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Africa NDC Dialogue

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AGENDA

CONCEPT AND OBJECTIVES

With the adoption of the Paris Agreement Work Programme and the conclusion of the Talanoa Dialogue at COP-24 in December 2018, the “rule-book” of the Paris Agreement has been agreed. Governments and non-Party stakeholders are now shifting gears toward implementing ambitious climate action for a low-GHG and climate-resilient future, in line with the global temperature goals of the Paris Agreement and countries’ individual Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Countries are also in the process of preparing second-round NDCs with increased coverage, clarity, and ambition – as well as long-term, low-GHG emission development strategies – ahead of the 2020 deadline.

In this context, the Regional Dialogue on Nationally Determined Contributions for Africa will seek to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Introduce and discuss the outcomes of COP-24, including those outcomes from the Paris Agreement Work Programme and the Talanoa Dialogue that are relevant for the preparation of future NDCs and implementation of ambitious climate action;
2. Jointly consider the gap to meet the long-term goal and the need and avenues for raising national, regional, and global ambition;
3. Exchange experiences and lessons learned to address challenges relating to NDC preparation, implementation, and finance; and
4. Discuss synergistic implementation of NDCs, national development plans, and the Sustainable Development Goals.



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Day 1	
8:00 – 9:00	Registration
Setting the Scene	
Session 1	Opening & Dialogue Objectives
9:00 – 10:00 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Martin Kipping, Germany BMZ	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Levina Owusu, Chief Director, MESTI, Ghana <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Paolo Dalla Stella, UNDP Ghana Mr. Yero Baldeh, African Development Bank Mr. William Agyemang-Bonsu, UNFCCC Secretariat <p>Dialogue Objectives & Setting the Scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Catherine Diam-Valla, UNDP
Session 2	Outcomes of COP-24 and the Talanoa Dialogue; NDCs in the Region
10:00 – 11:00 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. William Agyemang-Bonsu, UNFCCC Secretariat	<p>In this session, the UNFCCC Secretariat will highlight key NDC-related outcomes from COP-24, including from the Talanoa Dialogue, and link these outcomes to the preparation/update of NDCs in 2020. The discussion on the Talanoa Dialogue will provide a synthesis of the inputs and stories shared during the Dialogue, and discuss these ideas in the context of enhancing climate action in the region. A panel will provide an overview of NDC implementation in the region to set the stage for subsequent dialogue sessions.</p> <p>NDC-Related Outcomes of COP-24 & the Talanoa Dialogue in the Context of 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Bernd Hackmann, UNFCCC Secretariat <p>Panel Discussion: Overview of NDC Implementation in the Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Daisy Mukarakate, UNDP Africa Regional Hub Dr. Anthony Nyong, African Development Bank Ms. Margaret Barihaihi, NDC Partnership <p>Plenary Discussion</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee / Tea Break
Where Are We?	
Session 3	Country Progress & Successes Related to NDC Implementation
11:30 – 13:00 <u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Daisy Mukarakate, UNDP Africa	<p>This session will underscore the progress that countries in the region have made in implementing NDCs, as well as the challenges experienced in implementing and mobilizing finance for ambitious climate action. Discussions will be held against the backdrop of 2020 and the preparation (or update) of countries' next NDCs, and will include themes such as gender considerations in NDC implementation.</p> <p>Panel Discussion: NDC Progress & Successes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Washington Zhakata, Zimbabwe – Preparation for NDC implementation Mr. Lee Chileshe, Zambia – Mainstreaming NDC objectives and SDGs in National Development Plan





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Regional Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Pemy Gasela, South Africa – Progress on NDC governance Mr. Daniel Benefor, Ghana – Short-lived climate pollutants in NDCs Mr. Michael Okumu, Kenya – Integrating gender in NDC implementation <p>Plenary Discussion</p>		
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
Where Do We Want to Go?			
Session 4	<p>The Global Ambition Gap & Implications for 2020: Opportunities for Bold Climate Action</p> <p>This session will look into the future to discuss where we need to go globally in the context of the Paris Agreement's and explore what low-GHG and climate-resilient development looks like for the Africa region. The session will then drill down to the national level and look at countries' visions for long-term sustainable development (which can be articulated in long-term strategies) and at NDCs as 5-year stepping-stones toward these long-term visions. Finally, it will explore implications for 2020, including opportunities and anticipated challenges in preparing (or updating) countries' next NDCs.</p>		
14:00 – 15:30 <u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Maddalena Dali, European Commission	<p>Global & Regional Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Katie Ross, World Resources Institute <p>NDCs as Stepping-Stones toward Long-Term Sustainable Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Wilfried Biao Mongazi, Benin – Long-term strategy and link with enhancement of shorter-term NDCs <p>Interactive Roundtable Exercise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small, roundtable discussions focused on identifying opportunities for preparing/updating 2020 NDCs 		
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee / Tea Break		
Session 5	<p>Breakout Session: Concrete Climate Action on the Ground</p> <p>This session will explore concrete opportunities for mainstreaming climate change (mitigation and adaptation) in three contexts related to NDCs in the region: energy transition; agriculture and nature-based solutions; and cities and local action and how these opportunities can enhance the next generation of NDCs. Discussions will also focus on opportunities for mobilizing finance in these contexts.</p>		
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Room A: Energy Transition <u>Chair:</u> Ms. Elizabeth Press, IRENA Discussion</p>	<p>Room B: Agriculture & Nature-Based Solutions <u>Chair:</u> Mr. Martial Bernoux, UN Food & Agriculture Organization Discussion</p>	<p>Room C: Cities & Local Action <u>Chair:</u> Dr. Meggan Spires, ICLEI <u>Speaker:</u> Mr. Loglo Kossi Ametowoyona, Mayor of Tsevie, Togo Discussion</p>
17:30 – 18:00 <u>Session Chair:</u>	Recap of Breakout Session Group Discussions		





