

Project Brief

Establishment of a Regional Pacific NDC Hub

Summary	The Regional Pacific NDC Hub (NDC Hub) will provide country- and sector-specific technical assistance and/or facilitate match-making of support to Pacific Island Countries (PICs) for NDC implementation, enhancement, and financing. Furthermore, the NDC Hub will support improved knowledge sharing and coordination between NDC Hub partners and other partners to ensure complementarity of support provided by multiple actors.
Objective	PICs enhance and implement their country's NDC driving sustainable and resilient development and transition to a low carbon development pathway.
Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 0. The NDC Hub Implementation Unit is established and operational 1. NDCs reviewed and enhanced 2. Roadmaps and investment plans developed to support NDC implementation 3. Finance leveraged to support NDC implementation through improved regional coordination 4. Guidance and technical assistance provided and tools produced to streamline and integrate NDCs into national and regional plans and processes 5. NDC related information and knowledge, learning and partnership mechanisms enhanced to support NDC enhancement, implementation and monitoring
Rationale	<p>For some PICs, the development of INDCs was hurried to meet the deadline before the Paris COP21 in 2015. This means that for many PICs their NDCs may not include significant sources of emissions or emission reduction opportunities, such as transport, forestry, waste and agriculture or oceans sector. The process to revise and enhance NDCs by 2020 will provide PICs with the opportunity to review, where appropriate, relevant sources of emission reductions and assess these other potential areas for inclusion. Given the critical importance of resilience and adaptation priorities in the region, enhancing Pacific NDCs through including actions to mitigate emissions in these sectors also has the potential to provide significant social and economic benefits and enhance resilience more broadly.</p> <p>Even though PICs' contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions is insignificant, a transition to a low carbon and green economy is the path needed for overall sustainable development. NDC enhancement and implementation show significant potential and opportunity to strengthen current national actions and align them to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</p> <p>Support in increasing the resilience to the impacts of climate change should be an important component of Pacific NDCs due to the highly vulnerable status of the countries and their communities. The PICs' resilience also ties in very closely to the ability of countries to implement mitigation measures. The enhancement of NDCs in this area is crucial and necessary. In strengthening the resilience of PICs, the Regional Pacific NDC Hub will also complement other actions taken under the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP).</p>
Partner institution(s)	The NDC Hub is being established and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in partnership with The Pacific Community (SPC), the Secretariat of the

Pacific Region Environment (SPREP), the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), and the NDC Partnership's Support Unit (NDCP SU). These entities constitute the NDC Hub Coordination Group.

Background

On July 3 and 4 2017, around 200 stakeholders from different organisations and sectors gathered in Suva, Fiji for the inaugural Climate Action Pacific Partnership (CAPP) Conference. Also attending were leaders and ministers from 14 PICs. During this conference and reflected at the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) leaders meeting, stakeholders raised the need for a regional NDC platform or mechanism to support PICs in enhancing and implementing their NDCs. This was further developed at the CAPP Partnership Days during pre-COP meetings in October in Nadi, Fiji, and side-events during COP23 in November.

At the NDC Partnership high-level event on November 14, 2017, the Hon. Prime Minister of Fiji and President of COP 23 formally launched the Regional Pacific NDC.

Governance

An Implementation Unit will be established for the coordination and day-to-day management of the activities of the NDC Hub. Its main role will be to assist countries in reviewing, enhancing and implementing their NDCs through technical advice and facilitating partnerships. It will function also as a secretariat to the Hub's Steering Committee and Coordination Group meetings. The Implementation Unit will be hosted at SPC in Suva and SPREP in Apia and have staff members from the different partner organisations.

A Steering Committee will comprise representatives from each of the three sub-regions (Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia) in addition to the Fiji Government as the host. It will provide overall guidance for the NDC Hub on strategic issues. The Steering Committee will provide information to the steering structure under the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) within the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP).

PICs have nominated one focal point and one alternate per country to serve as a primary point of contact for the NDC Hub.

Methods

A core team of long-term experts will deliver demand-driven technical assistance as part of the NDC Hub Implementation Unit. Short-term experts will be contracted as required to supplement the skills and knowledge of the core team based on country requests. The Regional Technical Support Mechanism (RTSM) will be strengthened and utilised as a service delivery mechanism for requests, based at SPREP in Samoa.

The programme will be implemented in partnership with the following 14 PICs that are members of SPC and SPREP: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

The programme will apply a multi-level approach (global, regional, national, and provincial/local) and will provide assistance or facilitate partnerships in a range of sectors. The programme will facilitate partnerships and provide access to international and regional short- and long-term experts as well as possibly staff attachments to ministries in charge of NDCs. The NDC Hub will utilise a range of technical assistance delivery modalities in line with the specific needs and requirements of countries. Given the diversity of the PICs and their respective capacities, this approach will ensure assistance can be tailored to meet individual needs.

Services could include, but are not limited to:

- Policy reviews; gap analyses; implementation roadmaps; investment plans; legal/regulatory frameworks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection/management; establishment or strengthening of national and sector MRV processes for NDC reporting • Stakeholder engagement and promotion of partnerships for targeted technical or financial assistance • Facilitate access to existing knowledge and information products, data and training and promote peer-to-peer learning • Project development for identified NDC conditional priorities
Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure support provided responds to an identified country need. • Engage in a socially-inclusive manner, across the whole-of-government, private sector, and civil society. • Strengthen existing regional initiatives, engagement, and cooperation by NDC Hub partners, NDCP members as well as other stakeholders in the region. • Prioritize in-country activities and capacity building. • Promote dialogue and knowledge exchange for NDC implementation, enhancement, and financing across the region and beyond.
Estimated budget (€)	<p><i>Total: EUR 2,172,500</i></p> <p><i>GBP 1,200,000 by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) of the United Kingdom; AUS 500,000 by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia (DFAT); and EUR 500,000 from the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).</i></p>
Timeline	<p>2018-2025 with two phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First phase: 2018-2020 (with 2020 being the next round of NDC submissions to UNFCCC) • Aspirational second phase: 2020-2025 (with 2025 being the subsequent round of NDC submissions to UNFCCC).

Key Progress since COP 23, 2017

<i>March 2018</i>	<p>3rd Regional Pacific NDC Dialogue, Suva</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project design and governance arrangements developed
<i>July 25th, 2018</i>	<p>Regional Pacific NDC Hub meeting, Suva</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Countries each nominated a national focal point and outlined their priority requests for support from the NDC Hub.
<i>September 2018</i>	<p>1st newsletter published.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subsequent newsletters published every month.
<i>November 9th, 2018</i>	<p>1st Steering Committee meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governance Arrangements finalized
<i>December 2019</i>	<p>Memorandum of Understanding signed with donors (FCO and DFAT)</p>

<i>December – February 2019</i>	Pacific Island Countries' priority request for support from the NDC Hub confirmed.
<i>April, 2019</i>	NDC Hub implementing initial activities in the Solomon Islands, Niue, Nauru, RMI, Kiribati, Tuvalu and Fiji.
<i>May 2019</i>	Financing Agreements signed with SPC and SPREP as implementing partners of the NDC Hub
<i>May 10th, 2019</i>	2 nd Steering Committee meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Held in conjunction with the third Climate Action Pacific Partnership Conference, Suva.
<i>May – July 2019</i>	NDC Implementation Unit established <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NDC Hub manager and further implementation unit staff hired - Implementation Unit Office established at SPC

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