

ADVANCING THE PARIS AGREEMENT, TOGETHER

by the NDC Partnership Co-Chairs

Two years ago, more than 40 countries and international institutions launched the NDC Partnership in Marrakesh, during COP 22. We did so with the conviction that only by working together in unprecedented ways could the world rise to the climate challenge and fulfill the Paris Agreement. Together, we hoped to mobilize a global network which could respond quickly and in a very practical manner to countries' urgent needs for implementing their NDCs in synergy with the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals.

Since then the sense of urgency among the 100-plus countries and institutions that now make up the Partnership has only increased. As the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) recently disclosed, in alarming detail, the international community has barely more than a decade to avoid the most damaging climate scenarios. Rising to this challenge, as the IPCC also made clear, will require transformative change at unprecedented speed, possible only with governments, intergovernmental institutions, the private sector, and civil society working together as never before. The NDC Partnership is leading the way in building these new kinds of cooperation.

Encouragingly, we are seeing evidence from around the world that the nationally determined contributions (NDCs) at the core of the Paris Agreement are catalyzing transformative, on-the-ground change. Among our country Members, we have witnessed some truly impressive progress that gives us hope that the world can indeed mobilize the resources and drive economy-wide action at the scale needed.

MODELING CLIMATE ACTION

Through the NDC Partnership, countries including Kenya, Mongolia, Morocco, Jordan, and Costa Rica are now modeling how climate action can be integrated into national development planning. Partnership countries and institutions are also working together, and learning from each other, to scale successful approaches. Costa Rica and Argentina, for example, have initiated a regional collaboration to scale up vehicle electrification. In regions including Africa and the Pacific islands, governments have set up regional hubs to escalate climate solutions and support. Perhaps most excitingly, effective cooperation within our Partnership is inspiring countries to enhance climate ambition as they implement NDCs.

We have been impressed by the rapidly-growing engagement of Members within the Partnership, and we thank all Members for their ideas, visions, experiences, support and commitment to realize progress. It has been our great honor to serve the Partnership as founding Co-Chairs. In December 2018, we will hand over to Costa Rica and the Netherlands, confident in their leadership and the Partnership's continued success. We look forward to supporting them as we go forward together.

As this report demonstrates, NDCs provide a not-to-be-missed opportunity to put emissions on a permanent downward course, while delivering substantial economic and development benefits. Realizing this opportunity means working together in new ways and with renewed determination. We must rise to this challenge and build a more prosperous, low-carbon, and climate resilient world.



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