

An aerial photograph of a winding river flowing through a dense, lush green forest. The river meanders through the landscape, creating several loops and bends. The surrounding terrain is covered in thick vegetation, with some rocky outcrops visible. The lighting is soft, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting, with the sun reflecting off the water's surface.

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

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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, subnational governments, youth, Indigenous Peoples, and all parts of 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. Civil society, in particular Indigenous Peoples and youth, 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 short 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, and its [Regional Outlook - Truly Global](#) which was published ahead of COP 29 to highlight its implementation in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

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.

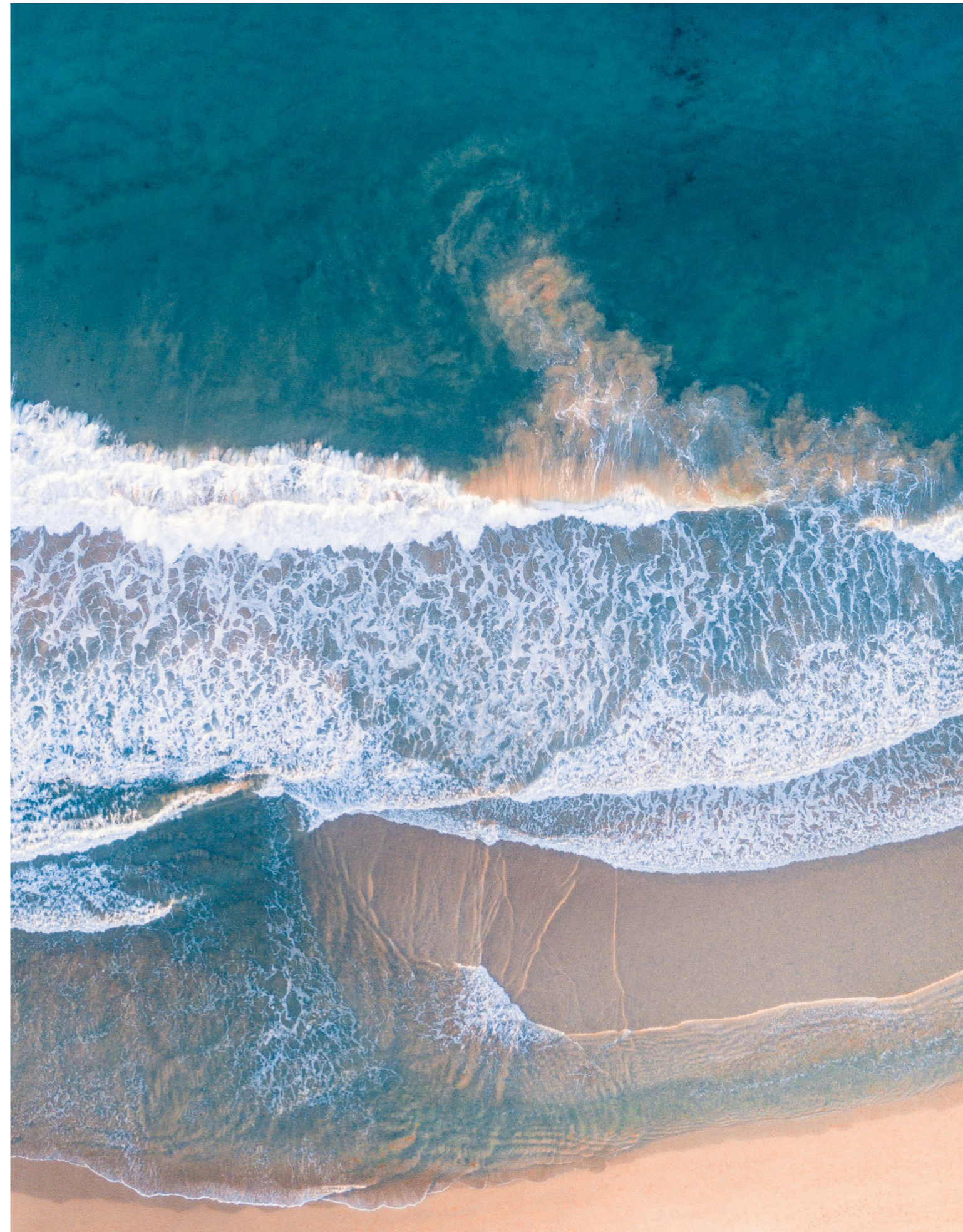


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1. All in for a Just Transition away from Fossil Fuels

