

Cycle 1

Elaboration and continuous development of a roadmap for the implementation and consolidation with key political decision makers
Includes: MRV arrangements for tracking the implementation progress



Stock taking of existing climate policy framework
 National climate change legislation in place that includes a long-term target?
 Existing international commitments (e.g. Copenhagen Pledges)?
 National climate change strategy, low emission development strategy (LEDS, or equivalent) in place?



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Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs)

Download the INDC factsheet [here](#).

At COP 19, held in Warsaw in November 2013, Parties to the UNFCCC decided (Decision 1/CP.19) 'to invite all Parties to initiate or intensify domestic **preparations for their intended nationally determined contributions**, without prejudice to the legal nature of the contributions, in the context of adopting a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties **towards achieving the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2** and to communicate them well in advance of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (by the **first quarter of 2015** by those Parties ready to do so) in a manner that **facilitates the clarity, transparency and understanding** of the intended contributions, without prejudice to the legal nature of the contributions'. This decision was reiterated at COP 20, held in Lima 2014 ([1/CP.20](#), 'Lima Call for Climate Action'). Parties also agreed in Lima that INDCs towards achieving the objective of the Convention should represent a progression beyond current mitigation efforts and prevent backsliding.

INDCs already submitted to the UNFCCC can be found on the [UNFCCC INDC Portal](#).

INDC types and headline numbers

INDCs shall make it possible to track progress and achieve a collective ambition level sufficient to limit global warming to below 2°C relative to pre-industrial levels. To this end INDCs shall comprise a mitigation goal which represents a progression beyond current undertakings of the Party. That goal needs to be transformed into an eventually legally binding mitigation commitment under the 2015 agreement, and must be transparent, quantifiable, comparable, verifiable and ambitious. Once this transformation has taken place the contributions are not 'intended' anymore.

At the same time individual INDCs shall reflect equity according to the Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capacities (CBDR+RC) principle. In this context it was agreed in Lima that Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) do not need to prepare a mitigation goal, but that they may communicate information on strategies, plans and actions for low greenhouse gas emission development reflecting their special circumstances. The reasoning why an INDC is ambitious and equitable shall further take

Recommended readings

- ALL
- LEDS
- NAMA
- MRV

UNEP Risoe Centre (2013) Understanding the Concept of Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action

CCAP (2012): MRV of NAMAs: Guidance for selecting sustainable development indicators

UNEP RISOE (2012): Measuring Reporting Verifying: A Primer on MRV for Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions

WI (2011): Current Developments in Pilot Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions of Developing Countries (NAMAs)

UNDP (2009): Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions: Key Issues for Consideration

WRI (2009): Enhancing Today's MRV Framework to Meet Tomorrow's Needs: The Role of National Communications and Inventories

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INDCs - Related Documents

INDC Factsheet

- [GIZ \(2014\): Intended Nationally Determined Contributions \(INDCs\) - Factsheet](#)

On the process how to prepare INDC types and headline numbers see also:

- [International Partnership in Mitigation and MRV \(2014\): Process Guidance for Intended Nationally Determined Contributions \(INDCs\)](#)
- [WRI \(forthcoming\): Designing and Preparing Intended Nationally Determined Contributions \(INDCs\)](#)

On what INDCs can include see also:

- [International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV \(2014\): Intended Nationally Determined Contributions](#)
- [WRI \(forthcoming\): Designing and Preparing Intended Nationally Determined Contributions \(INDCs\)](#)

On complementary information see also:

- [WRI \(2014\): Ex-Ante Clarification, Transparency, and Understanding of Intended Nationally Determined Mitigation Contributions](#)
- [Oeko-Institut \(2014\): Up-Front Information for emission reduction contributions in the 2015 Agreement under the UNFCCC](#)

On the consideration process and the revision of collective level of ambition see also:

- [Act 205 \(2014\): RACE TO THE TOP: DRIVING AMBITION IN THE POST-2020 INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE AGREEMENT \(93\)](#)

On MRV and accounting rules see also:

- [International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV \(2014\): Knowledge Product Summer School: An Accounting](#)



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