

Whole-of-Society rallies to support strong National Climate Plans

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An aerial photograph showing a winding river or stream flowing through a dense, lush green forest. The river meanders through the landscape, creating several loops and curves. The surrounding terrain is hilly and covered in thick vegetation. The lighting is soft, suggesting an overcast day or early morning/late afternoon.

Executive Summary



Enhanced Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are needed in the coming year. Leaders across all levels of society and sectors of the economy are rallying to call for high ambition and accelerated implementation - and are offering their leadership, capital, and insights to national governments in this critical task. Businesses, financiers, cities and subnational governments, youth, Indigenous Peoples, and civil society are helping to tip the balance on the transition towards a net-zero, nature-positive, equitable, inclusive and climate-resilient future.

Businesses and financiers are poised to invest in and deliver on high-ambition national climate plans that send a strong market signal to catalyse inward investment. Cities, states, and regions are ready to accelerate the implementation of national climate plans that empower subnational governments with the tools and fiscal levers to deliver local climate action.

Indigenous Peoples and civil society are emphasising the importance of and are offering insight into how these plans can steward a transition that is just and benefits the least advantaged. **Enhanced national climate plans can empower all these actors to go further, faster.**

By partnering with **all levels of society** in the design and implementation of their NDCs, national governments can undertake climate action whilst accelerating sustainable development, job creation and more resilient communities.

The **UN Climate Change High-Level Champions for COP28 and COP29** are publishing this report to highlight the **insights, priorities and offers of support from non-state actors** and make them readily available for countries to leverage in the **design and implementation of their NDCs**.

This builds on the contribution of the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership to the Global Stocktake, especially the [2030 Climate Solutions](#) - a comprehensive and coherent climate action roadmap intended to accelerate climate action through on-the-ground solutions by 2030.

This summary is a non-exhaustive overview of the contributions of non-State actors to enhanced national climate plans that are most aligned with the [Work Programme of the High-Level Champion and The Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for 2024](#). This overview will be updated over time. If you wish for your resources or tools to be featured in this overview, please contact nathancooper@climatechampions.team

Additional support and tools for governments can be found on the [NDC 3.0 Navigator](#), which consolidates a wealth of resources from all sources. Non-Party stakeholders are invited to [Share Additional Resources](#) to be included on this platform.

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1. All in for a Just Transition away from Fossil Fuels

In response to the invitation by governments in The UAE Consensus, agreed at COP28 in Dubai, the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership are accelerating the tripling of renewable energy, the doubling of energy efficiency, and the scaling of near-zero emission alternatives across heavy-emitting sectors. Already, through the leadership of 26 Partners, over 14,500 non-state actors from 146 countries - companies, financial institutions, cities, states and regions, academia and healthcare institutions are transitioning to net zero and the halving of

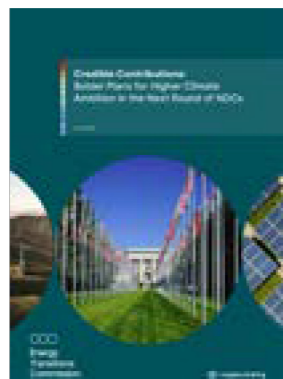
global emissions by 2030 through the [Race to Zero](#). They are innovating and procuring near-zero emission solutions and building low-carbon transport and manufacturing hubs to decarbonise major global sectors through the [2030 Climate Solutions](#). The following resources share their insights and priorities and lay out the ways in which **enhanced, ambitious NDCs can give them the certainty and clarity** they seek from national governments, alongside **greater policy incentives to implement their net-zero strategies**.

Actions to Deliver 3x Renewables by 2030



Leading industry players representing the clean technologies required for a net zero world by 2050 are supporting governments to triple renewable energy by 2030 through NDCs which increase **public and private investment** in renewables, scale **renewables-fit energy grids**, and **reduce time and cost constraints** of renewable energy projects. See Global Renewables Alliance's [Actions to Deliver 3x Renewables by 2030](#) and [Now. Deliver. Change.](#)

Credible Contributions



The Energy Transitions Commission (ETC), a global coalition of energy industry, finance and thought leaders, highlights how NDCs that set a **clear market direction** and thus provide **the certainty needed to scale investments** in low-carbon technologies can empower industry to support governments' delivery of more ambitious targets. See [Credible Contributions: Bolder Plans for Higher Climate Ambition in the Next Round of NDCs](#).

