



GLOBAL INDC WORKSHOP

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Regional Technical Dialogues on INDCs: Overview (1)



- Initiative carried out by UNDP, in collaboration with UNFCCC and WRI (second series), to support countries in the process of **preparing and putting forward their INDCs**
- Funding from **Australia, Austria, Belgium, European Commission, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, UK, and US**

Regional Technical Dialogues

Bogota, Colombia: April 2014 (Latin America and the Caribbean)

Accra, Ghana: May 2014 (Africa)

Hanoi, Vietnam: July 2014 (Asia-Pacific & Eastern Europe)

Mexico City, Mexico: November 2014 (Latin America and the Caribbean)

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: January 2015 (Africa)

Bangkok, Thailand: February 2015 (Asia-Pacific & Eastern Europe)

Regional Technical Dialogues on INDCs: Overview (2)



- **Objectives:**
 - 1) Discuss **technical elements, institutional context,** and **consultation processes** for the preparation of INDCs
 - 2) Share **experiences** in areas relevant to the contributions (learn from progress to date), and identify potential challenges and solutions
 - 3) Carry out **practical exercise** to identify the key issues related to decision-making in INDC preparation
- **Over 500 participants in the 6 dialogues:** 110+ developing countries, 10 developed countries, technical experts, bilateral and multilateral organizations
- Complete **meeting reports** from all dialogues available

Key Takeaways from Dialogues: Main Challenges in Preparing INDCs



- **Short timeframe** for institutional processes, technical analysis, etc.
- Deciding **what should be included** in the INDCs and the legal and economic implications
- Securing high-level **endorsement** for climate actions to be included in INDCs
- Educating and involving **stakeholders**
- Limited data and modeling expertise for **technical analysis**
- Obtaining **resources** for undertaking consultations and technical analysis

Key Takeaways from Dialogues: Political Process



- INDCs should reflect diversity of **national circumstances** and recognize **varying capacities and capabilities**
- **National priorities** will determine contribution types and scope
- Important to set clear **goals & timeline** and define **roles & responsibilities**
- Define institutional arrangements using **existing or new institutional structures**
- Identify a **lead institution**, policy/sectoral experts, technical teams
- Link to **development plans**; be fair, equitable, transparent



Key Takeaways from Dialogues: Stakeholder Participation



- Need to secure **stakeholders' engagement** (determine who and how)
- Stakeholder process is critical to **build trust**, feed the technical process, and create mutual accountability
- Include **public sector** (relevant sectors and key ministries like planning and finance), but also **civil society and academia**
- Inclusion of **private sector** can be important but not clear how and when to engage them

Key Takeaways from Dialogues: Technical Process (1)



- INDCs can include **mitigation action + adaptation + support** (Lima COP decision leaves door open for including adaptation)
- **More analysis needed** on feasibility of proposed contributions, including **co-benefits**
- Challenge is how to **strike a balance** between sound information, linkages with political processes, and realistic goals

Key Takeaways from Dialogues: Technical Process (2)



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- Make use of possible scenarios to determine suite of options for INDCs (**understanding potential trends**)
- Prioritize policies and actions with highest implementation and impact potential (**avoid dispersion**)
- Revisit, as needed, likely “package” to be put forward (“**what-if approach**” to assess different pathways and ensure buy-in)
- Determine what could be domestically funded vs. what could be undertaken with additional support (**understanding resources needed**)

Building on Existing Work to Prepare INDCs (1)



- Countries should **build on existing work and past experiences** as they prepare INDCs
- INDCs should be **embedded into existing plans and strategies**
 - LEDS, climate change plans, green growth strategies, other development plans, etc.
 - Ensure alignment with development priorities, national objectives, climate change laws, etc.
- **Previously communicated targets/plans** provide good starting point for INDCs
 - Energy targets, carbon neutrality goals, NAPs, TNAs, etc.

Building on Existing Work to Prepare INDCs (2)



- INDCs should build on **past mitigation and adaptation efforts**
 - NAMAs, CDM projects, other mitigation measures, regulations, NAPAs, etc.
 - Assess climate change initiatives that have already been adopted or planned and scale up
- Countries should **utilize existing information, data, and analysis**
 - Map out available information, start with what you have
 - Collecting new data or carrying out new analyses may not be necessary

