

PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION:

KEY THEMES

One clear message is emerging from the Partnership's work to date: NDCs are game-changing catalysts for country climate action.

By setting clear targets and firm plans, the commitments countries made under the Paris Agreement are providing direction across national governments and making climate action everyone's responsibility. As countries implement their NDCs, national development planning is integrating climate policies, climate investment needs are becoming clear, and finance is being mobilized.

Across the 36 countries where the Partnership works on the ground, we see this dynamic at work. In particular, NDCs are driving action in four major thematic areas where progress is critical to meeting the Paris Agreement goals. These are also the main areas in which the NDC Partnership provides support, and where Member countries are showing significant success.

They are summarized below and serve as the organizational framework for this annual report.

KEY THEMATIC AREAS FOR PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT

MOBILIZING CLIMATE ACTION ACROSS GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY

Countries are taking their Paris commitments seriously. Around the world, NDCs are being turned from stand-alone documents into national policy, planning, and on-the-ground activity through transformative, whole-of-government approaches. Governments are engaging broader society in setting and implementing climate priorities that will affect many aspects of the economy.

INTEGRATING DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION

Countries are starting to adopt a vision of development that incorporates climate action within their broader sustainable development agenda. Many are integrating efforts to fulfill NDCs and the Sustainable Development Goals.

MOBILIZING CLIMATE FINANCE AND SUPPORT

Countries are using NDC execution to leverage domestic, international, institutional, and, to a lesser extent, private sector climate finance. Ministries are starting to align domestic budgets with climate action by turning NDCs into concrete investment plans. By identifying clear priorities and bankable projects, governments are enabling international development partners to tailor finance to country needs.

RAISING COUNTRY CLIMATE AMBITION

As they execute their NDCs, several countries are finding ways to raise the bar for their climate targets ahead of the five-year cycle built into the Paris Agreement. These pioneers are enhancing ambition by adding actions and accelerating timelines through their implementation plans.

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HOW WE WORK

The NDC Partnership is a coalition of more than 100 countries, institutions, and non-state actors working to achieve ambitious climate action while enhancing sustainable development. Together, we identify and pursue new approaches and promising practices to deliver significant and lasting impact in mitigating and adapting to climate change.

Everything we do is designed to drive tangible, transformative action on the ground – across economies and societies, and from local to global levels. This report describes the many ways and places that the NDC Partnership operates, as well as the early impacts we are achieving. As the only global coalition solely focused on delivering countries' climate commitments and plans (NDCs), the Partnership complements and advances the multilateral efforts underway to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement.

The NDC Partnership succeeds by bringing together all the right partners to realize concrete results (see box). It is led by a Steering Committee of countries and institutions and assisted by a Support Unit. Country Members set priorities and take ambitious action, while Implementing and Development Partners provide expertise and support and help drive investment (see box).

Who we are

85

COUNTRY MEMBERS

Developed and developing countries—and growing—from all regions of the world.

19

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

Global or regional intergovernmental institutions, to date, including UN agencies and multilateral development banks.

9

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), nominated by a country Member, that contribute to the Partnership's work.

SUPPORT UNIT

Based in Washington, DC, United States, and Bonn, Germany, and hosted by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

