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PEER EXCHANGE WORKSHOP ON NDC IMPLEMENTATION: *From Preparation to Coordinated Action* 3rd Climate Week

24 – 25 April 2026

Venue: Yeosu Expo Convention Centre & Venezia Hotel, **Yeosu, South Korea**

Organizers: The UNFCCC Secretariat and its Regional Collaboration Centres (RCC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), NDC Partnership and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

Background

Following the submission of the latest round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), attention must swiftly shift to translating NDCs into action. This transition to implementation places the focus on delivering climate action aligned with national development objectives, within increasingly constrained resources.

The UNFCCC Annual Global Stocktake Dialogue Reports¹ illustrate the breadth of issues shaping NDC preparation and implementation, with finance featuring prominently as an integral part of the implementation stage. While insufficient financing is often highlighted in discussions on NDC implementation, countries also face challenges in unpacking NDCs and translating them into prioritized, structured, finance- and implementation-ready actions.

As countries move forward with this process, they engage with an increasingly diverse landscape of domestic and international, public and private finance sources with different requirements, timelines, and risk–return expectations. This complexity can make it harder to connect actions with appropriate sources of finance, highlighting the importance of effective domestic coordination across institutions and the need to prioritize, sequence, and organize implementation actions.

Building on the success of the NDC Regional Forums in 2024 and the NDC Clinics in 2025 and responding to requests from Parties in the Mutirão Decision² to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and good practices related to NDCs through peer exchange workshops, the UNFCCC secretariat and its RCCs, UNDP, UNEP, NDC Partnership and GIZ are co-organizing the first peer exchange workshop for NDC implementation under the 1st Climate Week in Yeosu, Korea. This peer exchange aims to

¹ Global Stocktake Annual Dialogue Reports: [FCCC/PA/CMA/2024/5](#) - [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/6](#)

² [Decision -/CMA.7 Global Mutirão](#)

support countries in translating NDCs into coordinated implementation pathways for both emissions reductions and climate resilience.

This workshop will provide a dynamic platform to reflect among peers on coordination and collaboration to enable NDC implementation. It will draw on practical experiences, country-led perspectives and the contribution of regional and international implementing organizations and other stakeholders.

Targeted audience

This peer-to-peer workshop will bring together government representatives from relevant ministries involved in NDC implementation, with a view to including participation from finance, economy, and planning ministries alongside environment ministries. To enrich the dialogue and foster coordination, select representatives from civil society, including youth and Indigenous Peoples, development partner institutions, multilateral and national development banks, climate funds, national and regional institutions and private sector representatives will also be invited to share their perspectives and experiences.

Objectives

Country participants will exchange experiences and lessons learned on the transition from NDC formulation to implementation across the four implementation levers of policy, finance, solutions and engagement. The discussion will focus on how countries unpack NDCs into actionable priorities, make strategic choices on prioritization and sequencing, and organize implementation to align and mobilize finance in support of their broader NDC priorities, particularly mitigation and adaptation actions.

With this aim, the expected outcomes of the workshop are:

1. Strengthened understanding of country approaches to translating NDCs into actionable and finance-ready country-owned implementation pathways.
2. Enhanced capacity to identify options for prioritizing, sequencing, and matching NDC actions with appropriate sources of finance, recognizing the different financing characteristics of mitigation and adaptation actions.
3. Improved preparedness to structure NDC implementation actions, including through programmatic approaches, to facilitate financing and coordinated implementation at scale across sectors and levels of government.

Proposed Approach

The workshop will adopt a highly interactive format, prioritizing dialogue and deep-dive peer exchange over presentations. To support this, a mix of methodologies will be used, including concise keynote interventions, participatory discussions and working group sessions. The workshop will comprise three subtopic segments as outlined below.

- **Segment 1: Unpacking NDCs to strengthen country ownership in financing implementation.** This segment explores which implementation pathways result from the most recent NDC submission, i.e. which actions need to be newly implemented, scaled up, or adjusted. Grounded in countries' individual stages in the NDC process, participants will examine how climate finance strategies and domestic institutional arrangements can be aligned with updated priorities to direct finance toward NDC implementation across national efforts. It

will also consider how countries coordinate across institutions to advance actions that require multi-sector collaboration and subnational delivery.

