



# Supporting the Enhancement of NDC Ambition in Africa

# Methodological Framework for Enhancing Ambition of NDC in Africa

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## I. National Context

- Recognize the importance of integrating climate change in national development planning
- Current challenges relating to COVID19 pandemic, poverty alleviation and economic development
- Current challenges and impacts relating to increased levels of extreme events (hurricane, floods, drought), pandemic (COVID 19), pests (locusts) and heat waves.
- Recognition of (low) historical and current responsibility (e.g. per-capita historical emissions), and respective capabilities and constraints (e.g. per-capita income)
- Recognition of the importance of just transition, building resilience and recovery in economic stimulus packages for COVID 19
- Welcoming the opportunity to communicate NDC addressing adaptation, mitigation and means of implementation, in a balanced manner, subject to conditions below

## II. Reference point (including as appropriate, a base year)

- Determine the expected date of submission of the revised NDC to the UNFCCC (MM/YY)
- Determine the government's overarching objective in revising its NDC
- It is important to have a base year for setting targets, computing ambition and MRV
- Africa's base year should be determined in the light of the special circumstances of each country.
- Africa should follow a low intensity emission pathway
- Set Long-term vision – preferably
  - Carbon Neutrality – Sector base neutrality
  - Net zero emission

## III. Time frames and/or periods for implementation

- Set the time frame in alignment with the national planning cycle
- Take cognizance of compliance obligations and reporting cycles under the convention
- Countries can also decide or choose not to indicate a time frame under uncertainties and conditionalities surrounding implementation (i.e. means of implementation)

## IV. Scope and coverage

- Determine the scope of the revision that is planned (e.g., updating data/information, adding sectors/gases, updating targets, etc.)
- Assess if the planned revisions will result in an increase in ambition of the NDC.
- List the sectors included in the revised NDC;
  - Indicate those that are new (if any)
  - List the GHG gases targeted in the revised NDC, and if any are new
- Focus on using sectors and information contained in the National Communication to the UNFCCC (IPCC Sectors)
- Focus on sectors as opposed to economic-wide approach for the revision of the NDC
  - Easy to manage and report on sectors than economic wide GHG emissions
- Under each sector, list areas/actions you consider relevant for enhancing NDC ambition
  - Identify policies and ongoing actions within the country contributing to enhancing mitigation and adaptation ambitions of the NDC

(Your assertions and plans should be realistic and achievable)

- The above actions should be based on the provision of means of implementation
- Any new actions included in the revised NDC ambition should also be based on the provision of means of implementation

### A. Adaptation

Sector target/ focus	Action & Interventions	Description/ baseline & new ambition	Requirement for implementation		
			Capacity requirements	Technology requirements	Finance requirements
Adaptation planning					
Adaptation implementation					

### B. Mitigation

Sector target/ focus	Action & Interventions	Description/ baseline & new ambition	Requirement for implementation		
			Capacity requirements	Technology requirements	Finance requirements
Mitigation planning					
Mitigation implementation					

### V. Review Process

- Build Political will, buy-in, (inter-ministerial committee, lead ministry and national focal point etc.), and societal ownership at national and sub-national levels
- Review, align, and update existing targets, policies and measures
- Coordination and engagement of all relevant sectors and stakeholders, state and non-state actors, gender and youth as part of the process
  - Inception, mid-term and validation workshops
    - Clear roles and responsibilities
- Assess costs and investment opportunities
- Capacity building and strengthening institutions and skillsets of actors
- Technology needs Assessment (TNA), development and transfer
- Monitoring progress and strengthen transparency
  - Data collection
- Approval process

## VI. Assumptions and conditions<sup>1</sup>

The review of the NDC to enhance ambition is submitted subject to conditions relating to:

- Full conformity with the principles and provisions of the Convention, in particular those of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities;
- Contributions forthcoming from developed country Parties relating to mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology and capacity in a balanced manner in the context of a global and comprehensive agreement for the period beyond 2020;
- Annex I Parties making “equitable and appropriate” mitigation contributions towards achieving the objective of the Convention taking into account their cumulative historical responsibility and use of atmospheric space and resources and that cumulative emissions in Africa remain extremely low;
- Annex II Parties providing support for adaptation actions outlined in this revised NDC with enhanced ambition, recognizing that adaptation is an essential priority and necessity for Africa and that there is an urgent need for immediate and adequate support for the implementation of adaptation plans and actions through the provision of grant-based public resources;
- Annex II Parties providing support for the mitigation actions outlined in this revised NDC with enhanced ambition, at agreed full incremental costs, in the context of a process to process to determine the level of finance necessary and available to implement the Convention, and agreement an equitable burden sharing arrangement among Annex II Parties including assessed contributions; and
- The Paris Agreement establishes a formal process during the 2015-2020 period to *match* NDCs from developing countries with support from developed countries in conformity with Article 4 of the Convention, including its provisions relating to finance (Article 4.3), adaptation (Article 4.4) and technology transfer (Article 4.5), with consideration of countries with specific needs and circumstances (Articles 4.8, 4.9 and 4.10), in the context of Article 4.7 on fulfillment by developed countries of their commitments relating to financial resources and the transfer of technology.
- Periodic review of implementation of the enhanced actions and means of implementation

## VII. Methodological approaches including on GHG accounting

- Use standard methodologies e.g. IPCC
- NDC Partnership Platform

## VIII. Annex

Endorsement<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Language of conditions is based on the language of the Convention, the agreed African common position as set out in AMCEN outcomes, and previous conditions submitted by UNFCCC Parties (e.g. EU in relation to the Kyoto Protocol)

<sup>2</sup> This document was discussed and adopted by the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) during the ‘**AGN Lead Coordinators/Strategy Group Meeting**’ in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 3-5 May 2015, as a standard framework to guide African countries in preparing their INDCs.

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