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The Commonwealth NDC Programme

The Commonwealth NDC Programme supports member countries to achieve the targets of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), otherwise known as National Climate Plans.

The programme supports countries to transform their NDCs into realistic investment plans and to fast-track implementation towards climate-resilient, low-carbon and gender-responsive development, thus contributing to inclusive and sustainable development overall.

In addition to the development of thematic knowledge pieces, the programme leverages partnerships and builds on synergies to support member countries' NDC Implementation. Below we present highlights from the programme.

Partnerships

The NDC Partnership

The Commonwealth Secretariat, as an institutional and implementing member of the NDC Partnership, has continued to provide support to member countries through the NDC Partnership's Climate Action Enhancement Package and its Partnership Action Fund. The support we have provided so far has produced the following deliverables.

Antigua & Barbuda

- *Feasibility of a Gender-responsive Blended Financing Window under the Sustainable Island Resource Framework (SIRF) Fund* (operational manual for government use)

Belize

- *Climate Finance Landscape and Climate Finance Strategy 2021–2026*
- Creation of a Climate Finance Unit to enhance its access to climate finance from sources such as GCF

Eswatini

- *Government of Eswatini Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review (CPEIR)*
- *Strategy to Enhance Private Sector Engagement in Eswatini NDC Actions*

Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

are national climate change plans that outline country efforts and targets to reduce national greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Paris Agreement Long-term Goals

Mitigation – to reinforce the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping a global temperature rise well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels.

Adaptation – to enhance adaptive capacity, strengthen resilience and reduce vulnerability to climate change, with a view to contributing to sustainable development and ensuring an adequate adaptation response.

Under the Paris Agreement, each country reviews and updates its NDCs every five years. Following the first round of NDC submissions in 2015, countries with 2025 targets submitted their second round of NDCs in 2020. For countries with 2030 targets, the next round of submissions is due in 2025. This upcoming round is crucial for accelerating progress towards the goals of the Paris Agreement. The first global stocktake, which concluded in 2023, found that current emission reduction pledges are insufficient to meet these goals – so countries will be expected to submit more ambitious NDCs in 2025.

Grenada

- *Resource Mobilisation Strategy for the Nationally Determined Contribution Implementation Plan of Grenada, 2023–2030*

Jamaica

- *Socio-economic and Financial Implications Assessment of Climate Change on Jamaica*

Maldives

- Adaptation Investment Pipeline (synthesis report and operational manual for government use, ongoing)
- Capacity building on Project Design and Climate Finance Resource Mobilisation Workshop for Key Government Officials and Other Implementation Agencies in the Maldives

Zambia

- *Climate Finance Mapping for NDC Implementation in Zambia*
- *Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) of Climate Finance for Zambia*

We have also provided technical input on climate finance to the Global NDC Conferences and Youth Engagement Forums organised by the NDC Partnership.

The Africa NDC Hub

The Commonwealth Secretariat is a member of the Africa NDC Hub, a collaborative platform funded through joint investments and partnerships. This platform focuses on supporting African countries to implement their NDCs, with a particular emphasis on adaptation and private sector engagement. The Secretariat contributed to the report, *Doubling Down on Delivering Africa's Climate Action Priorities: Policy recommendations from the Africa NDC Hub*, which was launched at COP27. It analyses progress towards achieving the adaptation and mitigation targets outlined in the NDCs, and offers policy recommendations to enhance their scale and reach.

The Secretariat is currently collaborating with the Hub to assist its member countries in the Africa region to effectively implement the UNFCCC Enhanced Transparency Framework.

The Secretariat worked with partners to organise a subregional 'Workshop on empowering Africa toward fast-tracking Biennial Transparency Reports (BTR) preparation' from 9 to 11 September 2024 in Nairobi, Kenya, where it sponsored the participation of seven transparency officers from Seychelles, Mozambique, Lesotho, Mauritius, Uganda and Eswatini.

The Commonwealth NDC Webinar Series

The Commonwealth NDC Webinar Series aims to spur the accumulation and transfer of critical knowledge across countries and regions for the replication and scaling up of innovative and successful climate action. The webinars elicit rich



discussions on experiences of and lessons learned in accessing climate finance for the implementation NDCs across the entire value chain, from understanding the climate finance landscape to implementing strategies and plans in an inclusive manner. The sessions hosted include the following.

- **Webinar 1: Climate Finance: From Landscape to Strategy Implementation**, 17 February 2022, 1330–1500 GMT
- **Webinar 2: Integrating Gender Equality into NDC Implementation**, 8 March 2022, 1400–1530 GMT (International Women's Day).
- **Webinar 3: Developing Climate Financing Frameworks for Improved Alignment of Public and Private Sector Investments**, 12 April 2022, 1400–1530 BST
- **Webinar 4: Resource Mobilisation for NDC Implementation: Experiences and Lessons from Commonwealth Countries**, 31 May 2023, 1430–1600 BST
- **Webinar 5: Accelerating Inclusive Gender-Responsive Climate Finance for Effective NDCs: The Role of National Climate Funds**, 5 March 2024, 1400–1530 GMT

For more information on the webinar series, see thecommonwealth.org/ndc-webinars

NDC 3.0 and the Enhanced Transparency Framework

The Commonwealth Secretariat continues to assist member countries with the NDC 3.0 revision process and implementation of the Enhanced Transparency Framework. Additionally, the Secretariat contributes to global dialogues on these topics through active participation in international forums.

