

# Key NDC features and the Status of NDC updates

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# NDCs: the heart of the Paris Agreement



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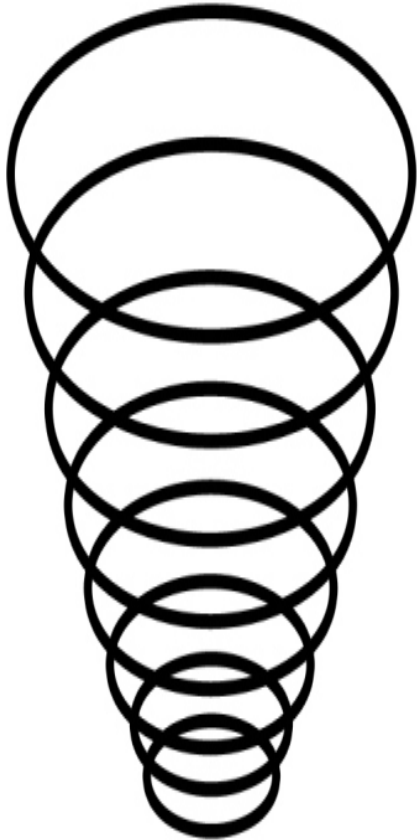
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Article 4.2 “**Each Party shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions** that it intends to achieve. Parties shall **pursue domestic mitigation measures**, with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions.”



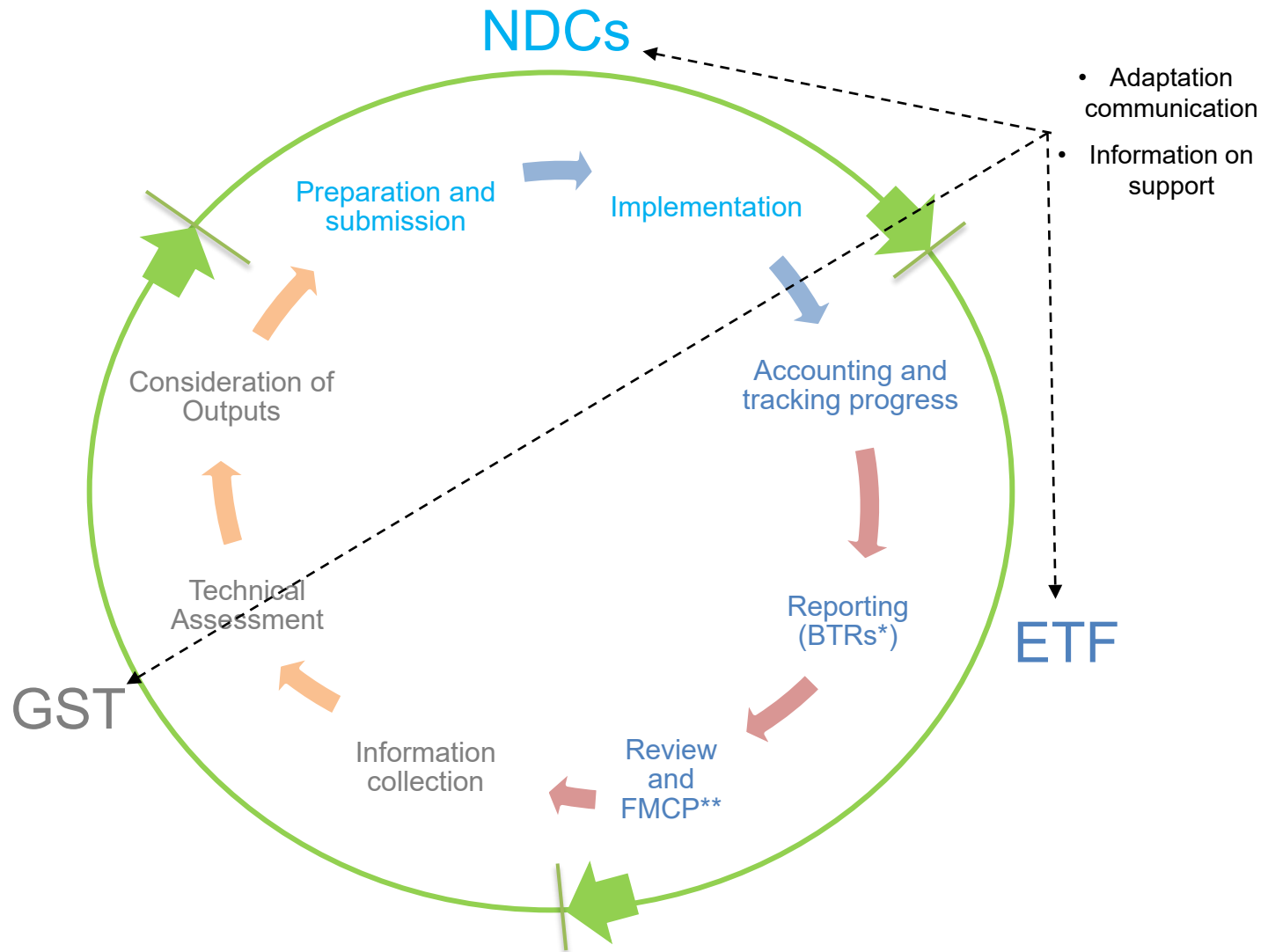
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- The Paris Agreement recognizes the urgent need to take action that its objectives will be achieved **through time**
- It establishes a **mandatory NDC process**:
  - First submission by **2020**
  - Enhanced ambition submitted **every 5 years**
- It builds on aggregate and individual **progression/ambition**
- **Feedback Mechanisms**
  - Global Stocktake
  - Transparency Framework

