



WWF CHECKLIST FOR THE NDCs WE WANT

5 areas and 20 criteria

I. AMBITION



MITIGATION | All countries should enhance ambition in mitigation; large emitters must do it.

- 1 Strengthened mitigation targets:** All countries should strengthen current targets according to their responsibility and capacity.
- 2 An economy-wide absolute 2030 target:** All countries, especially large emitters (e.g., top 30 emitters that account for ~90% of global emissions) and those with per capita emissions higher than the global average should include 2030 economy-wide targets in their revised 2020 NDCs.
- 3 A 2021-2030 carbon budget aligned to 1.5°C:** Having a 2021-2030 carbon budget that is 1.5°C aligned is the NDC ultimate test. It is particularly important for the environmental integrity of Article 6 transactions. For this criterion WWF will rely on scientific analyses from independent consolidated institutions.
- 4 NDC targets aligned to a 2050 or earlier Net-Zero Long-Term Strategy:** While long term strategies are roadmaps, NDCs should incorporate the decisions and policies that translate the long-term vision into clear targets and implementation plans.



ADAPTATION

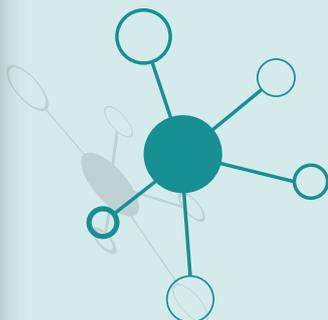
- 5 Clear adaptation objectives:** All countries should include an adaptation component with sector-specific objectives and in line with national adaptation priorities and other international adaptation commitments. National Adaptation Plans and NDCs should reinforce each other.



FINANCE

- 6 Finance commitments:** All countries should define the national resources allocation to climate change policies and measures. Developed countries should provide clarity on levels of international support.
- 7 Clear conditional targets:** Where conditionalities exist, they should be clear, specific and actionable - how much needed, what type, and what exactly will be the outcome of the support.
- 8 Moving from conditional to unconditional targets:** Countries should aim to gradually enhance in real terms their national financial contribution to climate change policies and measures

II. FOSTERING SYSTEMIC CHANGE



- 9 Increased sectoral coverage:** Countries without economy-wide targets should include more sectors; countries with economy-wide targets should include further detail on sectors. Sectoral contributions from sub national and non-state actors should be included or encouraged.
- 10 Quantitative sectoral targets:** Quantitative targets and specific policies, strategies and plans for decarbonisation of sectors must be included in NDCs, in order to complement economy-wide targets, or for lower income developing countries, as an intermediate step on the way to economy-wide targets.
- 11 Key structural sectors included:** The role of sectors not directly connected to emissions reductions but that have a key structural role as enablers of emission reductions and enhanced adaptation such as social development / welfare, governance, education and health, should be identified in NDCs.
- 12 Social and Just Transition Policies:** Social policies, including measures for the creation of decent work and quality jobs, as well as frameworks for stakeholder dialogue and exchange of best practices and the institutional capacity needed for that, should be part of all NDCs.
- 13 Cross-sectoral approaches:** There are important opportunities to include mitigation and adaptation cross-sectoral measures in NDCs on energy efficiency, electrification, hydrogen technologies, green infrastructure; carbon pricing and others.

III. INCLUSIVENESS AND PARTICIPATION



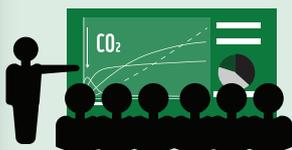
- 14 Inclusive process to invite inputs from institutions and citizens in the NDC design:** Transparent public processes to involve civil society, business, financial sector, subnational governments, and citizens will strengthen the quality of policy measures and their implementation. The process should be as inclusive as possible to all relevant constituencies and consider appropriate methodologies and resources for that.
- 15 Disclosure of information:** Such processes should involve the sharing of drafts that detail the scope, ambition and content of the proposed enhanced NDCs.
- 16 Reporting back on process:** Countries should have in place a process to invite and record inputs (through a virtual platform) that can allow the consolidation and meaningful consideration of inputs. Governments should report back to ensure accountability.
- 17 Participatory climate governance structures:** A climate governance infrastructure (or the commitment to develop such governance mechanisms) facilitates the effective implementation of the NDC through effective coordination across ministries, and meaningful engagement of subnational governments and non-state actors.

IV. CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



- 18 Linkages with SDGs:** The inclusion of linkages with SDGs can help ensure and assess the alignment and integration of climate-related policies and measures with development needs and strategies.
- 19 Measurable Nature-based Solutions:** It is of fundamental importance that nature-based solutions are not seen as a distraction from emissions reductions in other sectors, especially the energy sector. Countries should include the use of nature for both climate change mitigation and adaptation and prioritize actions that provide benefits for both. Countries should set ambitious, measurable and time-bound numeric targets (e.g. hectares of ecosystems utilized, CO₂ sequestered and/or number of people benefiting from increased resilience).

V. TRACKING PROGRESS



- 20 A transparent national system to track implementation:** NDCs should include a system (or a proposal of a system) to monitor the implementation of the policies and projects with appropriate indicators (GHG and non-GHG).

AFTER CONSIDERING THE NDC AGAINST THE WWF CHECKLIST, WE WILL ASSIGN AN OVERALL RATING TO EACH NDC

✓ NDC We Want

ⓘ Short Way to Go

✍ Some Way to Go

✗ NDC We Don't Want

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