# Building Ambition: how countries plan to refine their NDCs by 2020

## Context

The Paris Agreement was a major achievement, and many countries are using their NDCs to drive important climate action as well as sustainable development. However, the existing NDCs are not yet enough to avoid the impacts of a catastrophic climate crisis. The period from 2019 – 2020 is critical as an opportunity for all countries to update their NDCs to reflect greater ambition and greater mainstreaming of their climate and development agendas.

## Objectives

This event brings together several leading governments and non-state actors from the Latin America region to exchange experiences and share their visions for how NDCs can be enhanced by 2020. Brought together with the support of the Government of Chile, the NDC Partnership, IDRC Canada, and Fundación Avina, this peer exchange aims to:

* Share best practices for enhancing NDCs and exploring options for more ambitious actions.
* Explore the possible meaning of “climate ambition”, from a developing country perspective.
* Raise awareness of technical and financial resources that can support NDC enhancement.
* Build bridges for translating knowledge in policy actions.
* Look for mechanisms to integrate science into NDC review/revisions, to align with 1,5 IPCC report.
* Send a clear signal that countries are ready to take more ambitious steps through their NDCs.

## Agenda

**Introduction (5 mins)**

**Panel discussion (45 mins)**

*Moderator: NDC Partnership (Rob Bradley)*

*Speakers (all tbc):*

* *Julio Cordano, Chief of the climate change and sustainable development department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Chile*
* *Andrea Meza, Director Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica*
* *Edith Ofwona, IDRC Africa (to be briefed on the purpose/ideas for this side-event)*
* *Maruxa Cardama, Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport, SLOCAT / Thomas Hale, University of Oxford, Galvanizing the Groundswell for Climate Action*
* *Ramiro Fernández, Director Climate Change, Fundación Avina.*

**Conversation with audience (30 mins)**

## Discussion questions

Participants are asked to reflect on the following questions:

* What are their plans for NDC enhancement between now and December 2020?
* Where do they see the greatest potential to increase ambition?
* How can non-party actors support countries need in order to enhance their NDCs?
* How can future round of NDC’s be closer to the transition reflected under 1.5° IPCC Report?
* What key successes or challenges from their own experiences would they most highlight for other countries considering options for increased ambition?