

**COP24: Katowice 2018**

**NDC Partnership Official Side Event**

**Title: Preparing Projects for Raised Ambition**

* Date: Monday 10 December at 18:30
* Venue: Room 5 (Official UNFCCC Side Event)

**Moderator:**

* Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven, Director General, Global Issues, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of Germany

**Hot seats:**

* Alzbeta Klein, Director and Global Head, Climate Business, International Finance Corporation
* Andrea Meza Murillo, Director of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Energy (MINAE), Government of Costa Rica
* Marilia Telma António Manjate, National Directorate of Climate Change, Land, Environment, and Rural Development of Mozambique
* Coletha Ruhamya, Director General, Rwanda Environmental Management Authority, Ministry of Environment, Government of Rwanda (TBC)
* Hon. David Paul, Minister in Assistance to the President and Minister of Environment, Republic of the Marshall Islands

# Context

One of the ways countries are meeting their NDC targets is through developing transformational, low-carbon, climate-resilient projects, while looking for and preparing projects with even greater impacts in the future. By doing so, countries are developing project pipelines, investment plans, and flagship projects, with many of these reflected in NDC Partnership Plans. The Partnership Plans act as a tool to consolidate the low-carbon, climate-resilient projects or processes into a central platform that readies the country for climate finance.

Projects reflected in these plans are strong reflections of what the country sees as the instruments that will drive change and have impact on the NDC targets and development trajectories. In this session, several NDC Partnership member countries will provide answers to difficult questions regarding: the challenges they face in bringing these projects to financial close; where they see opportunities to engage development partners in project preparation; and how these projects, plans, or pipelines demonstrate raised ambition, with sights set higher on doing more, sooner.

# Format

The session will open with the moderator providing a framing on ambition through projects and introductions of country representatives on the panel. Following opening remarks and introductions, the moderator will facilitate an interactive panel with focused questions directed at four country representatives from Costa Rica, Antigua and Barbuda, Mozambique, and Mali. Following country introductions, the moderator will facilitate a ‘Hot Seat Panel,’ asking the panel specific questions about how they are preparing projects and/or how these projects are demonstrations of raised ambition. The session will close with an example of raised ambition by the Republic of the Marshall Islands, launching its NDC Partnership Plan, which is linked to its *Tile Til Eo 2050 Climate Strategy* and includes key deliverables, such as implementation of the RMI’s new Electricity Roadmap to 100 percent renewable electricity.

# Agenda

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| **Timing** | **Description** | **Participant** |
| 18:30 – 18:35 | Opening Remarks and Context | Moderator |
| 18:35 – 18:55 | Focused Question | Panelists from IFC, Costa Rica, Mozambique and Rwanda |
| 18:55 – 19:25 | Hot Seat: Panelists Rapid Fire Question and Answer | Moderator and Panelists |
| 19:25 – 19:40 | Questions and Answers | Moderator |
| 19:40 – 19:55 | Raising Ambition in the Marshall Islands | Minister of Environment, Republic of the Marshall Islands |
| 19:55 – 20:00 | Closing Remarks | Moderator |