



## THE WAY AHEAD

**Looking at the progress that shines from these pages, I find it hard to believe that only one year has passed since our 2018 Partnership in Action report. Around the world, the Partnership is witnessing and supporting extraordinary efforts from countries on the climate change frontline.**

The scale of engagement is inspiring. As I write this in October 2019, more than 60 of our member countries are mainstreaming and accelerating their NDC implementation with Partnership support. This assistance comes in the form of expertise and financial and technical resources from 50 development and implementing partners. In addition, some 50 countries are working to enhance their NDCs and raise ambition with support being delivered through CAEP, and by the time you read this, more will do so through the second round of requests.

The numbers alone don't tell the whole story. As you have seen in these pages, countries are mainstreaming NDC implementation in ways that are beginning to make a big difference to the operation of government. With the Partnership's support, they are engaging relevant players and constituents across their governments and societies. As a result, they are able to integrate climate action with other development goals such as food security or gender equality. And increasingly, governments are using this integrated approach to attract financing at greater speed and scale. This is a model that is working.

Yet, for every success story, there is a sobering reminder of the enormous challenges we still face. The five hottest years ever recorded have occurred since 2014, and 2019 seems certain to join that list. Indeed, July of this year was the hottest month since records began. Mozambique alone was hit by two devastating cyclones in spring 2019, one of



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which left up to 1,000 people dead and USD778 million in damages. Studies reveal that glaciers in Antarctica and Greenland are melting much more quickly than models predicted. In short, we are not winning the fight against climate change. In fact, we are not even close.

Therefore, for all the progress we have made, we must redouble our efforts. In countries everywhere, governments, civil society, and the private sector must mobilize to drive on low emission pathways and make societies more resilient to climate impacts that are already unavoidable. Governments and institutions must find ways to mobilize finance on a far greater scale, whether from domestic budgets, international funds, or private sector investment. And centers of expertise must continue to innovate and find more effective solutions to the climate crisis.

The Partnership is ready to make a major contribution to this effort. As we head into 2020, a critical mass of countries are pushing forward to enhance their NDCs. Partnership countries and institutions can build on this momentum. Humanity faces a unique opportunity to build more prosperous economies, a cleaner environment, and more inclusive societies through the action we all take together to fight climate change. We need to seize it.