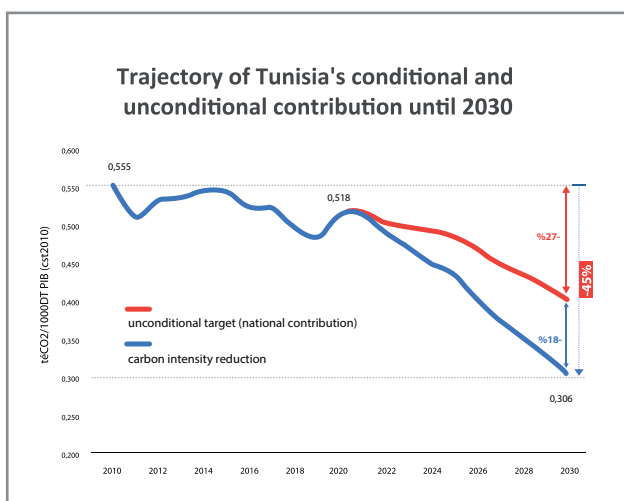


Setting up institutional capacities for NDC implementation in Tunisia

Context

The Paris Agreement aims to keep the global average temperature rise well below 2 °C degrees and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature rise to 1.5 °C degrees. In order to achieve this goal together, each country has defined its own nationally determined contribution (NDC) to combat climate change.



Tunisia submitted an ambitious NDC to the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC) prior to the Paris Climate Change Conference of 2015. The objective is to reduce the emission intensity (CO₂ consumption per unit of gross domestic product) by %41 by 2030 in contrast to 2010, which means to decouple economic growth from CO₂ emissions. To achieve the NDC, comprehensive measures will be introduced to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the energy (including building and transport), industry, agriculture, forestry, waste and wastewater sector. The energy sector is responsible for %58 of the country's emissions (latest data from 2012) and thus plays a central role in achieving the climate targets. By ratifying the Paris Agreement in

2016, and an increase in ambition in the context of the NDC update (October 2021) Tunisia has reaffirmed its commitment internationally to implement its NDC. Tunisia's updated NDC aims to reduce its carbon intensity by %45 by 2030.

The implementation of the NDC, as well as the requirements of the Paris Agreement, require clearly defined structures and processes to be in place at the Tunisian Ministry of Environment and the sector authorities in charge. In March 2018, the Tunisian Government adopted a Decree establishing a unit especially dedicated to climate change within the Ministry of Environment.

Objective

The Tunisian Government is successfully implementing its nationally determined contribution (NDC) and related commitments under the Paris Agreement.

The approach

The project is supporting the implementation of the Tunisian NDC in collaboration with the Tunisian Ministry of Environment, the National Agency of Energy Conservation (ANME) and representatives from all relevant sectors.

The project works in four key areas:

1. Establishing a strategic and institutional framework

The Tunisian Ministry of Environment is supported in setting up a special unit for climate change, which is responsible for steering NDC implementation and reporting to the UNFCCC. The project advises on the development of a long-term climate strategy and the NDC update process. It also promotes a national climate

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dialogue. At local level, the project is developing an urban climate protection concept that involves cities in achieving climate policy targets.



2. Creating a transparency framework

The project supports the sectoral authorities in building up a transparency system and improving their monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) systems for GHG emissions. This enhances transparent reporting to the UNFCCC on GHG emissions accounting and tracking

progress of NDC implementation in compliance with the requirements stipulated in the Paris Agreement.

3. Enhancing opportunities for climate finance

By offering a specially tailored program and on the job training courses for Tunisian experts, it is ensured that they improve their skills required for applying for national and international climate related funds. In these trainings various stakeholders are involved in developing bankable climate change mitigation projects. Capacity building measures serve long-term use and the mobilisation of national and international sources of funding.

4. Shaping international climate negotiations and exchanging experiences

By actively participating in tailored training courses and international exchanges, the Tunisian Government will share its experience and findings from the NDC implementation process at international events. Therefore, the Tunisian delegation is actively shaping climate negotiations at the UN level.



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