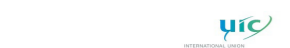
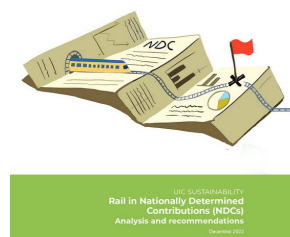
In response to an invitation by governments in The UAE Consensus, which was agreed upon at COP 28 in Dubai, the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership are accelerating the tripling of renewable energy, the doubling of energy efficiency and the scaling of near-zero emission alternatives across heavily emitting sectors. Over 15,500 non-state actors from over 150 countries – including companies; financial institutions; cities, states and regions; academia and healthcare institutions – are already transitioning to net zero and the halving

of global emissions by 2030 through the [Race to Zero](#). These actors 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 explain how enhanced, ambitious NDCs can give actors the certainty and clarity they seek from national governments, alongside the strengthening of policy incentives to implement their net zero strategies.



Industry, science and academia leaders across the transport sector are providing governments with tools and resources to increase transport ambition in their NDCs. They show how national governments can work with sub-national and city governments, businesses, and civil society to integrate public transport and active travel strategies into their NDCs.

See the Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT)'s [Get your NDC 3.0 ready!](#), The International Association of Public Transport (UITP)'s [Public transport in NDCs template](#), and The Partnership for Active Travel and Health (PATH)'s [Active Travel NDC Template](#), The International Union of Railways (UIC)'s [NDC Template for Rail](#), and the Global Network for Popular Transport (GNPT)'s [Popular Transport NDC Template](#) and International Transport Forum (ITF)'s [Guide for Including Transport in NDCs](#)



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](#) and [NDCs, NCOG, and Financing the Transition: Unlocking Flows for a Net-Zero Future](#).



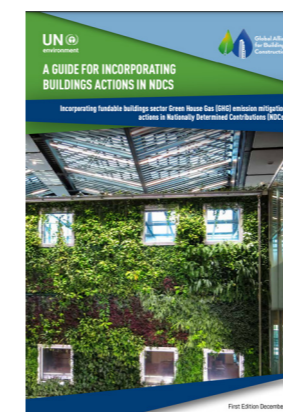
WorldGBC announces NDC Scorecard tool to strengthen national action on buildings

Developers, property managers, architects and engineers from across Green Building Councils in Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Nigeria and the Philippines are supporting national governments to rapidly decarbonise and build the resilience of urban centres through enhanced NDCs. See World Green Building Council (WorldGBC)'s [NDC Scorecard for Sustainable Buildings](#).



Leading industry players representing the clean technologies required to achieve a net zero world by 2050 are supporting governments' efforts to triple renewable energy by 2030 through NDCs that increase public and private investment in renewables, scale renewables-ready energy grids and reduce the time and cost constraints on renewable energy projects.

See Global Renewables Alliance's [Actions to Deliver 3x Renewables by 2030 and Now. Deliver. Change](#)

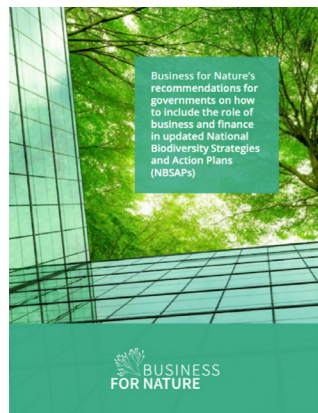


The Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction, an alliance of 230 members and 42 countries, are providing governments with practical recommendations to enhance decarbonization and resilience across the built environment sector. See Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (Global ABC)'s [NDCs for the Built Environment: Ambitious, Fundable, Implementable, Equitable](#)

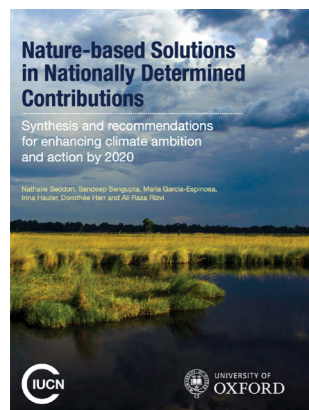
2. All in to **Protect and Restore Nature**

