



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

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What is our aim?

The Support Project for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (SPA) aims to enable partner countries to effectively implement the Paris Agreement by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing adaptive capacities, and transparently monitoring progress. We strengthen global initiatives and directly support countries in updating and implementing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), developing Long-term low emission development strategies (LT-LEDS), and implementing the reporting provisions under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF). By synthesizing and disseminating knowledge and facilitating communication between important international actors, we strive to generate synergies for an effective implementation of the Paris Agreement.

The challenge

The adoption of the **Paris Agreement** in 2015 opened a new chapter in international climate policy. For the first

time, nearly all UN member states pledged contributions to address climate change, with the **common goal of limiting global warming** to 2°C, preferably to 1.5°C. To achieve this, countries committed to **developing national climate targets** within their NDCs, submitting **reports on their emissions** under the ETF, and **raising the ambition** of their NDCs over time.

To significantly curb global warming, the goals of the Paris Agreement need to be implemented quickly and effectively. This constitutes a major challenge, which can only be met if **countries cooperate** with each other. The international community therefore **supports developing countries** in meeting their pledges through facilitating peer-to-peer exchange and building up knowledge, capacities, and access to financial support. This is where SPA comes in.

Our approach

On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) and the German Federal Foreign Office (AA), SPA works at the interface between German international climate policy and development cooperation. As an overarching advisory project, we aim to **link needs to solutions for enhancing climate action**. We do this in four main areas:



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1. We **advise the BMWK and the AA** on their support for the implementation of NDCs, LTS and ETF in partner countries. Furthermore, we provide expertise on cross-cutting topics, such as energy, the private sector, gender and youth, as well as country insights.
2. We **strengthen two global initiatives and networks**. The NDC Partnership and the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA) that support partner countries in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing their adaptive capacities, and monitoring and communicating this transparently. Through the two partnerships, we foster capacity development via platforms for political dialogue and mutual learning between countries, while also facilitating a matchmaking process between country needs and potential donors.
3. We **synthesize and disseminate knowledge**. We shape and advance 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 International Climate Initiative (IKI) portfolio, GIZ projects and other stakeholders (e.g., via the Global NDC Conference).

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4. We offer **bilateral support to partner countries** through the Climate Helpdesk and country packages in the areas of capacity development and technical assistance. Through our country packages we directly support developing countries in enhancing the quality and ambition of their NDCs as well as in developing, updating, and refining LT-LEDS, while SPA's Climate Helpdesk provides rapid and **high-quality technical assistance to developing countries**.

The focus of our work

SPA focuses on supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement in three major thematic areas: **NDC support, LT-LEDS and Transparency**.

NDC SUPPORT – We enable partner countries to implement and enhance their NDCs and LT-LEDS processes and collaborate closely with various climate-related institutions and initiatives in these partner countries to promote climate action. Another area is our analytical work that we provide for the ministries. This involves delivering information on the latest developments in

international climate policies. Additionally, we actively promote collaboration among diverse stakeholders by organizing impactful events like the Global NDC Conference, where participants come together to collectively address NDC-related challenges and opportunities.

Through the NDC Partnership, we **assist BMWK in coordinating its support for NDC-related activities** with governments and institutional partners worldwide. We do so by accompanying the NDC Partnership's strategic development and mobilizing support for partner countries' requests through the IKI. In addition, we contribute to organizing events and developing knowledge products under the NDC Partnership.

TRANSPARENCY – We strengthen partner countries' abilities to implement the ETF of the Paris Agreement. We do this mainly through PATPA, for which we are hosting the secretariat.

Within the framework of PATPA, we facilitate the **exchange of good practice, joint learning, and policy dialogue** between climate negotiators, policymakers and practitioners, creating a space in which countries

can discuss pressing and sensitive matters in the context of climate negotiations. Through global, regional, and national events and support activities, PATPA assists and encourages countries to **build up enhanced transparency systems** for effectively tracking and reporting the progress achieved in reaching the goals of the Paris Agreement.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

PATPA homepage:	transparency-partnership.net
Climate Helpdesk:	transparency-partnership.net/climate-helpdesk
NDC Partnership:	ndcpartnership.org
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GIZ website:	giz.de/en/worldwide/118893.html
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