

On the Road to Paris: INDCs & the UNFCCC Climate Negotiations

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Outline



- Status of UNFCCC Negotiations in the Lead-Up to the 2015 Agreement
- UNDP's Work on INDCs

STATUS OF THE UNFCCC NEGOTIATIONS IN THE LEAD-UP TO THE 2015 AGREEMENT



The Road to Paris





The Paris package

 At the most recent negotiation in September, parties worked to get a clearer understanding of the structure of the "Paris Package" that will include two elements:



- Paris 2015 Agreement text
- "Decisions" text that will include many operational issues for implementing the agreement
- As a next step, the ADP Co-Chairs will produce a new negotiating based on the "Geneva text," Co-Chairs tool and inputs made by the Parties at this session. Parties will discuss this text at the next session in October.

Key Issues being Negotiated



All textual proposals are being discussed in facilitated groups that address:

- Mitigation
- Adaptation (and loss & damage)
- Finance
- Technology Development & Transfer
- Capacity Building
- Transparency of Action and Support

The Heart of the 2015 Deal: INDCs

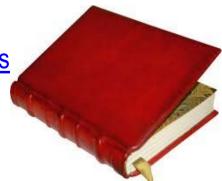


- Intended Nationally-Determined Contributions (INDCs) are the domestic actions that both developed and developing countries will take to address climate change and will come into effect by 2020
- INDCs will form the core of the 2015 agreement. Without a robust outcome on INDCs, Paris will not achieve its objectives
- INDCs are a highly sensitive area of the negotiations, with countries debating over their definition, scope, submission and measurement
 - The role of adaptation continues to be a key issue

Taking Action on INDCs



- Given the high pressure for countries to prepare INDCs, many countries are requesting urgent support in order to submit their INDCs by 1 October
- Parties requested the UNFCCC to prepare a synthesis report by 1 November 2015 on the aggregate effect of INDCs
 - This is expected to indicate how the total impact of the INDCs relates to the goal of keeping global temperature increase below 2 degrees Celsius
 - This report, scheduled to be released just before Paris, will likely garner headlines around the world
- INDC Portal online: <u>http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/INDC/Submission%20Pagesspx</u>
- 53 countries already submitted their INDCs.



UNDP's WORK ON INDCs



Taking Action on INDCs



- Negotiators are still discussing the scope and format of INDCs. Many countries in the position of preparing an INDC without an established structure.
- Shortly after INDCs were created in the negotiations, UNFCCC requested that UNDP provide technical assistance to developing countries as well as coordination among developed countries and partners.

INDC Regional Technical Dialogues: Overview



- Initiative carried out by UNDP, in collaboration with UNFCCC and WRI (second series), to support countries in the process of preparing INDCs
- Funding from Australia, Austria, Belgium, European Commission, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, UK, and US
- 6 dialogues (500+ participants, 100+ developing countries, others)
- Objectives:
 - Discuss technical elements, institutional context, and consultation processes for the preparation of INDCs
 - Exchange experiences in areas relevant to INDCs (learn from progress to date), and identify potential challenges and solutions
 - 3) Carry out **practical exercises** to identify key issues related to decision-making in INDC preparation

INDC Regional Technical Dialogues: Challenges Identified



- Short timeframe for institutional processes, technical analysis, etc.
- Deciding what should be included in the INDCs and the legal and economic implications
- Securing high-level endorsement for climate actions to be included in INDCs
- Educating and involving stakeholders
- Limited data and modeling expertise for technical analysis
- Obtaining resources for undertaking consultations and technical analysis

INDC Regional Technical Dialogues: Key Takeaways



- INDCs will reflect diversity of national circumstances
- INDCs should link to development plans and build on existing/planned climate change initiatives
- National priorities/capacities will determine contribution types and scope
- INDCs should take advantage of existing data/information as much as possible
- INDC preparation should include public sector (relevant sectors and key ministries like planning and finance) and civil society and academia
 - Private sector can also play a role
- Countries will need to determine what can be funded domestically and what can be undertaken with additional support

INDC Guidance Document



Guidance document has been developed by UNDP, in collaboration with WRI and UNFCCC, and responds to requests from dialogues

- Key technical elements, key steps and good practices for preparing INDCs (no perfect formula)
- Not prescriptive (up to countries to decide whether to use it)
- Not meant to prejudge the outcome of the negotiations
- Considers key outcomes of COP-20 in Lima

Designing and Preparing INDCs:

http://www.wri.org/sites/default/files/designing-preparing-indcs-report.pdf

UNDP Support for INDC Preparation

- A GEF-funded Global Support Programme to provide technical
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 assistance to countries for national communications, BURs, and INDCs
 - Implemented jointly by UNDP and UNEP, linked with national communications preparation to ensure synergies
 - Contact points on INDC support through the GSP:
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- Low Emission Capacity Building (LECB) Programme to provide technical support through LECB activities
 - Direct support to Argentina, Lebanon, Egypt, Ecuador, Ghana and Ukraine
 - Indirect support through activities being carried our under the programme such as LEDS, NAMAs, and institutional development

Thank you

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