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By the NDC Partnership Co-Chairs

In November 2019, the NDC Partnership celebrates its third anniversary. We are proud to serve as co-chairs of this inspirational coalition of countries and institutions rising to the global climate challenge.

In three short years, the Partnership has had a remarkable impact. As of November, membership encompassed 104 countries, 35 international institutions, and 23 associate members, all working together to deliver the world's commitments and goals under the Paris Agreement. We work directly with over 60 developing country governments on nationally determined contribution (NDC) implementation, helping mainstream climate action into domestic sustainable development agendas, enhance countries' climate ambition, and mobilize finance for the transition to low-carbon, climate-resilient economies.

But we must do more, and faster.

The climate science warns us that we have less than a decade left to avoid the most damaging climate scenarios, therefore in 2019 we have devoted more Partnership expertise and resources to supporting governments in raising climate ambition. This is a critical moment: as countries submit revised NDCs to the UNFCCC in 2020, we have to see significant increases in ambition if we are to meet the Paris Agreement's temperature goal.

In this context, the Partnership recently launched a groundbreaking support mechanism to enable countries to drive greater ambition in the next round of NDCs. The Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP) and its Technical Assistance Fund supports members to develop ambitious, evidence-based NDCs with broad ownership from across government and society. As of November, 50 countries are receiving support from 31 Partnership members to develop options for NDC enhancement and greater ambition. This support, in line with the Paris Agreement, is vital to ensure that all countries



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can participate fully in climate action that promotes low-emission development and greater resilience. The Partnership stands ready to work with its members every step of the way as they put their upgraded climate plans and targets into practice.

This year's Partnership in Action report provides many inspiring examples and models for the way forward on NDC implementation, enhancement, and finance. These include climate mainstreaming in Jordan, high-level commitment in Saint Lucia, and innovative financing in Mali, among other country pioneers.

We are at a critical moment, and all countries need to increase their efforts through deeper cuts in emissions, more work to build resilience, and deployment of the resources needed to make this happen. Despite the long and challenging road ahead, the progress of the Partnership gives us hope.