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## NDC-Related Outcomes of COP-24 & the Talanoa Dialogue in the Context of 2020

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# Overview

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- COP 24 outcome on ambition
- COP 24 outcome on NDCs
- COP 24 outcome on tracking progress
- What is happening in 2020



# COP 24 outcome on ambition – Decision 1/CP.24

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## Ambition

- Stresses the **urgency of enhanced ambition** by all Parties;
- Recognizes the urgent need to **enhance the provision of support** by developed country Parties to developing countries;

## New/updated NDCs

- Parties whose INDC with a **time frame up to 2025** to communicate by 2020 a **new NDC** and to do so every five years thereafter;
- Parties whose INDC with a **time frame up to 2030** to **communicate or update** by 2020 the contribution and to do so every five years thereafter;

## Talanoa Dialogue

- Invitation to consider the outcome of the Talanoa Dialogue when preparing new/updated NDCs, inter alia:
  - a) concerted efforts need to be made to increase global ambition
  - b) climate change will worsen the quality of life of everyone on the planet,  
affecting disproportionately the poor and most vulnerable



## COP 24 outcome on NDCs – Decision 4/CMA.1

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## COP 24 outcome on NDCs – ICTU

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- ICTU guidance **based on elaboration of information elements** identified in paragraph 27 of the Paris decisions
- To be applied from the **second NDCs** – but Parties are **strongly encouraged** to apply guidance for **new/updated NDCs in 2020**
- Guidance as applicable to the respective NDCs (**no one-size-fits all**)
- ICTU guidance will help make NDCs more **transparent** and **understandable** to other governments, the civil society and the private sector, and can act as a checklist for those compiling and preparing NDCs



## COP 24 outcome on NDCs – Accounting

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- Guidance further elaborates **Article 4.13 and para 31 of PA**
- Guidance shall be applied by all Parties from the **second NDCs** onwards, but Parties **may elect** to apply guidance to their **first NDC (2020)**
- Key principle is the **avoidance of double counting**
- The information on accounting will be provided in the **biennial transparency reports**, including through a structured summary
  - Provides for **common metrics and methodologies** (IPCC)
  - Provides guidance for use of **own methodologies** and for PAMs
  - Addresses emissions from **land sector**
  - Provides rules for applying **technical changes** to reference points
  - Establishes the **principle of “no backsliding”**
- Requires Parties to explain why a **category is not included**.





# COP 24 outcome on NDCs – Capacity Building Support

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- Recognition of **different starting points**, capacities and national circumstances of Parties
- Importance of **capacity building support** for the **preparation, communication and accounting** of NDCs;
- **Support** shall be provided **to developing countries** for implementing Article 4 of the Paris Agreement
- Encouragement to the relevant operating entities of the **Financial Mechanism (GCF/GEF)** and constituted bodies under the Convention to continue to provide capacity-building support
- **Invitation to other organizations to provide support for capacity building**
- Recognition of special circumstances of LDCs and SIDS in accordance with Article 4.6 of the Paris Agreement



# COP 24 outcome on tracking progress – 18/CMA.1

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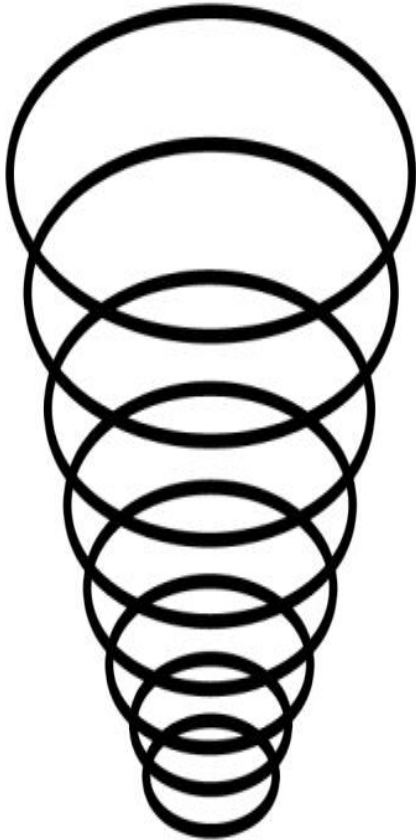
## **Tracking of Progress** under the enhanced Transparency Framework:

- Each Party shall provide a **description of its NDC** against which progress will be tracked
  - Each Party shall provide information on the **institutional arrangements** to track progress
  - Each Party shall **identify the indicator(s)** that it has selected to track progress, e.g.
    - net GHG emissions and removals,
    - percentage reduction of GHG intensity,
    - relevant qualitative indicators for a specific policy or measure,
    - mitigation co-benefits of adaptation actions and/or economic
    - other (e.g. hectares of reforestation, percentage of renewable energy use or production, carbon neutrality, share of non-fossil fuel in primary energy consumption and non-GHG related indicators).
  - Each Party shall provide the **information for each selected indicator** for the reference point(s), level(s), baseline(s), base year(s) or starting point(s)
  - Tracking of progress is directly **linked to the accounting for NDCs**
  - Each Party shall provide the **information in a structured summary** to track progress made in implementing and achieving its NDC
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# NDCs in 2020 – what is happening

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- The Paris Agreement recognizes that its objectives will be achieved **through time**
- It builds on aggregate and individual **progression/ambition**
- It establishes a **mandatory cycle of NDCs**:
  - First submission by **2020**
  - Enhanced ambition submitted **every 5 years**
- Feedback Mechanisms
  - Talanoa dialogue/Global Stocktake
  - Transparency Framework



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- The secretariat will prepare a **synthesis report** (1/CP.21, para. 25);
- All Parties are invited to communicate **long-term low emission development strategies** (1/CP.21, para. 35);



# NDCs in 2020 – why updating the NDC

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- Clarity on the **Paris Agreement**, its objectives and mechanics as well as on the **Katowice “rulebook”**
  - Outcome of the **Talanoa Dialogue** to inform NDCs
  - Clarity and starting point for the **enhanced transparency framework**, including on tracking of progress towards achieving Parties’ individual NDCs and the first global stocktake in 2023
  - Further guidance for **information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding of and accounting** for NDCs (Decision 4/CMA.1)
  - **Kigali Amendment** to the Montreal Protocol
  - **Reflecting the reality on the ground** and capturing advances in climate policies and action, climate institutions, climate technologies, climate partnerships and climate data
  - Reflect ambitious climate action of **non-Party stakeholders (NPS)** and opportunity to engage with a wide range of stakeholders at the national level to **increase ownership** of climate action and the NDC
  - Sending **long-term signals** to the private/investment sector and development partners to inform **investment** decisions
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