

Concept Note

Fourth Regional Partners Stocktaking Meeting on the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) 3.0

UN Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centre for the Caribbean (RCC Caribbean)

Support to NDCs for the Caribbean Countries

23 April 2025

10:30 to 12:00 AST | 9:30-11:00 CST | 16:30-18:00 CET

Background

The Paris Agreement requires all Parties to prepare, communicate and maintain successive Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) that it intends to achieve. The NDCs are the main vehicle for countries to express their climate ambition and actions, and to align them with their national development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This is especially relevant now with Decisions 6/CMA.3 and 1/CMA.5 requiring new and more ambitious NDCs from countries to be developed and submitted in 2025, with targets until 2035. In addition to being more ambitious, the NDCs 3.0 will also have to be country-owned, country-driven, implementable and well positioned to unlock financing. For the Caribbean region, one that is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change although contributing negligibly to the total global greenhouse gas emissions, the enhancement and implementation of NDCs is a top priority.

The first Global Stocktake (GST) outcome underlined that despite overall progress on mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation and support, Parties are not yet collectively on track towards achieving the purpose of the Paris Agreement and its long-term goals. As such, 43% emission reduction is needed by 2030 relative to 2019 levels, 60% emission reduction is needed by 2035, and net zero emissions by 2050. The outcome therefore encouraged Parties to come forward with ambitious, economy-wide emission reduction targets, covering all greenhouse gases, sectors and categories. The GST decision also emphasized the need for collective efforts by inviting the UN Climate Change Secretariat, including through its regional collaboration centres (UNFCCC RCCs), and other organizations in a position to do so, to provide capacity-building support for the preparation and communication of the next NDCs.

A number of development and implementation partners are providing support to countries in the Caribbean on various aspects of NDC preparation and implementation, such as data and analysis, policy and planning, finance and investment, capacity building, and stakeholder engagement. To that end, the UNFCCC secretariat convened a global support workshop on NDCs in early March 2024 in Bonn, Germany. During this convening, partners put together a framework which would inform the NDC 3.0 support ecosystem, and a call was made to convene regular regional partners meeting.

The Caribbean has responded to the call to host regional partners meeting and have convened three Regional Partners Stocktaking Meetings in 2024. The first was held on 24 April 2024 attended by 14

organizations, the second on 6 August attended by 21 organizations and the third on the 17 December attended by 22 organizations. The key outcomes of the meetings were captured and shared with all the partners.

The 4th Regional Partners Stocktaking Meeting on the NDCs for the Caribbean will once again take place virtually on the 23rd April, 2025. It will convene implementing and development partners to continue the discussions on the NDCs 3.0.

Meeting Objectives:

The UNFCCC RCC Caribbean, along with the NDC Partnership, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), is proposing to organize the 4th Regional Partners Stocktaking Meeting as a continued platform for dialogue and exchange among implementing and development partners in the Caribbean actively supporting countries on NDC preparation and implementation in 2024-2025. The objectives of this meeting are:

- Discuss Caribbean country engagement on NDC 3.0, submission status and identify synergetic opportunities for increased cooperation and coordination on NDCs 3.0 in the Caribbean region.
- Invite organizations to share information such as plans or key outcomes from regional NDC-related events in the Caribbean.
- Reflect on the discussions and outcomes of the previous regional meetings, present the updated partner support matrix and agree on a common approach for further engagements and collaborations going forward.

Proposed Agenda

90 mins

Time	Activity	Moderator/Speaker
3'	<i>Welcome and introduction to the Meeting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives and expected outcomes 	Jason Williams, Regional Specialist for NDCs and LT-LEDS, UNFCCC RCC Caribbean
10'	<i>Opening remarks</i>	UNFCCC Secretariat (TBC) UNDP (TBC)
15'	<i>Scene-setting: Caribbean region readiness for NDCs 3.0</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caribbean region's response to global climate goals • Regional mechanisms in place to support NDC preparation and implementation 	Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (TBC)

7'	<p><i>Presentation: Recap of previous regional partners meetings</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of discussions • Key insights and takeaways • Partner Support Matrix 	Jason Williams, Regional Specialist for NDCs and LT-LEDS, UNFCCC RCC Caribbean
30'	<p><i>Discussion on Caribbean countries NDCs 3.0 (mentimeter exercise)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDC 3.0 Preparation and Submission Status • Opportunities to expedite support for NDCs to countries • Plans for 2025 regional partner meetings 	Moderated by Jason Williams, Regional Specialist on NDCs and LT-LEDS, UNFCCC RCC Caribbean
20'	<p><i>Partners' Interventions: NDC-relevant Event summaries</i></p>	Moderator (TBC)
5'	<p><i>Closing remarks and way forward</i></p>	Andrea Camponogara, RCC Global Lead, Mitigation, UNFCCC secretariat