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Mr. Bernd Hackmann, UNFCCC Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapporteurs from each breakout group
18:00	End of Day 1
18:15	Welcome Reception

Day 2	
How Do We Get There?	
Session 1	Governance & Tracking of NDC Progress This session will share experiences and success stories related to governance arrangements and tracking of NDC progress, with a view toward countries' next NDCs. It will focus on developing the necessary governance conditions; engaging sub-national and non-state actors; improving data collection and sharing; and establishing systems to track and assess NDC implementation progress.
09:00 – 10:45 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa	Governance Arrangements for NDC Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Drissa Doumbia, Mali Role of Local Governments in NDC Governance and Tracking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Meggan Spires, ICLEI Plenary Discussion
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee / Tea Break
Session 2	Mobilizing Finance for NDC Implementation The cost of implementing the commitments made by African countries to the Paris Agreement is estimated at about US \$3 trillion by 2030, with about 75% expected to be invested by the private sector, according to the African Development Bank. This can be achieved by leveraging finance from International Finance Institutions, including MDBs; the private and public sectors; and climate funds. This session will focus specifically on the challenge of mobilizing finance for NDC implementation as a key component of “how do we get there?” It will look at attracting private investment, in the context of NDCs as investment plans, as well as securing funding from national budgets for climate action. The session will also explore the types of policies that governments can put in place to address barriers and create enabling environments for investment – especially in the context of energy, agriculture, and local action.
11:15 – 12:45 <u>Session Chair:</u> Ms. Davinah Milenge-Uwella, AfDB	Panel Discussion: Mobilizing Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country Experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Samuel Muchiri, Kenya – Climate policy environment Ms. Naima Oumoussa, Morocco – Scaling up climate action in energy and agriculture





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Florian Mugabo, Rwanda – Climate policy environment and domestic climate fund ● Financial Instruments for NDC Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Pa Ousman, Green Climate Fund ○ Ms. Julie Gonnet, Agence Francaise de Developpement ○ Mr. Anthony Nyong, AfDB ● Private-Sector Financing for NDC Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Victor Acquah, Enio Energy ○ Mr. Pascal Martinez, GEF <p>Plenary Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interactive session between panelists and participants
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
Session 3	<p>Mechanisms for Funding NDC Implementation</p> <p>Building on the previous discussion, this session will focus specifically on mechanisms that can be used to fund NDC implementation. It is aimed at building a wider understanding of potential finance solutions: how they work in practice, why they are effective to unlock funding for climate actions, and how they could work in different country contexts. Participants rotate around to two different stations for ~30 minutes each to hear an overview of specific mechanisms and how countries have put these in place, as well as to identify related challenges and solutions.</p>
13:45 – 15:15 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. Michael Comstock, UNDP	<p>World Café: Green Bonds, National Climate Funds, Attracting Private Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Station A: Green Bonds (Facilitator: Dr. Eugene Itua, Natural Eco Capital) ● Station B: National Climate Funds (Facilitators: Ms. Josephine Uwababyeyi, FONERWA, Rwanda; Mr. Adugna Nemera Gedefa, CRGE Facility, Ethiopia) ● Station C: Loan Guarantees (Facilitator: Mr. Moubarak Moulaiika, West African Development Bank) <p>Recap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Station facilitators
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee / Tea Break
Session 4	<p>Overcoming Barriers to NDC Implementation</p> <p>This session is aimed at providing participants with an opportunity to address a specific, ongoing challenge (collected before the dialogue) that they are currently facing related to NDC implementation. Participants will work in small groups, each focusing on a challenge identified by a participant country. The challenge will be presented by the country then other colleagues in the group will offer solutions/feedback to advise the country in overcoming the challenge.</p>
15:45 – 17:15 <u>Session Chair:</u> Mr. James Vener,	<p>Challenge Buster: Interactive Roundtable Exercise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Capacity-Building for NDC Actors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Table 1: Mr. Beausic Chongo, Zambia – Capacities for





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UNDP	<p>accessing finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Table 2: Mr. Julien Koundja Koularambaye, Chad – Capacities for accessing finance ● Developing an NDC Implementation Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Table 3: Ms. Mookho Monnapula, Lesotho – Establishing an NDC implementation framework ○ Table 4: Mr. Sawaba Ale, Togo – Coherence of sectoral actions for NDC implementation ● NDC Coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Table 5: Mr. Frederic Zakpa, Côte d’Ivoire – Creating a national climate change commission ○ Table 6: Ms. Barbara Mgutshini, Kwazulu Natal, South Africa – Including sub-national governments in NDC coordination ● Mobilizing Financial Resources for NDCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Table 7: Ms. Nadine Koussoube, Burkina Faso – Elaborating an NDC investment plan ○ Table 8: Mr. Golivati Gomani, Malawi – Securing funding from government budgets <p>Recap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Informal interviews with countries (table leads)
Session 5	<p>Reflections & Closing</p> <p>This focus of this session is to capture insights from the dialogue and identify possible next steps for action in the context of 2020 NDCs and the region’s contribution to the Paris Agreement’s long-term goals.</p>
17:15 – 18:00	<p>Reflections & Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ghana ● Germany BMZ ● UNDP, UNFCCC Secretariat, AfDB
18:00	End of Dialogue

