The Paris Agreement represents an historic turning point in the global response to climate change, sending a signal for the first time that all Parties will engage in a long term global commitment to increasingly ambitious climate action. What was accomplished with the Paris agreement is just the beginning. Countries now need to achieve their mitigation targets. The U.S. government is launching an NDC Leadership Compact to partner with 15 or more developing countries from Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean that are leaders in their commitments and actions to move quickly in making substantial progress in addressing climate change.

NDC LEADERSHIP COMPACT OBJECTIVES
The objectives of the NDC Leadership Compact are to:

- Enable developing countries to move quickly in making substantial progress in achieving ambitious mitigation targets as reflected in their NDCs; and

- Showcase leadership by these countries in their NDC implementation so they serve as regional or global role models and inspire replication of their successful approaches by other countries.

NDC LEADERSHIP COMPACT ACTIVITIES
Following a process of invitations and confirmation of interest by countries, the Compact will operate through two primary components consistent with the above objectives:

1. **Continued and Deepened Country-Driven Technical Cooperation with the United States.** For priority areas defined by the NDC Leadership Compact countries, the U.S. government will continue and strengthen its technical assistance, including support for economy-wide and sector specific actions as well as measures to scale up investment, and building on existing partnerships, such as Enhancing Capacity for Low Emission Development Strategies, to help advance implementation of NDC priorities and enable countries to move quickly in making substantial progress.

2. **Leadership Platform.** NDC Leadership Compact countries will identify areas of NDC implementation leadership they want to highlight and showcase. The U.S. government will provide support, as needed, to these countries to conduct an array of activities to prominently showcase their leadership areas and enable learning and replication by other countries. This will include in-country forums, events at UNFCCC meetings, sessions held at regional and global workshops, web seminars, case studies and fact sheets, and peer exchanges. The LEDS Global Partnership regional platforms and global working groups and forums and other similar initiatives may be useful vehicles for these showcasing and learning activities.

The United States will closely coordinate and link NDC Leadership Compact activities with similar efforts by other donors and international institutions.

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