



The evolution of connections between Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda in the Nationally Determined Contributions

Organisers: Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), German Institute for Development and Sustainability (IDOS) and Türkiye

Date/time/location: 5th June 2023 / 10:15AM (CEST) / SB58, WCC, Room Bonn

This side event explores the development of climate activities in countries' first and updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and their relation to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The objective of the event is to showcase how countries' NDCs have developed and to what extent they have strengthened the connection between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda, both globally and within selected countries. Such insights are highly relevant for the third phase of the global stocktake and can contribute to improved future NDCs that make simultaneous progress on climate change and sustainable development.

Both NDCs and SDGs are universal and implemented through a “bottom-up” process where countries set their own priorities and ambitions. Hence, it will be crucial to develop coherent approaches combining sustainable development and climate action and to integrate them into national development plans and policies. Such approaches could contribute to increased synergies and reduced trade-offs between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda, foster a dialogue on how to meaningfully improve national-level implementation, increase transparency of climate activities, and support innovative learning and partnerships across countries that raise the ambition of future NDCs. Simultaneous progress on both climate change and sustainable development is a prerequisite for achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda. The global stocktake process provides an opportunity to synthesise how climate action can support sustainable development and vice versa.

SEI and IDOS have teamed up to present novel comparative findings on NDCs interaction with SDG targets over time, identifying priority areas. Presented research insights will provide context for the subsequent panel discussion, including negotiators, UN agencies experts and NGO representatives. The aim of the panel discussion is to highlight how national experiences should inform the global stocktake, which, in turn, can increase the ambition of actions and support for collectively addressing climate change.



Agenda

Opening remarks:

- Minoru Takada, UN-DESA

Presentations

- A comparison of NDC-SDG connections over time - Changing contexts and emerging themes in updated NDC submissions – Adis Dzebo (SEI) and Gabriela Iacobuță (IDOS)
- An Approach for Strengthening Linkages between SDGs and NDCs – Dr. İzzet Arı, Social Sciences University of Ankara

Panel discussion (each panellist starts with a 3 min opening statement):

- Birgit Strube, BMZ
- Kushal K. Raj, Fiji
- Kevin Ossah, OJEDD INTERNATIONAL, Togo
- Dr. İzzet Arı, Türkiye
- Cassie Flynn, UNDP

Moderation and concluding remarks:

- Richard Klein, SEI

Guiding questions for discussion:

- Can you share some experience from your country or organisation on the implementation of climate activities and their potential synergies or trade-offs with the Sustainable Development Goals?
- What are the key challenges countries are facing in the simultaneous implementation of the Paris Agreement, through the NDCs, and the 2030 Agenda, through its 17 goals?
- For the collective assessment of the global stocktake, what are, according to you, the key priorities for future NDCs?
- How should future NDCs strengthen the connection between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda?