

November Climate Change Dialogues
NDC Enhancement and COVID-19 Recovery: Regional Trends and Country Experiences
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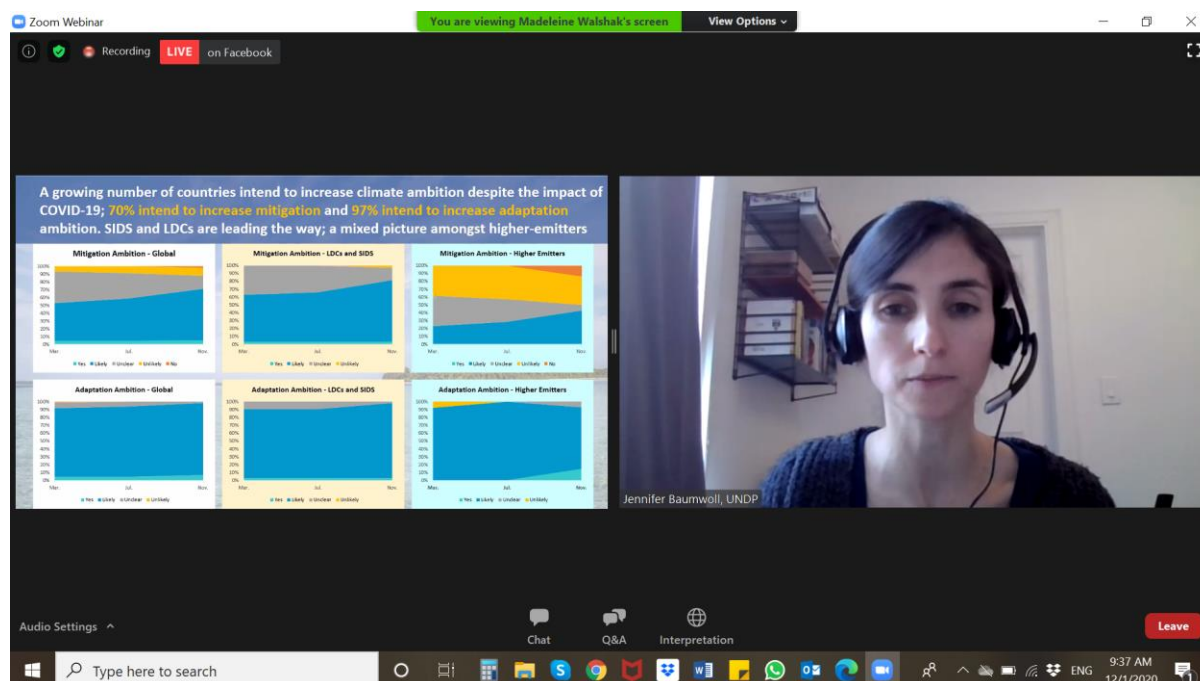
The objective of this session, co-organized with UNDP as part of the UNFCCC Climate Dialogues, is to showcase country efforts to enhance their NDCs and put climate at the heart of their recovery efforts. This includes UNDP's Climate Promise and the NDC Partnership. Global and regional trends on the NDC revision process to date were presented, and selected countries shared their experiences, particularly in light of the global pandemic, to show how their efforts aligned enhanced NDCs with national COVID-19 recovery efforts.

Moderator Cassie Flynn, Strategic Advisor on Climate Change and Head of the Climate Promise, United Nations Development Programme, introduced all speakers. Stephen Gold, Global Head on Climate Change, UNDP; Pablo Vieira, Global Director, NDC Partnership; and Dainalyn Swaby, Youth Representative, Jamaica, gave opening remarks

Part 1: Specific key trends and approaches under UNDP's Climate Promise and NDC Partnership's Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP)

Jennifer Baumwoll, Global Climate Change Advisor and Global **Climate Promise** Coordinator, **UNDP**:

- UNDP Climate Promise is working with over 115 countries (includes mix of SIDS, LDCs, “fragile states,” high emitters) on SDG ambition, acceleration of climate change mitigation and adaptation/NDCs, and mobilization on the ground; doing so via assistance on political will building, policies, adding new sectors, cost analysis, and MRV.



- Significant drop in # of co's submitting NDCs by the end of 2020, only 50 (8 submitted, another 40+ say they will), but most say they will revise and submit before COP26 in 2021
- Main revision sectors are energy (80%, with half on nature-based solutions) and AFOLU (with ag and forestry separately treated)

- Over 60 countries are explicitly linking Covid recovery and NDC revision, in various sectors and ways (see below); overall, NDCs can be seen as a guide to drive pandemic recovery

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Over 60 Climate Promise countries are linking NDCs and green recovery and pursuing the SG's Recovery Better Principles, a majority of which focus on investing in green jobs and leaving no one behind.