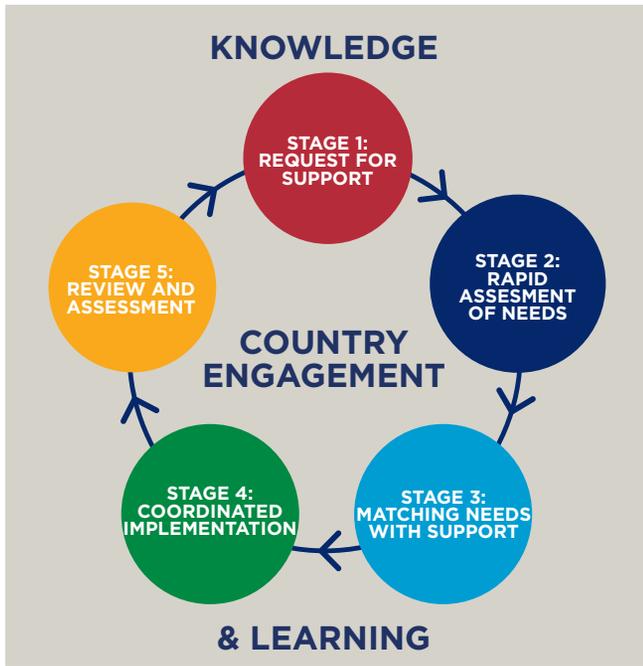
Key terms used in this report

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Governments and donor agencies that support NDC Partnership work on the ground.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Country, institutional, or NGO partners that provide technical assistance and capacity building in response to a Member country's requests to the Partnership.



TOGETHER, WE:

- Build country capacity and facilitate knowledge sharing to support governments in meeting climate and sustainable development goals;
- Disseminate knowledge resources and lessons learned;
- Promote enhanced financial support for timely and effective NDC implementation; and
- Work with countries to increase climate ambition over time.

The Partnership's peer to peer learning and knowledge products benefit all country and institutional members. In addition, in many developing countries, the NDC Partnership works on the ground through a transparent, inclusive country engagement process, shown left.

A COUNTRY-DRIVEN MODEL FOR SUCCESS

The NDC Partnership's flexible, transparent, and country-driven engagement process is designed to effectively support countries in meeting and building on their climate goals. At a Member government's request, the Partnership engages in a five-stage, country-led process, shown in the graphic above, to coordinate, support, and deliver national priorities for NDC implementation.

Some governments may choose to follow only some of these stages, or in a different order. At each stage the country's needs and actions are shared among all Members to maximize momentum and support.

As of November 2018, 36 countries are engaged in this process, with some already embarking on implementation. The global map below locates all these countries.