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\*BTRs: Biennial transparency reports

\*\* FMCP: Facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress

# ICTU and accounting for NDCs



## ICTU Guidance for NDCs

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### ➤ **Article 4.8 of the Paris Agreement**

*In communicating their NDCs, all Parties shall provide the information necessary for clarity, transparency and understanding [...]*

### ➤ **Decision 4/CMA.1 and its annex 1**

- All Parties **shall** provide the information necessary to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding (ICTU), while communicating their NDCs
- Guidance is as **applicable to the respective NDC (no one-size-fits all)**
- It is **to be applied** from the **second NDC** – but Parties are **strongly encouraged** to apply the guidance for **new/updated NDCs in 2020**
- It is **based on** elaboration of information elements identified in paragraph 27 of the decision 1/CP.21



ICTU GUIDANCE	UNDERSTANDING
1. Quantified information on the reference point, including, as appropriate, a base year	Information on the reference point used for the “target”, including data, assumptions and approaches.
2. Time frames and/or periods for implementation	Information on the implementation time of the NDC.
3. Scope and coverage	Information on what is covered by the target, including sectors, gases, categories and pools as well as mitigation co-benefits resulting from Parties’ adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans.
4. Planning process	Information on the relevant planning processes, institutional arrangements, national circumstances, stakeholder engagement or other contextual matters that are “behind” an NDC.
5. Assumptions and methodological approaches	Information on the accounting for NDCs, including on underlying assumptions and methodologies that have been used to estimate emissions covered by NDCs.
6. How the Party considers that its NDC is fair and ambitious in light of its national circumstances	Information on why or how the NDC is fair, ambitious and better than the last one.
7. How the NDC contributes towards achieving the objectives of the Convention as set out in its Article 2	Information on how the NDC contributes to achieve global carbon neutrality, climate resilience and sustainable financial flows.



## ICTU Guidance for NDCs: Adaptation and mitigation co-benefits

- Guidance for **ICTU is without prejudice to the inclusion of other components** other than mitigation;
- **Adaptation communication** (7.10) of the Paris Agreement may be submitted as a **component of or in conjunction** with a NDC;
- Parties are encouraged to use **guidance in relation to the adaptation communication is** contained in decision 9/CMA.1;
- NDCs may also consist of mitigation co-benefits resulting from Parties' adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans (4.7)
- These NDCs **shall include ICTU as applicable to its NDC and as it relates to such mitigation co-benefits;**



## Accounting Guidance

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- Guidance further elaborates **Article 4.13 and para 31 of PA**
- Guidance shall be applied by all Parties from the **second NDCs** onwards, but Parties **may elect** to apply guidance to their **first NDC (2020)**
- Key principle is the **avoidance of double counting**
- The information on accounting will be provided in the **biennial transparency reports**, including through a structured summary
  - Provides for **common metrics and methodologies** (IPCC)
  - Provides guidance for use of **own methodologies** and for PAMs
  - Addresses emissions from **land sector**
  - Provides rules for applying **technical changes** to reference points
  - Establishes the **principle of “no backsliding”**
- Requires Parties to explain why a **category is not included.**



**NDCs submitted by 2020 will be the starting point for the enhanced transparency framework and the global stocktake:**

- **Tracking of Progress** under the enhanced Transparency Framework:
  - Each Party shall provide a **description of its NDC** against which progress will be tracked
  - Each Party shall **identify the indicator(s)** that it has selected to track progress, e.g.
  - Each Party shall provide the **information for each selected indicator** for the reference point(s), level(s), baseline(s), base year(s) or starting point(s)
  - In the BTRs Parties must provide detailed information on the accounting approaches used (MPGs contain a detailed list)
  
- **Tracking of progress is directly linked to the ICTU and accounting for NDCs**



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## Next steps: Negotiations are going on

The Katowice Climate Package with its decision 18/CMA.1 adopted MPGs for the ETF for action and support. It also requested SBSTA to develop:

- a. **Common reporting tables** for information in the national inventories of GHG emissions and removals
  - b. **Common tabular formats** to report on the progress in implementing and achieving NDCs
  - c. **Common tabular formats** to report information on FTC support provided/mobilised and needed/received
  - d. **Outlines of the BTR**, inventory document and technical expert review report pursuant to the MPGs
  - e. **Training programme** for technical experts participating in the technical expert review
- **These negotiations will continue the next session of the SBSTA**
  - **These negotiations are to be concluded at CMA3/ COP 26**

Negotiations are also ongoing on Article 6, with a decision final decision expected at COP 26.



# Status on NDCs in 2020



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- 18 Parties have communicated a new or updated NDC
  - Parties whose INDC with a **time frame up to 2025** to communicate by 2020 a **new NDC** and to do so every five years thereafter (1/CP.21, para. 23);
  - Parties whose INDC with a **time frame up to 2030** to **communicate or update** by 2020 the contribution and to do so every five years thereafter (1/CP.21, para. 24);
  - All NDCs are **recorded in the (interim) NDC registry**;
  - The secretariat is requested to prepare a **synthesis report** (1/CP.21, para. 25) for COP 26 (1/CMA.2);
  - All Parties are invited to communicate **long-term low emission development strategies** (1/CP.21, para. 35 and x/CP.25);
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# NDCs in 2020: NDC (interim) Registry

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**NDC Registry**  
(interim)

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186 Parties have submitted their first NDCs.  
3 Parties have submitted their second NDCs.

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### Welcome to the interim NDC Registry

In accordance with Article 4, paragraph 12 of the Paris Agreement, NDCs communicated by Parties shall be recorded in a public registry maintained by the secretariat.

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