In 2015, the world endorsed the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These historic agreements presented countries with an unprecedented opportunity to realize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through strong climate action to improve the livelihoods of all people, while achieving a low-emission, climate-resilient world. To signal their commitments to the Paris Agreement, nations increase the ambition of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) — each country’s strategy to cut its own greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience against the negative effects of a changing climate — on a cycle every five years. Launched in 2016 at COP22 in Marrakesh, the NDC Partnership was founded on the idea that technical assistance, expertise, and financing for climate action were not being deployed in an effective or coordinated way to maximize efforts towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the SDGs, and that greater support was urgently needed. In response, the NDC Partnership was established to facilitate collaboration between developed and developing country governments, international institutions and non-state actors to provide timely support for accelerated climate action.

The NDC Partnership is built on the premise of collective action: by acting together, we achieve more.
The NDC Partnership brings together more than 200 members, including more than 115 countries, developed and developing, and more than 80 institutions to create and deliver on ambitious climate action that help achieve the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. Governments identify their NDC implementation priorities and the type of support that is needed to translate them into actionable policies and programs. Based on these requests, the membership offers a tailored package of expertise, technical assistance, and funding. This collaborative response provides developing countries with efficient access to a wide range of resources to adapt to and mitigate climate change and foster more equitable and sustainable development.

The effects of climate change are far-reaching and interconnected. So too must be our response. Transformational change is needed to cut emissions and adapt to a changing climate, all while meeting development needs. Such change requires ground-breaking coordination to mobilize resources globally, with speed and scale. Through the NDC Partnership, countries draw upon members’ expertise and funding, turning their NDCs into actionable policies, programs, and projects.

The Partnership’s approach powers a collective response in which the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.
The NDC Partnership supports the efforts of developing countries to integrate climate into their national development plans, sectoral policies, and financial systems. As countries foster enabling environments for strong climate action, the Partnership supports their effective mobilization of finance to implement their priorities. Responding flexibly to country-identified needs, support is delivered and coordinated on a continual basis. We work to mobilize resources from countries and institutions, and to ensure they complement one another, are used efficiently, and are leveraged to deliver specific, tailored and robust support packages. We harness and streamline technical and financial assistance, deliver capacity building, and accelerate knowledge exchange. Governments benefit from the resources and expertise of a wide range of partners, each bringing unique strengths.

Through our unique model of collaboration, the Partnership brings together developed and developing countries, major international institutions, and non-state actors to bridge country needs with member resources and to fast track results. To guide their engagement with the Partnership, members appoint Focal Points: senior representatives of a country or institution who assume responsibility for internal coordination and represent ministries responsible for addressing climate change and development, typically the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Finance or Planning, or heads of agencies and organizations.

Representative of its diverse membership, the NDC Partnership is led by two Co-Chairs at the ministerial level and actively guided by a Steering Committee, which provides strategic guidance to ensure that the Partnership achieves the objectives of its Work Program.

The work of the Partnership is facilitated by the Support Unit, a neutral broker that enables member and partner coordination, planning, and convening, by engaging stakeholders across the whole-of-government and whole-of society. The Support Unit is hosted by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat, the World Resources Institute (WRI), and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

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The Partnership ensures both in-country and global coordination across stakeholders under a single framework.
OUR TEN GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The NDC Partnership is founded on ten guiding principles to which all members commit. Our guiding principles provide the foundation for member collaboration as we work to accelerate and scale up NDC implementation and sustainable development.

1. Support country-driven processes
2. Promote long-term climate action
3. Enhance efficiency and responsiveness
4. Build in-country capacity
5. Improve coordination
6. Enhance integration into national planning
7. Advance adaptation and mitigation
8. Align development and climate change
9. Support multi-stakeholder engagement
10. Promote gender equality

SNAPSHOT OF OUR IMPACT

More than 200 members, including more than 120 country members and 80 institutional members
More than 80 developing countries receiving support to implement and enhance their NDCs
More than 150 partners, both members and non-members, providing support
Collectively, the Partnership has mobilized more than USD1 billion to respond to country needs
COUNTRIES SUPPORTED THROUGH THE PARTNERSHIP

Framing language: As of Spring 2023, the NDC Partnership has supported a total of 85 countries since its inception. Supported countries have received support through one or more of the Partnership’s delivery mechanisms, including: Requests for Support Letters, Partnership Plan development, implementation, or updates, NDC investment plan development, and the NDC Partnership’s current or past initiatives, such as the Thematic Call on LT-LEDS and NDC Alignment, Update, and Enhancement, Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP) and/or the Economic Advisory Initiative.

For a full list of the developed country members and institutional members supporting our work, please visit our membership page.