ country offices and the German Embassies, BMZ, as well as with other donors and implementing partners.

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