Active Travel NDC Template



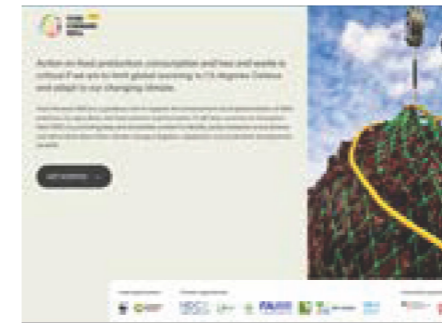
Industry, science and academia leaders across the transport sector are providing governments with tools and resources to increase **transport ambition** in their NDCs, through the Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT). They show how national governments can work with sub-national and city governments, businesses, and civil society to integrate **public transport and active mobility strategies** into their NDCs. See the [NDC Library by SLOCAT](#) and the NDC templates for [public transport](#), [active mobility](#) and rail by the International Association of Public Transport, International Union of Railways and Partnership for Transport, Partnership for Active Travel and Health.

2. All in to Protect and Restore Nature

Recognizing the interconnectedness of the nature and climate agendas, the High Level Champions and Marrakech Partnership are prioritising action and finance to halt and reverse deforestation, transform food systems, and restore ocean and coastal zones. Already, over 480 businesses and financial institutions are taking [Nature Positive Climate Action](#), and over 280 farmers, cities, businesses, civil society, Indigenous Peoples and philanthropies

are taking action to [Transform Food Systems for People, Nature, and Climate](#). These leading actors are standing up to highlight how national climate, nature, and biodiversity plans can **accelerate their action to protect, manage and restore nature**. The following resources summarise their insights and priorities, detailing the **ambitious policies they seek from national governments to enable their leadership to go further, faster**.

Food Forward NDCs



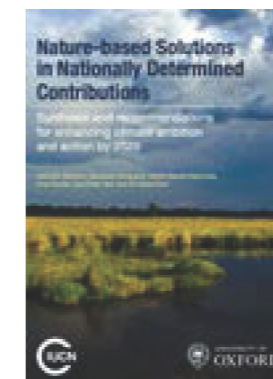
Inclusive multi-stakeholder partnerships between national and subnational governments, private sector, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities and consumers, can lead to substantial mitigation benefits by promoting **holistic, resource efficient and sustainable practices throughout the food system**. See WWF and Climate Focus' [Food Forward NDCs and Unlocking And Scaling Climate Solutions In Food Systems](#).

Business for Nature



A collective of over 130 major companies highlight how national climate and biodiversity plans can help companies **transform their operations, value chains, and entire sectors to contribute to a thriving economy that depends on healthy ecosystems**. See Business for Nature's [call for renewed policy ambition to implement the Biodiversity Plan and halt and reverse nature loss this decade](#).

Nature-Based Solutions in NDCs



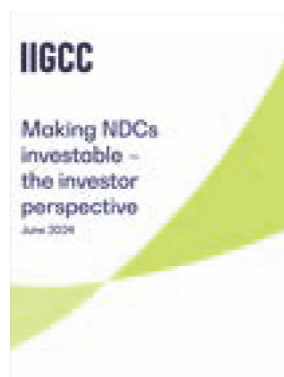
National governments are working with local forestry groups and Indigenous Peoples, and the private sector, to scale nature based solutions. These partnerships can be scaled through national climate and biodiversity plans to drive **innovation, enhance implementation, and ensure community-driven, resilient climate actions**. See International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s [Nature-based Solutions in Nationally Determined Contributions](#).

3. All in to Scale Equitable Finance to Climate Solutions

While low-carbon, climate resilient investments are often the most cost effective, significant barriers still exist to efficient and fair financial flows to climate solutions, especially in developing countries where they are needed most. Over 600 financiers, representing two thirds, or approximately \$145.1 trillion, of global assets under management, are now aligning their portfolio with net-zero through the [Race to Zero](#) campaign. Project developers

in the [Regional Platforms for Climate Projects](#) have secured funding of US\$1.9 billion for climate solutions in emerging markets and developing economies. The following resources share insights, examples and recommendations for **enhanced, investable NDCs that will help investors to guide their investment and business strategies.**

Making NDCs Investable



The Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change - over 400 major global investors across 27 countries with a USD65trn in assets – has worked with members to understand how NDCs could be improved to become useful tools to identify long-term investment opportunities. Through [Making NDCs Investable](#), they highlight **sectoral pathways** underpinned by **robust policies** and complemented by **clear financing strategies** as key elements of an investable national climate plan.

