We would like to thank everyone who took the time to participate in the first phase of our e-Discussion on NDC Implementation!

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It has been interesting to hear first-hand of the impressive work done in countries around the world, and to receive suggestions on how to improve and structure the upcoming NDC Guidance Document, which we are developing with our partners UNEP, UNEP-DTU, and the WRI, in cooperation with the UNFCCC Secretariat.

The e-Discussion is carried out in 6 phases from November 2016 – March 2017. In the coming weeks, we will share with you the input we have received. Below you will find the results from Phase 1 - Feedback on the Outline for the NDC Implementation Guide.

Objective of Phase 1
Learning how the Paris Agreement and the (I)NDC process had catalysed climate action in countries, and what support was still needed in preparing for NDC implementation.

Participants
Representatives from Moldova, Brazil, Guatemala, Ecuador, Colombia, Lebanon and Uganda shared their thoughts and insightful examples on INDC development. Ricardo-AEA, World Bank and GIZ provided comments on the proposed outline for the NDC implementation guidance document as well.

Insights on INDC development and NDC Implementation Planning

- The INDC served to bring together a range of national climate change efforts into a more comprehensive single vision, and/or to scale mitigation activities to multiple sectors. Now some countries take the opportunity to refine their NDCs.
• In Ecuador, for example, the INDC process offered the incentive to bring all previously isolated mitigation actions on energy into one framework. Ecuador is now working on **revising its NDC to include all IPCC sectors** and integrate the support of additional multilateral cooperation. It will also link the Climate Public Expenditure Review (CPEIR) process to the NDC to identify the investment needs for the NDC objectives.

• In Lebanon, the INDC preparation process was used to **scale mitigation actions** from one single sector to capture the GHG reduction potential for the entire country, and to **draft a national 2030 outlook** for national emission reduction and adaptation targets. It also provided a framework for **syncing climate issues with issues** in other national and sectoral plans and strategies.

• Guatemala laid out the highly **interlinked and iterative process of formulating and adapting INDC/NDCs and related climate strategies and policies**. This demonstrated how a participatory preparation process for its National Action Plan for Climate Change fed into the development of its INDC and how the National Action Plan in turn was adjusted to reflect Guatemala’s international commitments under the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Agenda. The National Action Plan, along with its sectoral components, will be adjusted in line with its NDC every five years.

• The implementation of the NDC targets may require some **tough discussion on how to distribute the 20% target among the economic sectors**, noted Colombia. As this causes concerns among the productive sectors, capacity building for the decision and engagement process is needed.

• **National discussions about the NDC’s implementation should be inclusive and transparent**, esp. for economic sectors, as to secure their support.

• Both Lebanon and Ecuador have prepared **high-level roadmaps for NDC implementation** – you can find Ecuador’s (in Spanish) here: [http://bit.ly/2kolQzL](http://bit.ly/2kolQzL)

• Even though policies and laws may be in place to support the implementation of NDCs, they are often not sufficient. **Effective mitigation measures and actions** are needed to operationalize them, and **monitoring and verification systems** are needed to track progress.

• Uganda noted that creating **awareness** about the realities of climate change and impacts on communities, is needed, as is **guidance on subsidies** to help replace carbon fuels, and **access to adaptation technologies** which are affordable and sustainable.
Suggestions on the Scope and Content of the NDC Implementation Guide

- While the document would need to be generic to be applicable to a wider number of countries, it should include detailed information in order to issue meaningful guidance. **Step by step process description**, with links to already existing tools would be useful.

- The guide needs to address the question of how to **link NDCs to the sustainable development agenda**; including indicators of quality or progress.

- Several commenters were curious as to whether **mitigation and adaptation** would be treated separately, noting the importance of adaptation as a priority issue in many developing countries.

- The interplay between the iterative **political, technical and stakeholder participation processes** was also highlighted as important for raising ambition.

- The relevance and function of **transparency** should be clearly laid out, as transparency promoted peer-to-peer learning and raising of ambition.

- Costing-out needs to **include and differentiate various types of costs**, including the implementation costs of technology investments, the costs of capacity building for the NDC implementation process, and the economic costs including impacts on jobs, growth, income, poverty.

- Consider including application of **methodologies for the analysis of expenditure, institution and political situation** of the country regarding climate change on whose basis financial, institutional and political gaps could be addressed.

- Regarding **financial mechanisms**, enhanced clarity regarding the conditions of possible donors (GCF, multilaterals among others) and the possibility to analyse new unilateral funding mechanisms as ITMOS should be addressed.

- Potential **for corrective measures** that could be used if not meeting targets;

- Consider including a toolbox of financial tools and approaches.

Ricardo-AEA also shared the quick-start guide to planning for NDC implementation that was developed in collaboration with CDKN: [http://www.cdkn.org/ndc-guide/](http://www.cdkn.org/ndc-guide/)

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**About the e-Discussion**

UNDP, UNEP, UNEP-DTU, and the WRI, in cooperation with the UNFCCC Secretariat, are currently developing joint guidance to be used by countries as they prepare for NDC
implementation. The guidance is being prepared as part of the discussions under the UNDP Low Emission Capacity Building Programme and the NDC Regional Technical Dialogues.

In this context, UNDP has launched an online discussion to exchange and gather national experiences on the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) across a number of thematic areas, including Institutions, Awareness and Engagement; NDC Implementation Planning; Funding Strategies and Mobilizing Resources; Monitoring and Transparency; to support the development of the practical guidance document on NDC Implementation. The online discussion runs from November 2016 through March 2017.

The purpose of the online discussion is to engage stakeholders, practitioners, experts and policy-makers across the globe in a dialogue to capture real-world national experiences on NDC implementation.

Access the online-discussion here: https://www.unteamworks.org/NDCImplementation