- **Segment 2: Prioritization and sequencing of NDC actions.** This segment examines countries' efforts to unpack their NDC into implementation and investment needs, and to prioritize and sequence actions across a range of finance sources, public and private, international and domestic. Different actions require different types of finance, each with distinct conditions, timelines, and risk–return expectations. Countries therefore face strategic choices about which implementation actions to advance first, which to prepare for longer-term transformation, and which require innovative financing approaches. The discussion will also consider public goods and risk reduction benefits and therefore may require different prioritization and sequencing strategies.
- **Segment 3: Structuring NDC implementation actions to channel finance.** This segment explores solutions to facilitate financing and implementation of NDC actions through bundling and matching them with appropriate instruments and finance sources, including public and private, international, and domestic. Aggregating similar actions, for instance into country platforms, sectoral programmes, packages, territorial initiatives, or other programmatic approaches, can help channel finance, organise implementation efforts, and reduce transaction costs over time. Such programmatic approaches can also support country-led coordination of actions across sectors and levels of government.

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AGENDA

Day 1 April 24 Venezia Hotel – “Burano Hall” 3rd. Floor	
7:00 – 9:00 hrs.	Registration in Yeosu Expo
9:00 - 10:30 hrs.	Climate Week High-Level Ceremony – Yeosu Expo Convention Centre
10:30 – 10:40 hrs.	Walk to Venezia Hotel - approx. 10 minutes
Opening Session	
10:45 – 11:00 hrs.	Participants’ Reception Coffee
11:00 – 11:30 hrs.	Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alejandro Kilpatrick, Manager, Capacity-building subdivision, Means of Implementation Division, UNFCCC secretariat - Hong Dong-Gon, Vice Administrator of the Presidential Commission on Climate Crisis Response (PCCCR), Republic of Korea - Monique Ferreira, Chief of Staff in the Executive Directorate of the COP30 Presidency, Brazil
11:30 – 11:35 hrs.	Overview of the Peer Exchange Workshop on NDC Implementation
11:35 – 11:40 hrs.	Introduction to the Process
11:40 – 11:50 hrs.	Family Photo
Segment 1 – Unpacking NDCs to strengthen country ownership in financing implementation	
11:55 – 12:10 hrs.	Peer Dialogue Setting the Scene <i>Interactive country discussions moderated by GIZ with representatives from:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Himerio Garcia, Department of Finance, Government of the Philippines - Sonia Afsana, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of Bangladesh - Nelson Kalo, Ministry of Climate Change, Government of Vanuatu
12:10 -13:55 hrs.	Group discussions on unpacking NDCs - Round tables (8–10 per table) <i>The purpose of this session is to reflect on countries’ experiences across NDC cycles in unpacking NDC commitments and translating them into implementation, and how previous experiences inform current approaches.</i> Guiding questions – “In your country: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How do national policies, frameworks and planning tools support NDC implementation, including locally driven efforts? What are approaches to fostering policy coherence across sectors and ensuring that resources reach subnational levels?</i> • <i>How are cross-government collaboration and ownership from previous NDC cycles being carried into implementation, and what has worked well or required adjustment?</i> • <i>How are civil society, youth, Indigenous Peoples, women and other groups contributing to implementation, and how has their role evolved from the NDC formulation process?”</i>
14:00 - 15:00 hrs.	Lunch Break
15:00 – 15:10 hrs.	Interactive Energizer