Time to Deliver: Business Call to Action for Ambitious and Investible NDCs



The We Mean Business Coalition, which includes thousands of businesses representing millions of employees, has identified how NDCs that include sectoral targets, clear and consistent policy frameworks and transparent and inclusive dialogue with businesses can drive accelerated private sector investment in the net zero economy. See [Time to deliver: Business call to action for ambitious and investible NDCs](#).

Mission 2025



Mission 2025, a coalition of businesses, mayors, investors, cultural leaders, health leaders, scientists and youth activists, is supporting governments to design and implement NDCs which reduce uncertainty to unlock trillions in private investment to protect our nature, scale cheap renewable energy, support industries to compete in a low carbon economy, and safeguard living standards for our people. See [Mission 2025](#)

Global Capacity Building Coalition



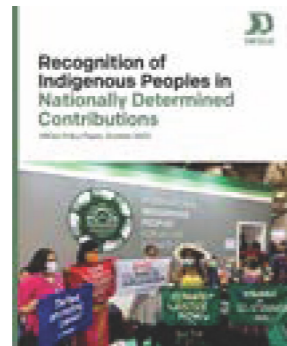
The Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ) coalition of 675 financial institutions, as well as its regional network groups in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, are supporting an online capacity-building portal to share insights and best practices for **scaling climate finance to where it is most needed.** See [Global Capacity Building Coalition](#)

4. All in for **Equity and Inclusion**

In the [Global Stocktake outcome](#) of COP 28, governments re-affirmed the need for meaningful and effective social dialogue and the participation of all stakeholders, including Indigenous Peoples, local communities and governments, women and youth. These stakeholders have offered their insights and social and ecosystem stewardship in

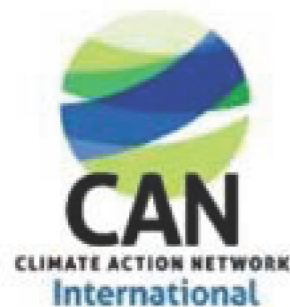
the design and implementation of national climate, adaptation and biodiversity plans. The following resources provide an overview of how **inclusively designed and implemented NDCs can empower civil society, women, youth and Indigenous Peoples to accelerate a just and equitable transition.**

Recognition of Indigenous Peoples in NDCs



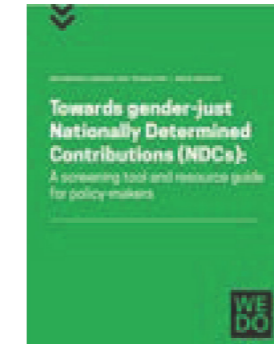
The International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA), which has cooperated with Indigenous Peoples' organisations and international institutions for over 50 years, highlights how NDCs that take a rights-based approach can strengthen Indigenous Peoples' support of climate climate. See [Recognition of Indigenous Peoples in NDCs](#).

Guidelines for NDCs 3.0



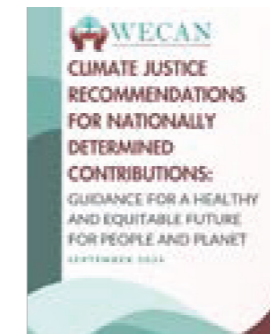
The Climate Action Network (CAN), a global network of over 1,300 environmental non-governmental organizations from over 130 countries, highlights the importance of NDCs for accelerating climate-safe, just, equitable and sustainable pathways. See CAN International's [Guidelines for NDCs 3.0: Delivering on the GST outcome and beyond](#).

Towards Gender-Just NDCs



As part of a series of tools, case studies and analyses intended to deliver a gender-just transition, women and gender-focused groups are guiding policymakers to develop NDCs that centre gender justice. See the Women's Environment & Development Organization (WEDO)'s [Towards gender-just NDCs](#).

Climate Justice Recommendations for NDCs



Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN) provides NDCs with guidance and recommendations for accelerating a just transition to a healthy and equitable future in a way that respects the rights of women and Indigenous Peoples, whilst reducing socio-economic inequalities. See WECAN's [Climate Justice Recommendations for NDCs](#).

WWF Checklist for the NDCs We Want



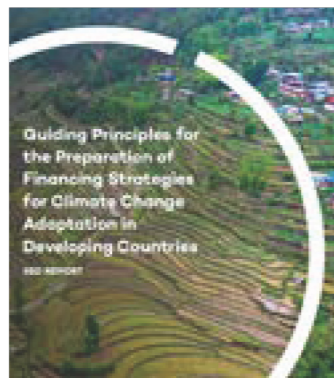
The WWF highlights how inclusively engaging civil society, business, financiers, subnational governments, citizens and Indigenous Peoples in national climate plans can enhance the quality and implementation of policy measures. See WWF's [Checklist for the NDC We Want](#).

