

Capacity Development for the Implementation of Rwanda’s Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

Improving the institutional and financial framework for relevant state and non-state actors to implement Rwanda’s NDCs

Confronting the challenge

Rwanda is already experiencing the impacts of climate change to a significant degree. Extreme weather events and related disasters have significantly increased since the turn of the century. Forecasts predict even more changes in rainfall patterns and increasing seasonal variability, which threatens the productivity of the agricultural sector and food security, exacerbating existing vulnerabilities. Climate change impacts may cause Rwanda’s GDP levels to drop by 5–7% below baseline in multiple years by 2050, with negative impact on private consumption, exports, and government revenues. (World Bank CCDR).

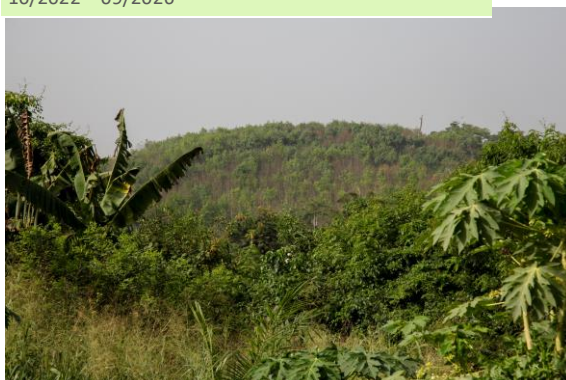
Rwanda has set ambitious goals to overcome the challenges of climate change and its impacts by putting in place a comprehensive climate change policy framework. This landlocked nation strives to become carbon neutral and increase its climate resilience. In May 2020, Rwanda was the first African country to submit an updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and to develop an NDC Implementation Framework (NDC-IF). In order to accelerate the urgent needed action, this project aims to facilitate the coordination, implementation, and financing of the NDC-IF.

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Project region	Rwanda, Africa
Lead executing agency	Ministry of Environment (MoE) of the Republic of Rwanda
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Our approach

The NDC project aims to strengthen the organisational and technical capacities of both state and non-state actors in Rwanda. It is part of the Rwandan-German Climate and Development Partnership that was signed by the Environmental Ministers of both countries in March 2022. Through technical cooperation implemented in coordination with the MoE and other relevant stakeholders, the project:

- Provides needs-based capacity development to the Ministry of Environment (MoE) to coordinate the NDC implementation plan;
- Supports the development of a standard tool (digital) to harmonise data on NDC implementation from the various NDC-relevant monitoring platforms and relevant sectors;
- Compiles data in a central MRV (measurement, reporting and verification) system at the MoE;
- Develops capacity for public institutions to integrate the NDC into selected policies, strategies, and plans;
- Improves private enterprises’ access to funding for NDC implementation measures
- Supports the private sector and financial intermediaries to build their capacities on increasing access to climate finance;
- Provides training measures to strengthen business owners’ knowledge and expertise on green financing instruments and their capacities to develop climate-related bankable business models and green technologies;



- Supports the private sector to conduct analyses to understand the required political and regulatory framework conditions to increase incentives for climate-related investments by and for the private sector in Rwanda.



Dimensions of sustainability

The project is geared to all three dimensions of sustainability: social, environmental, and economic. It supports Rwanda’s government to create the necessary conditions to strengthen the population’s resilience to the impacts of climate change and improve the quality of life of those affected by its related economic consequences and environmental risks. The project implements the 2030 Agenda principle of leaving no one behind (LNOB) and provides particular support to female experts and managers in capacity development measures to increase their social participation. The project also makes a positive contribution towards promoting environmental sustainability, as it directly equips the beneficiaries with the relevant knowledge and capacities towards greenhouse gas mitigation and adaptation to climate change impacts. Furthermore, the project strengthens climate-related initiatives carried out by the private sector that reduce pollution in the air, water resources, forests, and soil caused by consumption and production patterns. Furthermore, by promoting approaches that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and increase climate resilience, the intervention also supports Rwanda’s

economic transition in its path to becoming a green and carbon-neutral emerging economy. Finally, the project strengthens the structures for Rwanda’s financial autonomy to implement national development plans by improving incentives for climate-related private sector investments, and helps foster the private sector’s potential for innovation, green jobs creation, and the promotion of the Rwandan economy’s resilience as well as the contributions of the private sector, civil society and the science and research community to the NDC implementation.

The project also contributes to the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): SDG 1 (end poverty in all its forms everywhere), SDG 5 (achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth), and, in particular, SDG 13 (take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts). By promoting the integration of the NDC into selected policies, strategies and plans, the project will contribute to other SDGs as well.

Science and Research Network for Climate Co-operation

Under the umbrella of the NDC project, there is an output dedicated to the initiation of a science and research network for climate cooperation that is centred around knowledge management and facilitating matchmaking between various stakeholders of climate change science. As many academic actors are already contributing to Rwandan climate change science, it is rather about connecting people and institutions within academia and at the policy level.



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