



IKI Focus

Nationally determined contributions (NDCs)

IKI accelerates the implementation of
NDCs and raises ambition levels

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According to the terms of the Paris Agreement, Parties committed themselves to update and improve their nationally determined contributions (NDCs) every five years, with the aim of increasing their level of ambition with each and every cycle. Each NDC submission aims to progress further than the last and to reflect the maximum level of ambition for the respective country. For the current cycle, many countries have submitted their new or updated NDCs for 2020 or 2021, while others have yet to complete the updating process. Nations are also invited to present long-term strategies (LTS) on a voluntary basis.

IKI supports NDC implementation and raising of ambition levels

The International Climate Initiative (IKI) is the most important instrument of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) to support international climate action. As part of its work, the IKI supported partner countries with the initial development of their intended NDCs (INDCs). At present, the IKI is supporting the implementation and improvement (i.e. raising the ambition) of NDCs in bilateral and multilateral projects. Cross-sectoral approaches are also an increasing point of focus here.

IKI's current portfolio is modelled along the interdisciplinary lines needed to support NDC implementation. In most of its priority countries, for example, IKI finances interface

projects with permanent project offices in the capitals. Apart from their own focus, these projects also work to facilitate collaboration between the IKI projects in the country or region. Working closely with the ministries responsible for climate change, these projects support the implementation and improvement of national climate policy and NDCs, focusing in particular on policy support and capacity building of national institutions.

The IKI is also active in several global initiatives aimed at implementing NDCs and increasing ambition levels. Important partner in this area is the [NDC Partnership](#) (NDCP).

NDC Partnership

The NDCP was formed in 2016 at the 22nd UN Climate Change Conference (COP22) in Morocco. Established as a global initiative, the NDCP matches specific, climate-related support requests from partner countries with offers from various donors, and promotes financial backing and capacity building to ensure effective NDC implementation in developing countries.

Since 2019, the NDCP's Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP) has supplemented the Partnership's regular service provision to offer 67 partner countries rapid and effective demand-oriented technical services that help these nations to revise their NDCs and achieve a greater level of

ambition. Many of these countries have now already submitted revised NDCs. Germany has contributed, among others, to CAEP funding – via the IKI.

In June 2020, the [Economic Advisory Initiative](#) was also launched in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. This initiative, which is also partially financed through IKI funds, is working to support and foster a Green Recovery in partner countries.

Future additional support for implementing NDCs and raising ambition levels will be provided by the NDCP's new Partnership Action Fund (PAF), which was set up with funds from the IKI and other donors in 2021.

Technical support for NDC implementation and increasing ambition is also being provided in the context of the UNDP's Climate Promise, which the IKI has supported since 2017. The UNDP's Climate Promise is supporting more than 100 countries with technical, financial and institutional capacity building that targets climate change mitigation.

Ambition Initiative from the NAMA Facility

The [NAMA Facility](#) is another important IKI instrument that helps to provide support for NDC implementation in developing and emerging countries. As an international climate finance programme, the NAMA Facility has received joint financial backing from Denmark, Germany and the United Kingdom as well as the European Commission.

In 2020, the [NAMA Facility's Ambition Initiative](#) was launched by Germany, the United Kingdom and the Children's Investment Fund Foundation. With a total funding volume of 177 million euros, 100 million euros of which is provided by the IKI. The Initiative supports projects in partner countries that aim to implement especially ambitious NDCs.

Transparency as the backbone for ambitious climate action

Transparency is an especially important element for ambitious climate action. For this reason, the Paris Agreement includes the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) as a central mechanism for reporting, amongst other things, on greenhouse gas emissions and progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs.

Submitting reports in accordance with the ETF is an important element of raising ambition levels for NDCs, since this kind of reporting forms the basis for what is termed the 'global stocktake' of the NDCs submitted. In this way, countries can demonstrate progress and identify options for raising ambition levels.

IKI projects that focus on this key element of transparency help partner countries in their efforts to establish and improve their national transparency schemes. At the same time, they strengthen the institutional, technical and financial capacities in partner countries in support of fulfilling ETF requirements. In this context, the IKI supports the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA), which also maintains a 'Climate Transparency Helpdesk' to provide countries with ad-hoc support for developing their transparency systems.

In addition, the IKI has also partnered with the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) to provide countries with tailored support and practical tools to build the robust transparency frameworks needed for effective climate action in sync with national development priorities.

NDC Support Programme

BMU grant: €44,000,000.00, duration: 01/2017 to 12/2023

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

BMU grant: € 34,700,000.00, duration: 07/2016 to 12/2024

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NDC Action – Facilitating implementation of climate-resilient and low-carbon development in accordance with national and global targets

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