

Uganda's Experience with the INDC Process

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Genesis of Uganda preparation for the INDC process

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- Uganda participates in all the formal meeting of the UNFCCC
- Uganda was able to keep abreast with all the COP decisions at the key COPs (namely COP17 – Durban; COP19 – Warsaw, and COP20 - Lima) that brought the INDC process into existence.
- The technical and political segments of Uganda INDC process is funded by Development Partners.

Institutional arrangement for the Uganda INDC process

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- The development of Uganda's INDC was undertaken under two segments, namely, the technical segment (that did the drafting), and the political segment (that followed up issues of political nature)
- The technical segment was composed of international experts and national experts, funded by development partners-CDKN and French Government.

Baseline data and information

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- There was data and information recently generated through the work on the National Climate Change Policy (2015) and its Costed Implementation Strategy , and also from work on the economic assessment of the impacts of climate change in Uganda (2015), plus the Second National Communication.
- It was agreed during the inception meeting that the baseline information would be obtained from the existing recent studies, but supplemented with stakeholder consultations across the country.

Guiding timeline and deliverables that gave pace to the INDC process

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Timeline	Deadline
Inception workshop	April 10, 2015
Baseline report on relevant and available data and information on mitigation and adaptation	May 13
Second stakeholder consultation workshop	May 19
Final INDC outline	May 22
List of priority mitigation and adaptation options	June 12
Third stakeholder Consultation workshop	July 07

Guiding timeline and deliverables that gave pace to the INDC process (cont.)

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Timeline	Deadline
Final INDC	August 21
Submission to UNFCCC	September 30
Final guideline on implementation	September 11
Policy brief	September 25
Lessons learned paper	September 30
<p>NB. The political process started in June 2015 and has covered 5 sub-national consultations, Permanent Secretaries, CSOs, Joint Water and Environment Sector Working Group, Parliament.</p> <p>The only remaining political process is consideration and approval of Cabinet.</p>	

Key Sectors prioritized in INDC

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- The following were identified as key priority sectors for adaptation: Agriculture and livestock, forestry, infrastructure (with emphasis on transport, human settlements and social infrastructure), water, energy, and health; and disaster risk management and vulnerable groups.
- For mitigation the key sectors were: Energy, transport, Agriculture, industry processes, waste, LULUCF.
- Overall, Uganda's INDC provides for 22% reduction of GHG by 2030 from BAU. Policy measures have also been taken into account.

Political consultation

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- The political consultations process included presentations of the INDC development to Members of Parliament through the Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change, regional consultations in Central, Eastern, Northern and Western region, and Busoga region.

At what stage is the INDC process?

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- The INDC process is in the last stages of preparation for submission pending Cabinet approval.

Lessons learned

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- Funding: The technical segment was fully funded right from the start, but for the political segment funding was negotiated from the development partners after commencement of the INDC activities. This put sizeable hardship to the CCD in terms of meeting schedules.
- INDC preparation coinciding with campaigns for political elections makes it hard to access key political leaders.

Lessons learned cont

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- Time for submission of INDC is very tight but process is long.
- The future scenario involving gas and oil was not considered because of high uncertainties in this sector.
- The national focus is on policy and actions and not emission targets due to lack of adequate data and source of funds is yet to be established.