

## A Guide for Including Nature in NDCs: 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

### 15 Guiding Points

#### Preparing to develop NDCs 3.0 that include Nature

1. Develop whole-of-government processes and frameworks to mainstream inclusive, nature-based climate action across all sectors and maximize synergies between climate, biodiversity, and human well-being from the outset of the NDC update
2. Take stock of NDC progress to date, including relevant changes in national circumstances, policies, and information available to develop NDCs 3.0
3. Identify the most suitable entry points for enhancing the inclusion of nature in the NDC targets
4. Collect and enhance information that will be utilized to develop or strengthen NDC targets based on the best-available science, traditional and local knowledge, and country-specific climate data
5. Develop a gender-responsive, transparent whole-of-society approach for the NDC 3.0 process to ensure that the NDC is based on local knowledge and to generate a common understanding, buy-in, and commitment for implementation

#### Including Nature in NDC Target-setting for Mitigation, Adaptation, and Loss & Damage

6. Elevate the NDC economy-wide greenhouse gases (GHG) target to the highest achievable ambition, in accordance with Article 4.3 of the Paris Agreement, ensuring to maximize ambition through nature-based solutions
7. Develop or strengthen sectoral GHG and non-GHG targets, policies, and/or measures to incentivize more ambitious mitigation in Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Uses (AFOLU), including in wetland and coastal areas
8. Integrate or strengthen adaptation targets to maximizing the potential of nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based approaches to reduce climate risks and enhance resilience across all sectors and ecosystems, aligning with and contributing to the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience to achieve the Global Goal on Adaptation
9. Integrate nature as an essential component of solutions to address loss and damage from climate impacts, while recognizing and documenting nature's vulnerability to such impacts
10. Integrate nature-based solutions, ecosystem-based adaptation, and nature-positive approaches into mitigation and adaptation targets related to non-AFOLU sectors

#### Cross-cutting Considerations for Nature in NDC Target-setting

11. Maximize synergies between NDC targets and related national environmental, development, and health objectives to amplify win-win outcomes for climate, biodiversity, and human well-being
12. Enhance consistency and coherence between adaptation and mitigation targets
13. Apply climate justice, rights-based, environmental justice, and equitable approaches to ensure inclusivity across NDC targets

#### Implementation and Financing for Nature in NDCs

14. Ensure the NDC communicates the means of implementation and support required for ensuring the effective implementation of NbS targets across mitigation, adaptation, and loss and damage
15. Establish and/or enhance the structures and policies needed for effective implementation of NbS targets within the NDC

*The full Guide for Including Nature in NDCs will be launched in July 2024!*

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