COUNTRIES WHERE THE NDC PARTNERSHIP IS ACTIVE ON THE GROUND

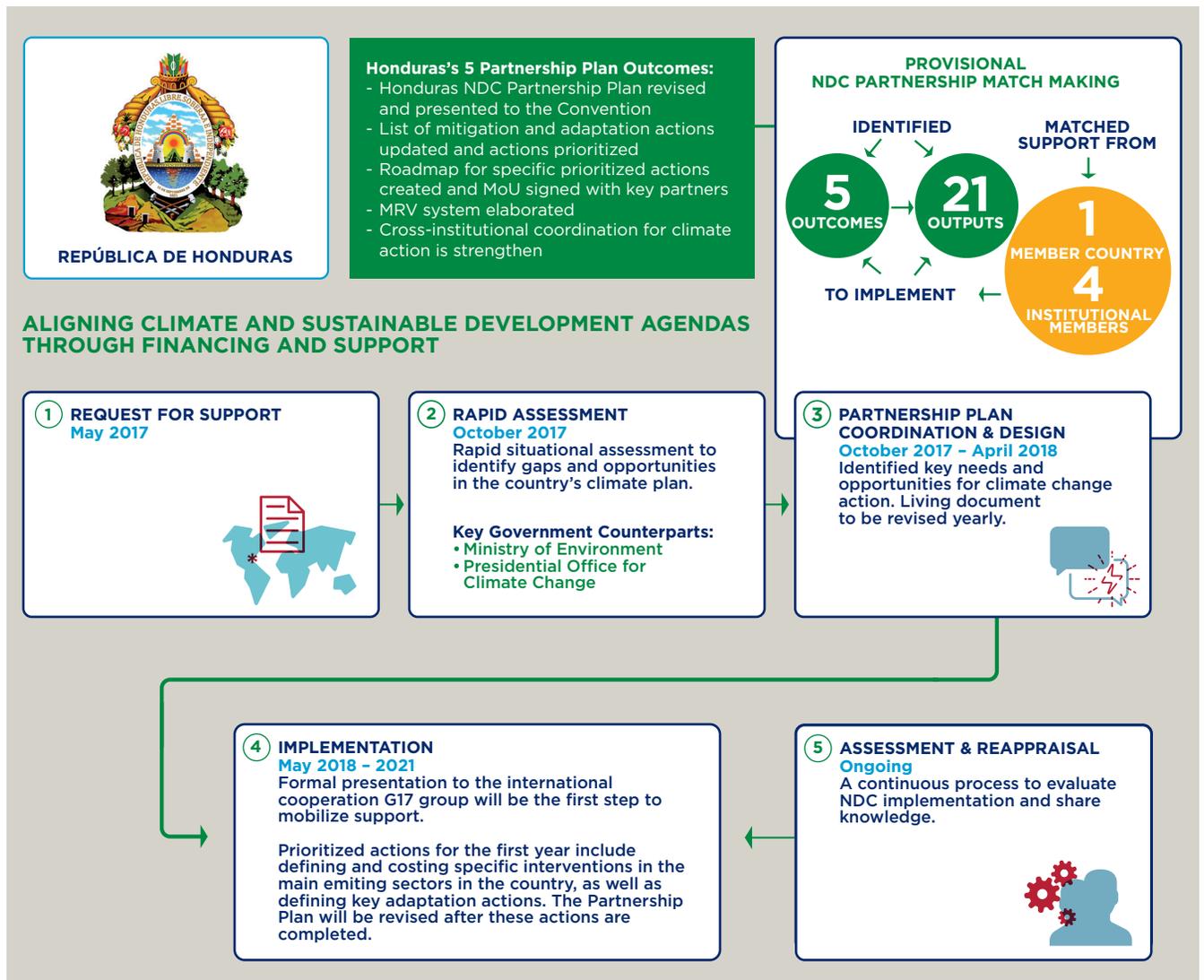


PARTNERSHIP PLANS DELIVER CLIMATE ACTION AND SUPPORT

As described throughout this report, the Partnership's country engagement process has become an effective model for turning NDCs into action around the world. In particular, Member governments are using Partnership Plans to identify national climate priorities and connect these to support from Implementing and Development Partners. The Plans also play a key role in facilitating cross-governmental planning and monitoring of climate activity, as well as a basis for harmonized roll-out of mitigation and adaptation actions.

The Partnership expects to deliver 17 such Plans by the end of 2018, and this number will grow significantly in 2019. Honduras was the first Member to approve its Partnership Plan, shown below as an example. The government, with technical support from Partnership institutions, will use this blueprint to pursue ambitious actions and raise its climate ambition (see page 31).

ANATOMY OF A PARTNERSHIP PLAN: HONDURAS



KNOWLEDGE SHARING SUPPORTS ACCELERATED CLIMATE ACTION

The NDC Partnership's global impact is much greater than the sum of its work with individual countries. By encouraging governments to share lessons learned as they deliver on their climate commitments, the Partnership seeks to ensure that important lessons learned in one country can inform action everywhere.

WE DO THIS IN SEVERAL WAYS:

- By supporting and sharing case studies, reports, regional dialogues, and other materials and forums that highlight successful and innovative approaches to climate action.
- By organizing and supporting peer-peer exchanges between members, where countries and institutions learn directly from one another's challenges and successes.
- By making actionable tools and resources freely accessible to Members and other countries and institutions via our comprehensive knowledge databases.



THE NDC PARTNERSHIP KNOWLEDGE PORTAL

Our Knowledge Portal helps countries to accelerate climate action by providing quick and easy access to data, tools, guidance, good practice, and funding opportunities.

A true product of the Partnership, it brings together useful resources from Members and other leading institutions to guide NDC planning and implementation.

Re-launched this fall, the portal features an intuitive and user-friendly interface, brand new database - **Good Practice Database** - and updated **Climate Finance Explorer**.

Visit: ndcpartnership.org/knowledge-portal