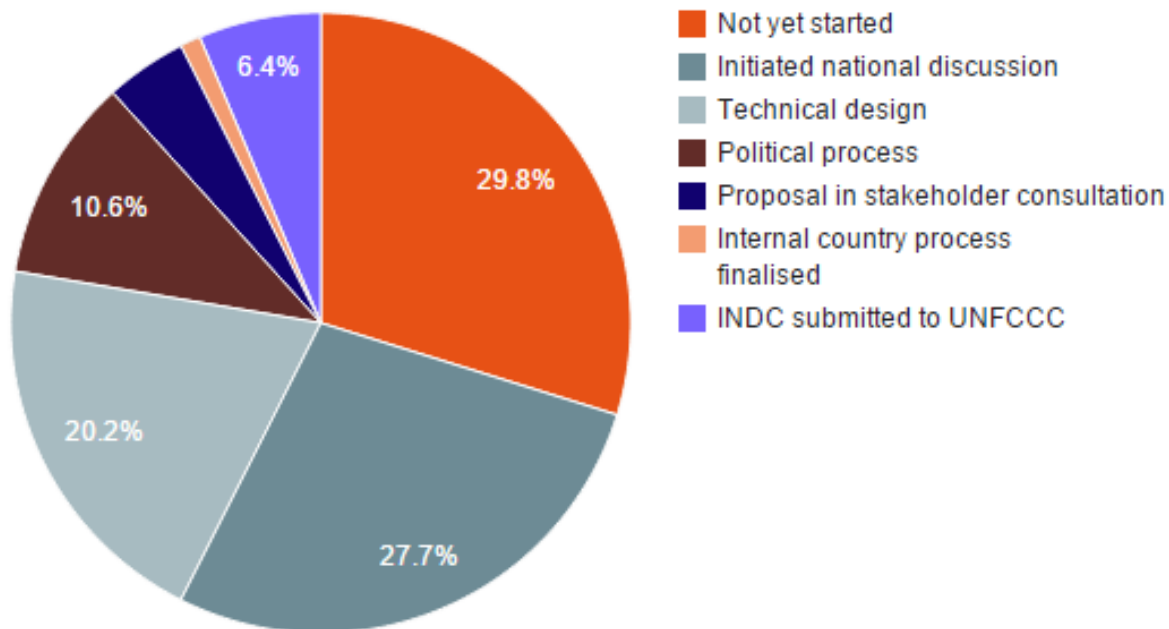
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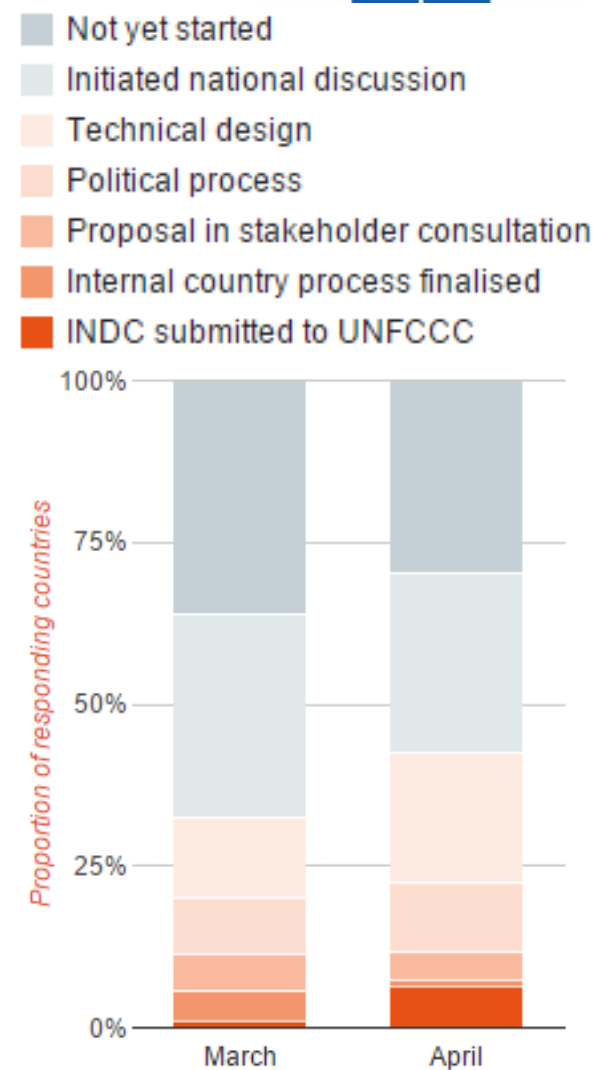
- Information from countries' **National Communications** can provide important inputs for INDCs
 - **Technical level**
 - National GHG inventories, mitigation analysis, etc.
 - Identification of priorities and linkages with relevant development needs
 - Baseline scenarios and projections
 - Identification of data gaps
 - **Institutional level**
 - Institutional arrangements and consultation process
 - Engagement of relevant sectoral institutions
 - Data compilation processes
 - Capacity development activities



Progress on INDCs Worldwide (1)



- 70% of countries consulted through UNDP-funded NewClimate Institute study have started their INDC processes

