

Regional Webinar: Peer Exchange on NDC preparation and implementation

Date and Time: 11 February 2026 (TBC)

Modality: Virtual

1. Background and Rationale

In line with Article 4, Paragraph 2 of the Paris Agreement, each Party shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions (NDC) that it intends to achieve, with each successive NDC meant to represent progression and reflect the highest possible ambition.

In 2023, the Outcome of the Global Stocktake (GST) recognized the need for deep, rapid and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), in line with 1.5°C pathways. It called on Parties to contribute to these global efforts, in a nationally determined manner, taking into account the Paris Agreement and their different national circumstances, pathways and approaches.

Therefore, the year 2025 represented a pivotal moment, marking the end of the first ambition cycle under the Paris Agreement and the year in which all Parties to the Paris Agreement were expected to submit new NDCs, referred to as NDCs 3.0. According to the Summary Report of the Second Annual GST Dialogue (June 2025), many Parties noted that the NDC 3.0 cycle represents a critical opportunity to keep the 1.5°C goal within reach and emphasized the importance of translating NDC ambition into implementation.

To date, 131 NDCs have been submitted to the UNFCCC Secretariat, including 16 NDCs 3.0 from countries in the MENA and South Asia region. Other countries from the region are making significant progress in preparing their NDCs 3.0.

The 2025 NDC Synthesis Report covers the 83 NDCs that were submitted to the Secretariat by 113 Parties by 10 November 2025. It highlights a clear progression in terms of ambition, quality, credibility, economic coverage and scope. Therefore, peer-to-peer exchange can play a crucial role in supporting both NDC preparation and implementation. Countries that have already submitted their NDCs 3.0 can offer practical insights and lessons learned that can be highly valuable for those still in the preparation process. This is well aligned with the Global Mutirão decision, which requests the Secretariat to conduct peer exchange workshops to facilitate knowledge-sharing and good practices on NDC development and implementation, drawing on findings from the GST Dialogue reports.



Against this backdrop, the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for MENA and South Asia (RCC MENA SA) is organizing a peer-to-peer learning exchange to bring together NDC practitioners from the region and to create a space for mutual learning on both NDC preparation and implementation.

2. Objectives

This session aims to provide a mutual learning space for countries to exchange practical experiences and lessons learned from the preparation of their NDC 3.0, and to look ahead toward implementation readiness. Specifically, the webinar will support:

- Facilitating peer exchange on NDC preparation and implementation in the MENA and South Asia region,
- Sharing country experiences on NDC preparation processes, including key lessons, best practices and challenges,
- Presenting country experiences on identified implementation approaches for NDCs 3.0 and discussing best practices and challenges,
- Developing a clearer understanding of countries' needs with regards to NDC 3.0 preparation and implementation.

3. Participants

The peer learning exchange will bring together:

- **Government officials** involved in NDC development and implementation,
- **National NDC focal points**, national technical committees, and sectoral working groups,
- **Experts and practitioners** supporting NDC processes at country level,
- **UN agencies, development partners and implementing organizations** actively supporting NDC development and implementation in the region,
- **Representatives from technical institutions**, research centers and regional organizations,
- **Representatives from the private sector, civil society or other non-Party stakeholders**, involved in NDC preparation and implementation.

4. Draft Agenda

- **Duration:** 90 minutes
- **Date:** 11 February 2026 (TBC)
- **Time:** 2 to 3:30 PM GST
- **Moderator:** Ana Vukoje, RCC MENA SA

Time	Session	Speaker / Moderator
5 min	Introduction	Ana Vukoje, RCC MENA SA
10 min	Overview of the 2025 NDC Synthesis Report	Bernd Hackmann, UNFCCC Secretariat
5 min	Overview on NDCs from the MENA and South Asia Region	Mona Ayoub, RCC MENA SA
20 min	Session 1: Peer Exchange on NDC preparation Oral interventions / PowerPoint presentations on NDC preparation processes from countries <i>Potential countries' speakers: Morocco, UAE, Maldives</i>	2 Country Presenters: Morocco and Lebanon
25 min	Session 2: Looking Ahead: NDC Implementation Readiness Panel discussion with two rounds of questions - <i>Question 1:</i> What immediate steps are you prioritizing to ensure NDC implementation readiness, in terms of planning, institutional arrangements, financing and coordination mechanisms? - <i>Question 2:</i> Looking ahead, what specific support would most effectively help your country accelerate NDC implementation? <i>Potential countries' speakers: Somalia, Pakistan, Iraq</i>	UNDP representative Country Panelists: Iraq and Somalia Moderator: RCC MENA SA
20 min	Q&A and Interactive Discussion	All Participants
5 min	Closing and Way Forward	Ana Vukoje, RCC MENA SA