5. All in for Resilient Lives and Livelihoods

Whilst immediate-term decarbonization efforts aimed at achieving net zero emissions are the most effective way to avoid the worst consequences of climate change (IEA, 2021), NDCs should accelerate both mitigation and adaptation to build resilience in sectors and people and clearly specify actions to reduce risks and vulnerability, in alignment with supportive adaptation policies and finance. Over 600 [Race to Resilience](#) members, including 86 cities

and 78 regions across 164 countries, have pledged to target resilience actions. These initiatives contain pledges to enhance the resilience of 3.17 billion people by 2030, with concrete action plans already targeting more than 1.87 billion people. The following resources highlight how enhanced national climate and adaptation plans can **enhance the resilience of the world's most vulnerable communities**.

Guiding Principles for the Preparation of Financing Strategies for Climate Change Adaptation in Developing Countries



Including the private sector, women's groups and vulnerable communities in the design and implementation of a country's adaptation finance strategies can **increase buy-in** and **mobilize resources** to implement national adaptation plans. See the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)'s [Guiding Principles for the Preparation of Financing Strategies for Climate Change Adaptation in Developing Countries](#).

Scaling and Accelerating Adaptation in Food Systems in Africa



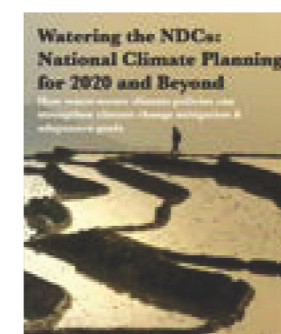
The development of food systems policies by governments in Africa that are shaped by people and communities through **participatory** and **inclusive approaches**, which can **raise ambition, increase finance** and **accelerate the implementation** of related plans. See the WWF and Climate Focus' [Scaling and Accelerating Adaptation in Food Systems in Africa](#).

Putting Water at the Centre of Ambitious NDCs



Improving the **water-related measures and targets** included in NDCs can increase **private-sector investment in water solutions**. See The Stockholm Water Institute's [Putting water at the centre of ambitious NDCs](#).

Watering the NDCs



A global network representing regional development banks, the private sector and international and academic organisations highlights how engaging local governments, the private sector and civil society can accelerate water and climate action by encouraging innovative solutions, increasing accountability and strengthening community resilience. See The Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA)'s [Watering the NDCs](#).

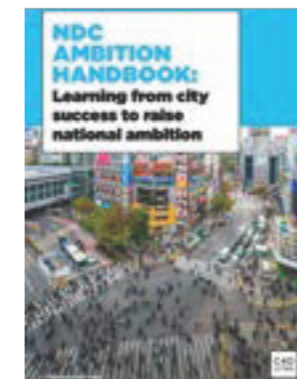
6. All-of-Society Support for Climate Action and Sustainable Development

Spotlight on Cities, States and Regions

The High-Level Champions work with a wide variety of non-Party stakeholders – including businesses, particularly small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and those in the informal sector – as well as cities, states and regions. Through the Race to Zero, over 8,000 SMEs, 1000 universities and colleges and 70 health care institutions are taking action to achieve a net zero resilient future for all. Additionally, close to 1,200 cities, states and regions have set the largest demand signal from subnational governments to achieve net zero by 2050, thus

transforming their commitments into action. International initiatives representing hundreds of cities, states and regions are partnering with governments to make near-zero emission and resilient buildings the new normal by 2030 through the 2030 Climate Solutions. The following resources provide an overview of how **NDCs, accompanied by supportive environmental measures, can accelerate the all-of-society implementation of national climate plans.**

NDC Ambition Handbook



A global network of nearly 100 mayors have identified, based on their experience in implementing local climate projects, how NDCs can strengthen partnerships between national and subnational governments to scale actions across the **energy, transport, buildings, waste, construction** and **urban planning** sectors. See C40's [NDC Ambition Handbook](#).

Meeting Climate Commitments



A global network that works with more than 2500 local and regional governments in more than 125 countries explains how to **integrate subnational governments into the design and implementation of NDCs.** See ICLEI's [Meeting climate commitments: Transforming cities and nations](#).

The Multilevel Climate Action Guide for Decision-makers



A covenant representing over 12,500 cities and local governments representing more than 1 billion people highlights best-case examples of scaling high-impact areas for **multi-level climate action.** See the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM)'s [Multi-level Playbook and Multilevel Climate Action Guide for Decision-makers](#).

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