Aligning with SG's Principles (% of all Climate Promise countries)

- 30% "Invest in Green Jobs"
- 15% "Working Together"
- 11% "Leaving No One Behind"
- 2% "Climate in All Decisions"
- 1% "End fossil-fuel subsidies"
- No countries to date examining bailout for polluting industries

How Countries are linking NDCs with COVID-19 Recovery Efforts

- Utilizing NDC and COVID-19 socio-economic impact assessments to advocate for or to identify priorities for green recovery
- Aligning and integrating NDC measures and strategies with COVID-19 recovery plans
- Increasing advocacy, awareness and capacities and coordination incl. engagement with Ministries of Finance and Planning
- Developing new recovery programs or initiatives that also align with NDC measures and targets
- Developing financial strategies or options for green recovery

Jennifer Baumwoll, UNDP

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- Driving political will means wider consultation, including generation and youth (75% countries are prioritizing on NDC2)

Amanda McKee, Head of Knowledge Management and Head of **CAEP (Climate Action Enhancement Package), NDC Partnership**:

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CLIMATE ACTION ENHANCEMENT PACKAGE (CAEP)
KEY FIGURES ON THE DELIVERY OF SUPPORT THROUGH CAEP

CLIMATE ACTION ENHANCEMENT PACKAGE
DELIVERING TARGETED, FAST-TRACKED SUPPORT TO RAISE CLIMATE AMBITION

- 65 COUNTRIES SUPPORTED**
15% of global emissions
23% of global population
- 46 PARTNERS ENGAGED**
14 Implementing Partners
6 Governmental Steering Committee Members
- 780 ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED**
Through 2 rounds of support and a call for supplemental requests
- 1.5B USD MOBILISED**
1.5B USD 2 million from TAP
Over 1.5B USD 1 million in bilateral financing

Amanda McKee, NDC Partnership

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- Currently \$46m in funding
- \$ going to define data, improve baselines, strengthen targets; also going to new sectors like transport, waste, buildings
- Regional trends, e.g. oceans in Latin America, and buildings and waste in Asia

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CLIMATE ACTION ENHANCEMENT PACKAGE (CAEP)

KEY FIGURES ON THE DELIVERY OF SUPPORT THROUGH CAEP

INTENDED OUTCOMES

■ Ambition ■ Quality ■ Process

Number of countries that received support for each outcome

Outcome	Ambition	Quality	Process
High Ambition Targets	54	48	56
High Quality Targets	38	47	56
High Process Targets	35	47	37
High Alignment	58	53	56
High Inclusion	56	56	56

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- Expressly seeking to avoid fly in/fly out use of consultants on 2nd gen NDCs, as happened with first generation NDCs (INDCs) pre Paris
- Use of ST economic advisors for Covid recovery

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ECONOMIC ADVISORY SUPPORT

Climate Action at the Heart of COVID-19 Recovery Plans

Commitment to integrate NDCs in recovery plans

Country Defined Needs

Sign off by Finance/Planning Ministries

Embedded in Finance/Planning Ministries for up to 12 months

- 33 countries have requested support
- 3 advisors have been deployed to date

Supported by 14 partners:

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33 COUNTRIES HAVE REQUESTED SUPPORT

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- Bringing climate work into Covid recovery planning, assessing Covid impacts on NDCs, ...

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ANTICIPATED RESULTS OF ECONOMIC ADVISORY

Country TOR Activities Requested (% of Countries)

Activity	Percentage of Countries
Incorporating climate ambition into recovery and / or national plans in response to COVID-19 (33 countries)	100%
Assessing COVID-19 impacts on NDCs and climate action (29 countries)	88%
Identifying low carbon and / or resilient projects (21 countries)	64%
Mobilizing financial resources for recovery (16 countries)	42%
Developing climate finance instruments / mechanisms (8 countries)	24%

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Part 2: Country Experiences and Progress - NDC Revision Process and COVID-19 Recovery Efforts

Patricia Campos Mesen, Director of Climate Change, Costa Rica (delivered in Spanish, did not capture)

Halima Bawa-Bwari, Director of the Climate Change, Nigeria: INDC pledge was 20% mitigation on own and 40% with assistance; revision begun this March, week before Covid lockdown; focus on sectors

Elizabeth Press, Director of Planning and Programme Support, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA): RE jobs have doubled in the last few years, e.g. of just transition potential; under

pandemic conditions, RE share of electricity production increased and coal-fired decreased, and was viewed as reliable; 162 co's have RE targets in their NDCs, but only 106 are quantified, IRENA is working with countries to increase that number (e.g. increased requests for data analysis, good because can only change what you understand, like baselines); NDCs are excellent tool for global policy revision, moving energy from sector silo to other sectors it impacts (e.g. health, education, transportation, buildings, industry...) when revising NDCs for next 5 years.

Left workshop at this point.

Enkhbat Altangerel, Director of Nature, Environment & Tourism, Mongolia was the last country presenter