



## RCC Caribbean

# CASE STUDY: Dominica – NDC 3.0 Preparatory Support

### Executive Summary

On 20th October 2025, the **Commonwealth of Dominica** formally requested support from the UNFCCC Mitigation Division and RCC Caribbean to assist in developing its third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0). RCC Caribbean responded with a joint support offer in collaboration with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

The support provided jointly delivered an updated **NDC Stocktake, an actionable NDC 3.0 Development Roadmap**, and a **database of policies**. Consultations were also focusing on key sectors including energy, planning, agriculture, waste et al. This support strengthened the national ownership of the NDC process, improved evidence-based planning, and aligned Dominica's climate ambition with Paris Agreement objectives, contributing to regional transparency and climate governance.

### Context and background

Dominica, a Small Island Developing State (SIDS), previously developed its NDC under constrained timelines with limited cross-sector coordination. For NDC 3.0, the country requires structured institutional arrangements, improved stakeholder engagement, and technical support to ensure a robust, inclusive, and implementable NDC. Coordination with GIZ supported the update of the NDC Stocktake and preparation of the NDC 3.0 Roadmap.

### Support design: the RCC operational reality

Based on the request submitted and consultations with Dominica, RCC Caribbean provided technical backstopping.

Our support encompassed many actions: national policies, strategies, and data were compiled; an Institutional Capacity-Building and Sensitization Workshop was organized and delivered; sector-specific consultations were conducted; and a Stakeholder Validation Workshop was co-facilitated. RCC Caribbean maintained close coordination with the national focal point, Mr. Edgar Hunter from the Ministry of Environment, Rural Modernization, Kalinago Upliftment and Constituency Empowerment, and other relevant ministries.



## Results and outcomes

The provision of preparatory support significantly bolstered Dominica's ownership of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). The process strengthened institutional coordination, engaged multi-sectoral actors (including civil society, private sector, academia, youth, and vulnerable groups), and identified priority sectors and data gaps. Subsequently, the transition from the NDC stocktake to the development of a roadmap was successfully completed, and improved evidence-based planning and the country's readiness for Paris Agreement reporting.

## Lessons learned and follow-up

Establishing formal national coordinating mechanisms provides strategic direction and enhances ownership. Sustained multi-sectoral engagement ensures inclusivity, while improved data systems consolidate planning and reporting.

Linking the NDC Stocktake to the development of a roadmap ensures actionable outputs. Early engagement and clear coordination are essential for building momentum.

The approach is replicable across the Caribbean SIDS, and follow-up support could include investment planning and Enhanced Transparency Framework reporting.