

Climate Helpdesk

Ad hoc support for NDCs, LT LEDS and transparency systems

Do you need support in designing, implementing or updating your Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), low emission development strategy (LEDS) or transparency systems? The Climate Helpdesk is available. It is a global advisory network providing rapid, high quality, short-term technical assistance for developing countries. The Climate Helpdesk is a joint service offered by two global initiatives: [LEDS_GP](#) and Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement ([PATPA](#)) in cooperation with the NDC Partnership. The Secretariat of the Climate Helpdesk is hosted by the GIZ Support Project for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (SPA).

Climate Helpdesk in action

The Climate Helpdesk provides assistance supporting partner countries on the following topics:

- Tools for NDC updates and NDC implementation such as for assessing LEDS/NDCs baselines, goals, technology, policy options, pathways, and impacts,
- Strategies and measures for mobilising private and public investment in NDC and LEDS priorities,
- Methods and resources for linking national and subnational governments in the LEDS and NDC planning and implementation processes,
- Policies and programmes for implementing climate resilient low-emission measures in the energy, waste, agriculture, forestry and other land use (AFOLU) and transport sectors,
- Alignment of NDCs and LTS,
- Review of GHG inventories for specific sectors,

- Establishing sustainable and robust transparency systems, including appropriate institutional arrangements,
- Preparation for the submission of Biennial Update Report (BUR) and in the future Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) and,
- M&E of adaptation.



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Climate Helpdesk: The energy sector is one of the target sectors.

Requesting assistance

The Climate Helpdesk accepts requests from developing countries and government agencies. Technical and other institutions and organisations, that are working directly with national governments to plan and implement their NDCs, LEDS or transparency systems, may also request support, if endorsed by the national UNFCCC focal point or the Ministry of Environment .

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Examples of Support Provided

MONGOLIA

Challenge

The Mongolian Ministry of Environment and Tourism is planning to establish a national law on climate protection in order to provide a suitable institutional framework for delivering its nationally determined contribution (NDC). With a new legal basis for climate action, the Ministry intends to clarify governmental structures and mandates, and set up mechanisms for cross-sectoral coordination. To get the process under way and lay the foundations for a dialogue on developing the new law, the Ministry requested technical assistance.

Support Provided

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism organised a workshop in Ulaanbaatar where the results of the analysis were presented. 30 participants from the Ministry itself, the Ministry of Justice and Internal Affairs as well as various environmental organisations, civil society and academic institutions, had the opportunity to discuss the expectations for a climate change law and what benefits it would offer. This served to involve different stakeholders as a starting point for designing the climate law.

ARGENTINA

Challenge

Argentina is committed to keeping its net emissions under 483 million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent by 2030 (Long Term Strategy). The Ministry of Energy is working on a strategy involving freight transport stakeholders to take advantage of the opportunities identified in this sector, as the transport sector in Argentina is responsible for more than 14 per cent of its national greenhouse gas inventory.

Support Provided

The international experts worked with the government to assess and deliver training on energy efficiency and climate change mitigation in the freight transport sector to develop capacity among stakeholders. This assistance resulted in the

development of a manual for energy efficiency in the sector, which includes measures for oil management, driving techniques and tyre selection, and is expected to significantly reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of the transport sector in Argentina.



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The support of the Climate Helpdesk encompasses capacity-building workshops or the provision of expert advice, among others.

SOUTH AFRICA

Challenge

From 2000 to 2012, the emissions in the waste sector increased by 78%. This represents the largest increase of emissions among all sectors. Critical part of this is the improvement of activity data in the waste sector, including the collection of country-specific statistics on actual waste generation and disposal data, covering all IPCC sub-categories. The South African Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in cooperation with GIZ's Climate Support Programme requested assistance in hosting a workshop with the aim at capacity the technical national and sub-national staff in terms of inventory compilation as well as mitigation actions in the waste sector.

Support Provided

In November 2018, a 3-day GHG inventory-training course was held. A focus of the workshop was introducing the participants to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and the sectors' source categories, explaining relevant calculation methodologies and introducing mitigation options in the waste sector.

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