The Climate Action Enhancement Package (abbreviated CAEP, pronounced “cap”) is a new offering of the NDC Partnership designed to deliver targeted, fast-track support to countries to enhance the quality, increase the ambition, and implement nationally determined contributions (or NDCs).

Under the Paris Agreement, countries revise their NDCs every five years to cut greenhouse gas emissions to limit Earth’s temperature rise and implement solutions to adapt to the effects of climate change. The updating of NDCs presents countries with significant opportunities to align their climate and development agendas to promote sustainable growth, but also presents challenges in reinventing policies and operations and mobilizing enough investment.

**WHAT CAEP DELIVERS**

The CAEP aims to catalyze transformational change towards resilient, sustainable, and low-emission development, supporting the objectives of the Paris Agreement for member countries of the NDC Partnership.

**THE CAEP ASSISTS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ACHIEVING TWO OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES:**

1. Enhance NDCs, including by raising ambition, as part of the Paris Agreement’s NDC update process;
2. Fast-track implementation of NDCs, including by providing in-country technical expertise and capacity building.
The CAEP will allow beneficiary countries to submit updated NDCs to the UNFCCC by 2020 as well as to accelerate NDC implementation. The program will support the delivery and follow-up of transformational initiatives for the United Nations Secretary General’s 2019 Climate Action Summit in September, including by supporting several developing country co-leads.

To achieve this, the CAEP will deliver support to countries through existing support programs from its institutional and associate members and through a dedicated Technical Assistance Fund that will deploy financing in cases where existing support is not enough to meet needs identified by countries. The Technical Assistance Fund is a pooled funding mechanism with contributions from multiple development partners which will allocate resources to institutional and associate members of the Partnership to respond to NDC updating and implementation requests. World Resources Institute, as host of the Fund, will manage contracting, while the Partnership’s Support Unit is responsible for programmatic implementation.

WHO WE ARE

The NDC Partnership is a global coalition of countries and institutions collaborating to drive transformational climate action through sustainable development. The NDC Partnership has over 130 members, including developed and developing countries in all regions of the world, as well as major international institutions and non-state actors.

We use a country-driven approach that helps governments set priorities and connect them to available resources from across our membership. Members of the NDC Partnership are already working together to provide technical assistance and capacity building in over 50 countries to effectively implement NDCs and increase ambition. As every country has its own needs and challenges, our approach adapts to each country’s unique situation.

HOW TO APPLY

FOR OBJECTIVE 1:

Countries requesting support for NDC enhancement should ensure that proposals are sufficiently concrete and detailed to enable assessment without further clarification and adhere to the following minimum criteria:

TO ENHANCE NDCS INCLUDING BY RAISING AMBITION

FRAMING AROUND AMBITION
Leveraging support to raise ambition in updated NDCs and/or implement NDCs

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT
Demonstration of high-level commitment by all relevant ministries

WHOLE OF SOCIETY
Engagement of the whole of society, including by mainstreaming gender equality

LINKS WITH NATIONAL PLANS
Direct linkages with national planning and budgeting, as well as development strategies
Countries are invited to consider the following elements that would strengthen a proposal:

1. Evidence that the revised NDC will result in a significant positive impact on greenhouse gas emissions or significantly improve the resilience of vulnerable populations.

2. Existence of mid/long-term sectoral or development strategies, or 2050 pathway, and plans for aligning the revised NDC with these.

3. Analysis of costs and benefits using the government’s macro-economic modeling or other relevant methodologies, models, or data.

4. Underlying data and monitoring, reporting, and verification (MRV) system.

5. Statement of ongoing collaboration with the NDC Partnership, based on the Country Engagement Strategy.

**FOR OBJECTIVE 2:**

For countries requesting support for fast-tracking NDC implementation, proposals should focus on capacity development interventions that will lead to more effective deployment of financing. These could include:

**TO FAST-TRACK NDC IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Macro-economic modeling and budgeting.
2. Financing strategy.
3. Long-term development.
4. Project pipeline development.
5. Development of financial regulations and/or instruments.

The CAEP will aim at a balance between support for mitigation- and adaptation-related activities, as well as regional distribution.

INTERESTED COUNTRIES CAN APPLY BY COMPLETING THE ONLINE REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FORM AT NDCPARTNERSHIP.ORG/CAEP.

ALL INSTITUTIONAL AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE NDC PARTNERSHIP ARE INVITED TO SUPPORT COUNTRIES THROUGH THE CAEP WITH THEIR OWN RESOURCES OR BY APPLYING FOR FUNDING FROM THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUND.
HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION

More information about the CAEP can be found online at [ndcpartnership.org/caep](http://ndcpartnership.org/caep).

The Support Unit will be organizing information sessions via webinar on the CAEP in early July which also will be posted on the website.

Additional inquiries can be sent to caep@ndcpartnership.org. While the Support Unit is unable to assist countries in preparing their online request form, it is available to provide guidance.