

Stock taking of existing climate policy framework

National climate change legislation in place that includes a long-term target?

Existing international commitments (e.g. Copenhagen Pledges)?

National climate change strategy, low emission development strategy (LEDS, or equivalent) in place?



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Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs)

Download the INDC factsheet here.

At COP 19, held in Warsaw in November 2013, Parties to the UNFCCC decided (Decision 1/CP.19) 'to invite all Parties to initiate or intensify domestic preparations for their intended nationally determined contributions, without prejudice to the legal nature of the contributions, in the context of adopting a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties towards achieving the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2 and to communicate them well in advance of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (by the first quarter of 2015 by those Parties ready to do so) in a manner that facilitates the clarity, transparency and understanding of the intended contributions, without prejudice to the legal nature of the contributions'. This decision was reiterated at COP 20, held in Lima 2014 (1/CP.20, 'Lima Call for Climate Action'). Parties also agreed in Lima that INDCs towards achieving the objective of the Convention should represent a progression beyond current mitigation efforts and prevent backsliding.

INDCs already submitted to the UNFCCC can be found on the UNFCCC INDC Portal

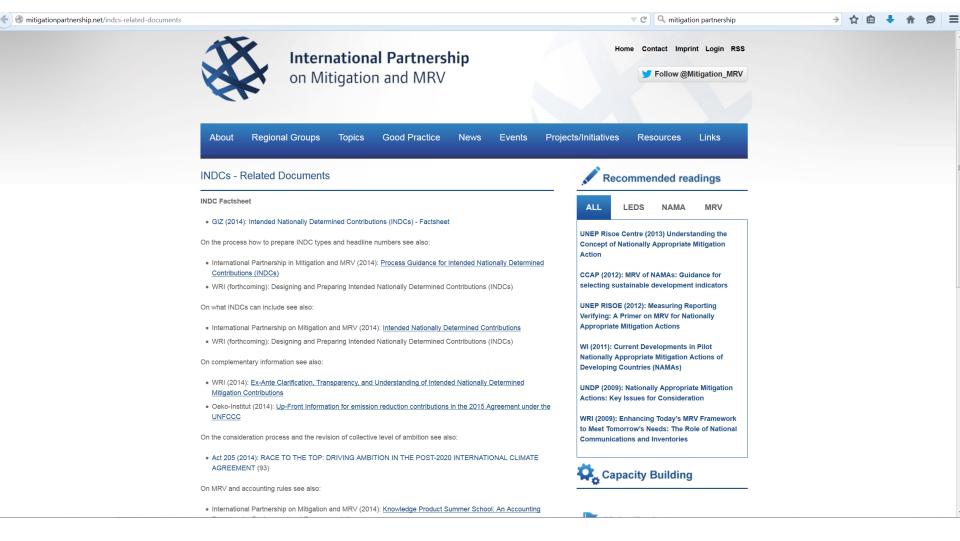
INDC types and headline numbers

INDCs shall make it possible to track progress and achieve a collective ambition level sufficient to limit global warming to below 2°C relative to pre-industrial levels. To this end INDCs shall comprise a mitigation goal which represents a progression beyond current undertakings of the Party. That goal needs to be transformed into an eventually legally binding mitigation commitment under the 2015 agreement, and must be transparent, quantifiable, comparable, verifiable and ambitious. Once this transformation has taken place the contributions are not 'intended' anymore.

At the same time individual INDCs shall reflect equity according to the Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capacities (CBDR+RC) principle. In this context it was agreed in Lima that Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) do not need to prepare a mitigation goal, but that they may communicate information on strategies, plans and actions for low greenhouse gas emission development reflecting their special circumstances. The reasoning why an INDC is ambitious and equitable shall further take



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