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 500 businesses and financial institutions are participating in [Nature Positive Climate Action](#), and 300 farmers, cities, businesses, civil societies, Indigenous Peoples and

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



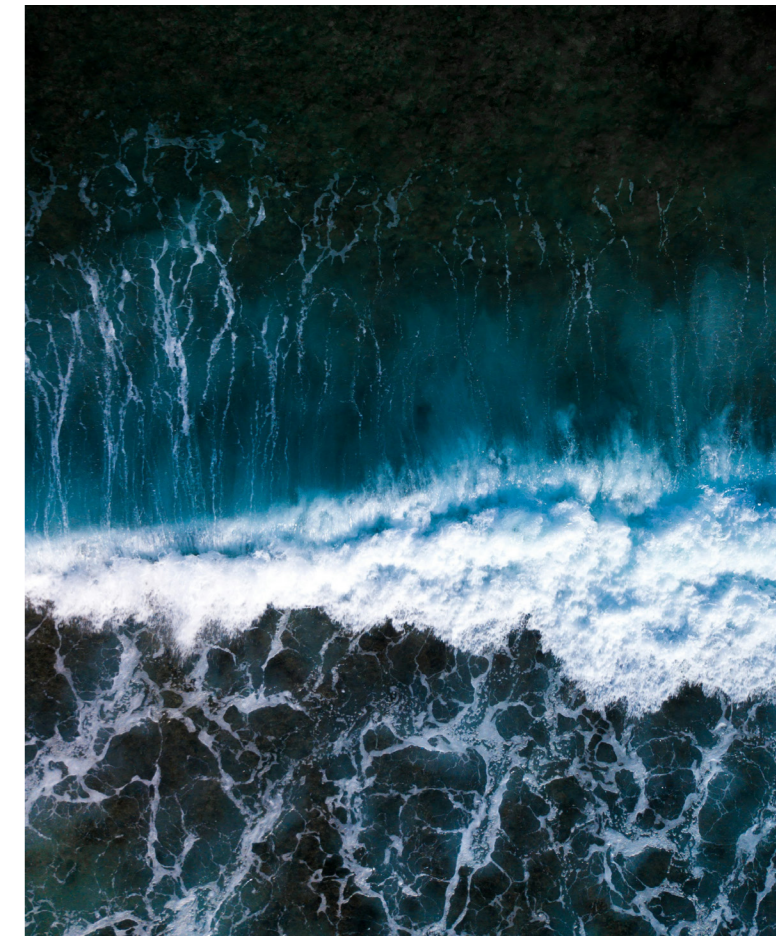
A collective of over 130 major companies highlight how national climate and biodiversity plans can help companies to transform their operations, value chains and entire sectors, thus contributing to a thriving economy that depends on healthy ecosystems. See Business for Nature's [call for renewed policy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



National governments are working with local forestry groups, 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 solution implementation and ensure community-driven, resilient climate actions. See the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s [Nature-based Solutions in Nationally Determined Contributions](#).



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



3. All in to Scale **Equitable Finance to Climate Solutions**

While low-carbon, climate-resilient investments are often the most cost effective, there remain significant barriers to the efficient and fair flow of finances for climate solutions, especially in developing countries where these resources are needed most. 650 financiers are aligning their portfolios with net zero through the [Race to Zero](#) campaign. Project developers in

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

IIGCC

Making NDCs investable – the investor perspective
June 2024

The Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change – over 400 major global investors across 27 countries with US\$65 trillion in assets – are highlighting how NDCs can help investors identify long-term investment opportunities. They highlight sectoral pathways underpinned by robust policies and complemented by clear financing strategies as key elements of an investable national climate plan. See [Making NDCs Investable](#).

WE MEAN BUSINESS COALITION

Time to deliver: Business call to action for ambitious and investable 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 investable NDCs](#)

MISSION 2025

Join us to tip the balance.

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](#)

PRI Principles for Responsible Investment

An international network of 4,800 financial institutions, Principles for Responsible Investment, identifies how high-ambition NDCs accompanied by investment-enabling policies can help countries seize the opportunities of an economic transition to net zero, and provide certainty and stability for investors. See [Principles for Responsible Investment \(PRI\)'s Climate Policy Roadmap](#)

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](#)



Over 600 financial institutions and their representatives, with more than USD\$[30] trillion in assets under management have publicly called for a whole-of-government policy approach that will help free up financial flows for the economy-wide, sector-specific NDCs and policies. See [Global Investment Statement to Governments on the Climate Crisis](#).