15:10 – 15:30 hrs.	<p>Harvesting Insights <i>Plenary exchange on takeaways from the group discussions.</i></p>
15:30 – 15:40 hrs.	<p>Key Messages</p> <p><i>Commentators offer a brief responsive reflection following the plenary exchange and synthesizing key messages.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michael Apicelli, Climate Club - Maria Clara Nascimento, CHAMP/ C40 Cities - Janek Toepper, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Segment 2 – Prioritization and sequencing of NDC actions	
15:40 – 16:10 hrs.	<p>Peer Dialogue Setting the Scene</p> <p>Peers sharing country-experiences in moderated conversation</p> <p><i>Interactive country discussions moderated by UNDP with representatives from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suthinee Rakkusol, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Government of Thailand - Tamir Enkh-Amgalan, NDC Partnership In-Country Facilitator for the Government of Mongolia - Phuntsho Wangchuk, Ministry of Finance, Government of Bhutan
16:10 – 17:40 hrs.	<p>Group discussions</p> <p><i>The aim of this session is to reflect on how countries are prioritizing and sequencing NDC actions as they move from unpacking commitments toward implementation, and how these priorities inform investment planning, financing strategies, and engagement with different sources of finance.</i></p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How does your country determine and sequence priority NDC actions for implementation? What works well and what insights can you share with others?</i> • <i>What factors, such as co-benefits or access to finance, help guide these prioritization choices? [Examples for co-benefits: resilience, nature, development, risk reduction, gender equality, social inclusion]</i> • <i>What tools are used for prioritization, including those that support integrated planning or policy coherence?</i>
17:40 – 17:55 hrs.	<p>Harvesting Insights and Key Messages</p> <p><i>Plenary exchange on takeaways from group discussions. Commentators offer a brief responsive reflection following the plenary exchange and synthesizing key messages.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sue-Ern Tan, International Energy Agency (IEA) - Claudios Hakuna, Green Climate Fund (GCF)
17:55 -18:00 hrs.	End of Day 1

Day 2 | April 25 Yeosu Expo Convention Centre - Grand Hall

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Segment 3 - Part I: Dialogue with Finance Providers and Implementers	
9:00– 09:15 hrs.	High-level Remarks - Ingrid Lundberg, Head of COP 31 Office of the Presidency Branch, Australian Government
9:15-10:00 hrs.	Panel discussion: “Managing Risk and Structural Constraints to Unlock Opportunity” Managing Risk and Structural Constraints to Unlock Opportunity: A Dialogue with Finance Providers and Implementers <i>Panel moderated by UNFCCC secretariat. Guiding questions with 3 to 4 minutes responses.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Hughes, Principal Climate Change Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB) • Anjali Viswamohanan, Director, Policy, Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC) • Gyungah Kim, Climate Change Manager, Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)
10:00 – 10:35 hrs.	Q&A session
10:35 – 10:55 hrs.	Coffee Break
Segment 3 – Part II: Structuring NDC implementation actions to channel finance	
10:55 – 11:10 hrs.	Outlook of Day 2
11:10 – 11:15 hrs.	Key Messages Day 1 - Nischal Dhungana , Youth Representative, Nepal - Jérôme Malavelle , UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
11:15 – 11:45 hrs.	Peer Dialogue Setting the Scene <i>Interactive country discussions moderated by NDC Partnership with representatives from:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anna Amalia, Ministry of National Development Planning, Government of Indonesia - Vaine Viviani, Ministry of Finance and Economic Management, Government of Cook Islands - Sok Bun Heng, Ministry of Finance, Government of Cambodia
11:45 – 13:00 hrs.	Group discussions Purpose: Reflect on how countries are structuring NDC implementation actions into project pipelines, portfolios, or programmatic initiatives that facilitate engagement with financing partners and channel finance toward implementation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What has helped move NDC investment priorities toward financing and implementation? Are adaptation and mitigation approached differently? What works well and what insights can you share with others?</i> • <i>What experiences do countries have in bundling NDC actions into programmes or portfolios to attract finance, and what has worked well?</i> • <i>How are countries linking NDC actions or programmes to funding sources, and what has helped unlock that finance?</i>
13:00 – 14:00 hrs.	Lunch Break
14:00 – 14:15 hrs.	Interactive Energizer
14:15 – 14:30 hrs.	Key Messages <i>Commentators offer a brief responsive reflection following the plenary exchange and synthesizing key messages.</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stelios Grafakos, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) - Sirini Jeudy-Hugo, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
14:30 – 14:45 hrs.	Harvesting Insights
	Available Coffee Break outside the room
14:45 – 15:30 hrs.	<p>Knowledge Market Small-group conversations, designed for deeper discussion and direct Q&A</p> <p><u>Topics:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Country Platforms 2. Modelling the Transition 3. MRV 4. Financial Strategies for Prioritization 5. Article 6 for NDC implementation 6. Nature, Biodiversity & Climate in NDCs 7. Subnational Action
Closing Segment	
15:30 – 15:45 hrs.	Workshop Evaluation
15:45 – 16:00 hrs.	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Tuğba Dinçbaşı, Director of the COP31 Action Agenda, Deputy Director of Directorate of Climate Change, Türkiye - Amanda McKee, Director of Knowledge and Learning, NDC Partnership