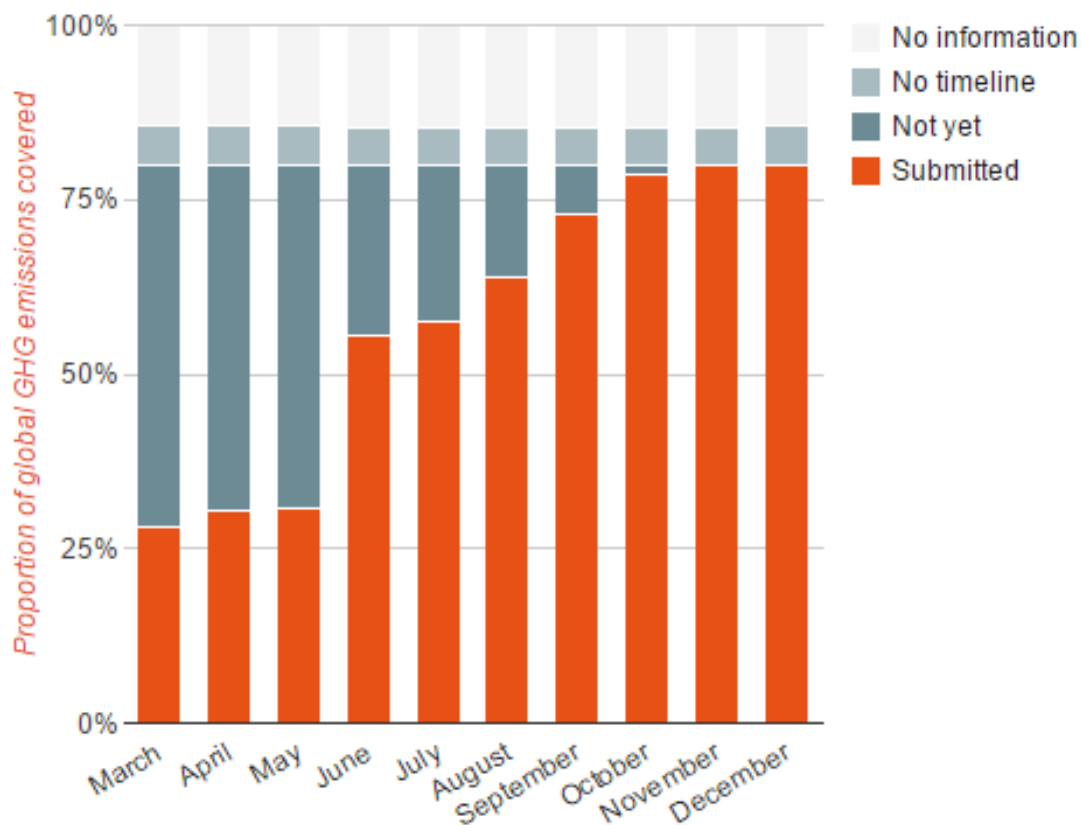


Progress on INDCs Worldwide (2)



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- Submissions by the end of June will cover over half of global emissions
- Most countries plan to submit INDCs before 1 October



Further statistics and results on INDC preparations available at newclimate.org

Progress on INDCs Worldwide: Submissions to Date



- 7 Parties have submitted their INDCs as of 12 April

- Switzerland
- European Union
- Norway
- Mexico
- United States
- Gabon
- Russia

UNFCCC INDC portal is open to submissions by Parties

Support for the preparation of INDCs

- Sources of Support for INDCs (1144 kB)
- Draft: Designing and Preparing INDCs (1104 kB)
- Process guidance for INDCs

Workshop - Bonn, Germany
11 March 2014

Related COP Decisions

- Decision 1/CP.20
- Decision 1/CP.19

Latest UNFCCC News

Tweets from <https://twitter.com/NAMAPartners>

- INDC Portal online:

<http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/INDC/Submission%20Pages/submissions.aspx>

Resources: INDC Guidance (1)



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Guidance document has been developed by WRI and UNDP, responds to requests made in the Regional Technical Dialogues

- **Key technical elements** to be considered for the preparation of INDCs
- **No perfect formula** for preparing an INDC (depends on national priorities, data availability, etc.), but **key steps and good practices** can help
- **Not prescriptive** – up to countries to decide whether to use it
- **Not meant to prejudge** the outcome of the UNFCCC negotiations
- Considered key **outcomes of COP 20 in Lima**

Resources: INDC Guidance (2)



- INDC Guidance has gone through **extensive comment period** - reviewed by dozens of countries and NGOs
- Revised, unedited version was **distributed on 10 April**
- Contents of this will be reflected in WRI's presentation

Adaptation

- A chapter on options for considering **adaptation** in the preparation of INDCs (in response to the Lima decision) is now going through public review
- This chapter will be incorporated into the full guidance document



Resources: Global Support Programme for INDC Preparation



- A GEF-funded programme to provide technical assistance to countries for **national communications, BURs, and INDCs**
- Implemented jointly by **UNDP and UNEP**, linked with the NC preparation to ensure synergies
- Launched in **Jan 2015** to work with national teams on ways to address technical gaps and support consultation processes
- Support activities include exchange of experiences, targeted online support, webinars, dissemination of relevant materials, etc.
- Contact point on INDC support through the GSP
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Thank you

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