More than 100 CEOs from leading businesses representing \$4 trillion in revenues and 12 million employees, who have slashed emissions by 10% while delivering aggregate revenue growth of 18% in the same period (2019-2022), identify a finance goal agreed at COP29 and investable NDCs will spotlight the business case for climate action and spur investment. See [World Economic Forum's Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders](#)

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

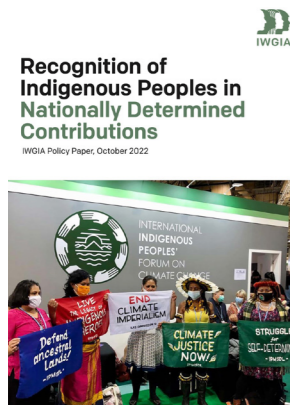
the design and implementation of national climate, adaptation and biodiversity plans. The following resources provide an overview of how inclusively designed and implemented NDCs can empower civil society, women, youth and Indigenous Peoples to accelerate a just and equitable transition.



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](#).



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](#) and [Gender Climate Tracker](#).



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](#).

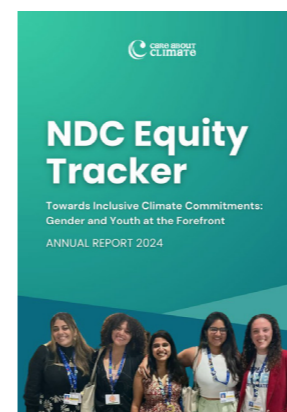


Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN) provides NDCs with guidance and recommendations for accelerating a just transition to a healthy and equitable future in a way that respects the rights of women and Indigenous Peoples, whilst reducing socio-economic inequalities.

See WECAN's [Climate Justice Recommendations for NDCs](#).



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](#).



An international network of young climate leaders, Care About Climate, is supporting youth-led projects, to assess, advocate on, and support the implementation of NDCs across 84 countries. 'NDC Ambassadors' are providing recommendations to strengthen ambition, and intergenerational and gender equity across countries NDC. See Care About Climate's [NDC Equity Tracker](#).

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

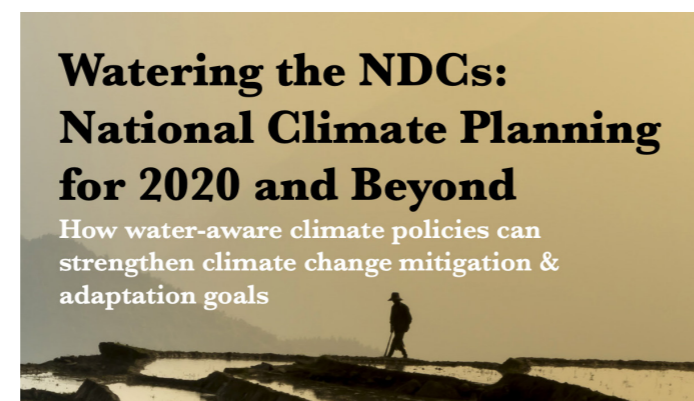
86 cities and 78 regions across 164 countries, have pledged to target resilience actions. These initiatives contain pledges to enhance the resilience of 3.17 billion people by 2030, with concrete action plans already targeting more than 2 billion people. The following resources highlight how enhanced national climate and adaptation plans can enhance the resilience of the world's most vulnerable communities.



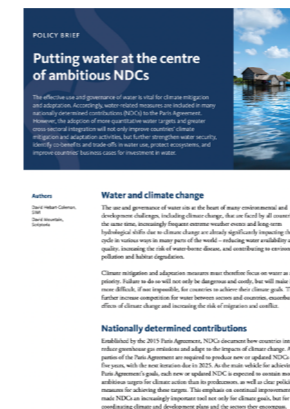
Including the private sector, women's groups and vulnerable communities in the design and implementation of a country's adaptation finance strategies can increase buy-in and mobilize resources to implement national adaptation plans. See the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)'s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



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](#).



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](#).



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](#).