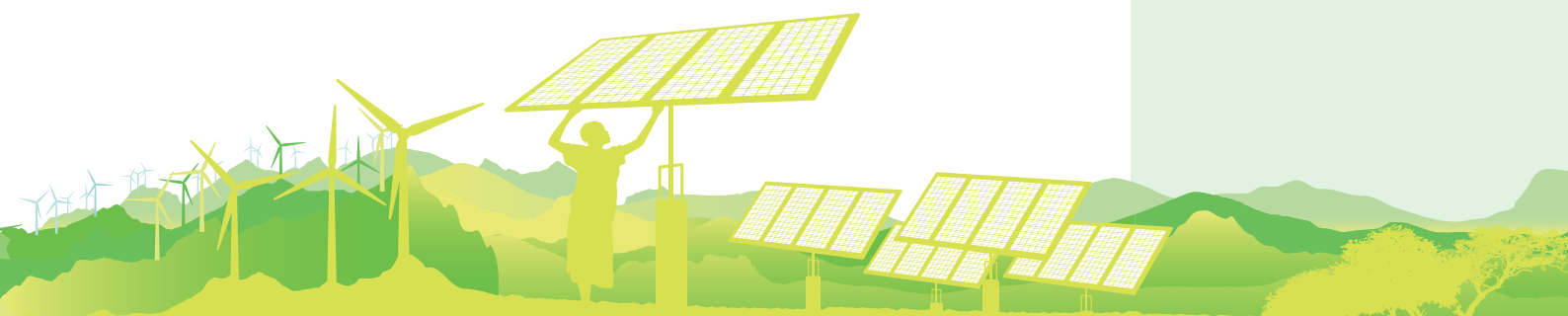
- The Commonwealth Secretariat participated in the first and second Interagency Meetings convened by the UNFCCC Executive Secretary. These meetings aimed to co-ordinate support for NDC 3.0 among development and implementation partners
- The Secretariat participated in the 2024 Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) Community Meetings in Bonn. The Secretariat delivered a presentation and contributed expert insights on a panel discussing 'Application of Climate Finance Transparency Results'.
- Commonwealth National Climate Finance Advisers are assisting member countries to revise their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and preparing Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs). They also provide support and resources for integrating gender and youth perspectives, aiming to make the upcoming NDCs more inclusive.

Gender integration in climate action

Recognising the intertwined nature of gender dynamics and environmental challenges, the Commonwealth Secretariat adopts a multifaceted approach to addressing the vulnerabilities and potential of diverse genders in climate action.

The Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub

The CCFAH helps small and vulnerable member countries to access climate finance. Expert Commonwealth National and Regional Climate Finance Advisers, embedded in government departments and regional institutions respectively, provide long-term, hands-on support to navigate complex funding processes and develop strong project proposals, unlocking critical resources for climate action. The Commonwealth National and Regional Climate Finance Advisers are supported by Thematic Advisers on Gender and Health to deliver support to member countries.



Through strategic policy frameworks, capacity-building programs and advocacy efforts, the Secretariat amplifies voices and ensures meaningful and inclusive participation in decision-making processes related to climate adaptation and mitigation. Our knowledge products in this area include the following.



Gender Integration for Climate Action: A Review of Commonwealth Member Country Nationally Determined Contributions (second edition).



Gender Integration in NDCs: A Commonwealth Best Practice Guide.

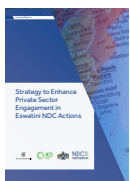
Highlights of NDC-related knowledge products published by the Commonwealth" Secretariat



The SIRF Fund Gender-Responsive Blended Financing Window: Synthesis Report, Antigua and Barbuda



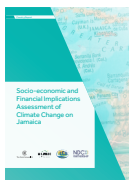
Climate Finance Strategy of Belize 2021-2026



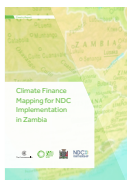
Strategy to Enhance Private Sector Engagement in Eswatini NDC Actions



Resource Mobilisation Strategy for the Nationally Determined Contribution Implementation Plan of Grenada, 2023-2030



Socio-economic and Financial Implications Assessment of Climate Change on Jamaica



Climate Finance Mapping for NDC Implementation in Zambia

CCFAH Support Mechanisms

Capacity Development
Deploying technical advisers in-country to deliver human and institutional capacity for accreditation support, policy and climate finance readiness and project development.

Technical Support
Identifying and facilitating Advisory services to support climate change related projects and programmes.

Knowledge Management
Accumulating specific knowledge, experiences and lessons learned from different activities of the Hub and sharing to member countries through different tools and instruments.



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