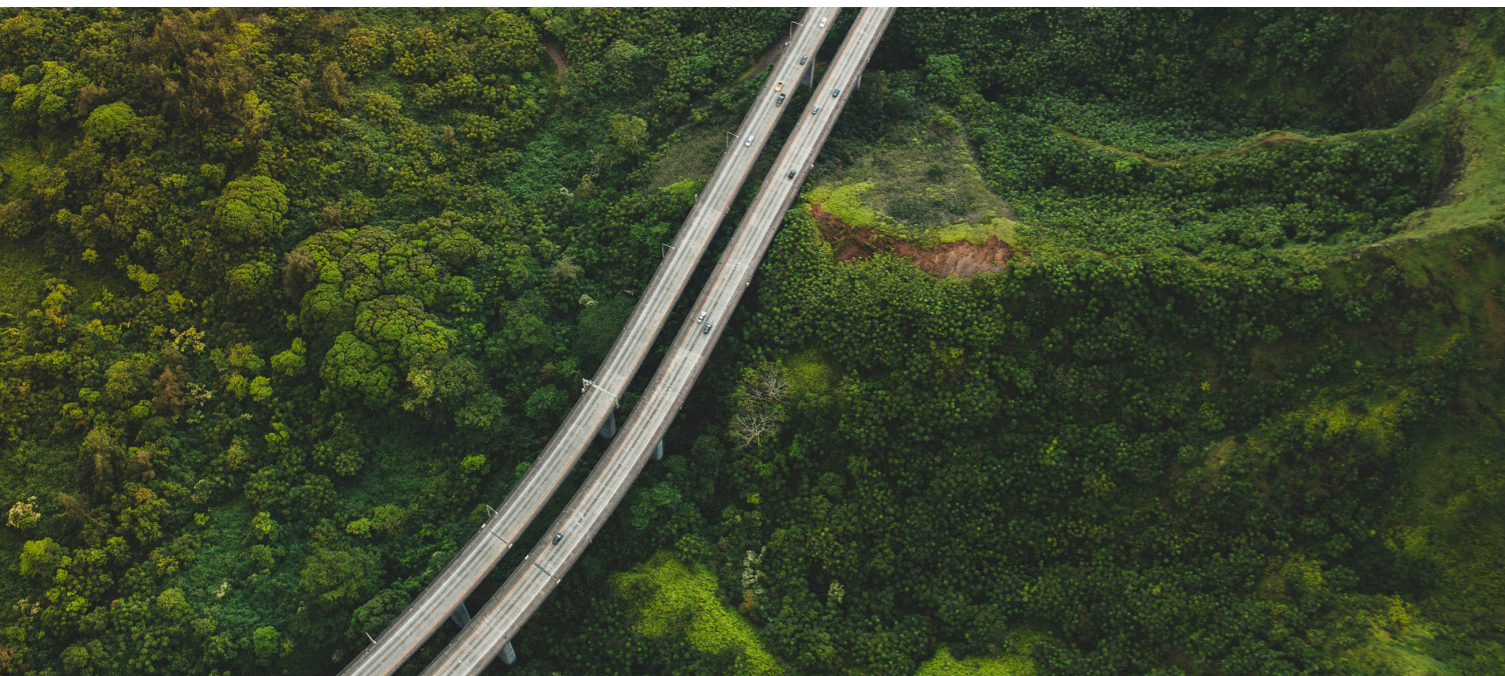
In a new report, Habitat for Humanity, a global nonprofit housing organization working in approximately 70 countries, highlights how cross-sector collaboration across urban, environmental, infrastructure, and community-based efforts can help drive comprehensive housing solutions, particularly within informal settlements. See their report on [Housing and Informal Settlements Content in NDCs](#).

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

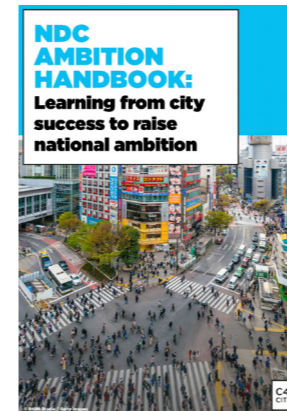
Spotlight on Cities, States and Regions

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 9,000 SMEs, 1200 education institutions and 80 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.



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](#).



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](#).



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](#).



A network of local and global experts working in more than 150 cities across 75 countries, WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities highlights how collaborating with – and integrating the goals and actions of – subnational governments throughout the NDC development process can accelerate investment in green public infrastructure, adapt to climate risks, and support the just transition for cities and countries. See WRI's [Stronger NDCs with Cities, Towns, States, and Regions](#).

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