

How GIZ supports partner countries in the preparation of their INDCs

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Global Support Project for the Preparation of INDCs

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- Supports 16 Partner countries
- Ad-hoc support for up to 10 additional countries
- Addresses climate negotiators and decision makers commissioned with the design and implementation of climate policies
- Financed by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)
- Carried out by GIZ in collaboration with the UNDP Low Emission Capacity Building Programme and Climate Analytics.



Involved countries and partners

-  Partner countries
-  Further relevant ICI support activities
-  Close collaboration



Selection:

- Ongoing projects to collaborate with
- Interest and willingness of partner country to collaborate on INDCs

As of October, 2014



Where countries stand in preparing their INDCs...

- Countries start from diverse national circumstances, capacities and capabilities:
 - Various countries already have national targets/pledges as starting point or can draw on existing and planned national strategies, policies/plans
- A wide range of experience exists with the development and implementation of GHG inventories, National Communications and NAMAs -> these processes have generated national capacities and information necessary for the INDC process
- Many countries have already begun preparing their INDCs and endorsed their readiness to submit them by early 2015



2-steps approach for INDCs support in the run-up to Paris:

Step 1

Needs-assessment to identify specific need for support of developing countries in preparing INDCs



Step 2

Implement country-specific support measures via locally on-going GIZ projects



Early lessons learnt from needs-assessment and regional UNDP dialogues on INDCs

- Broadly accepted: INDCs need to **transform the ,business as usual‘ scenario**, focus on **mitigation** and be **quantifiable**. **Adaptation** can be considered and play a role, since INDCs are supposed to be embedded in a context of sustainable development
- Common understanding on the need for **transparency and basic upfront information** to be submitted with INDCs (e.g. type, base year, gases and sectors covered, methodologies applied)
- To develop realistic and feasible INDCs, they need to be **backed up with mitigation strategies, policies and actions**
- **Common barriers**: lack of capacities for the development of robust GHG inventories, weak institutional arrangements to ensure of data provision for political decision-making
- Need for a better clarification on the relationship between INDCs and NAMAs



Early lessons regarding needs for support to prepare mitigation INDCs

- Many countries **know** their technologically possible and financially feasible **mitigation potentials**: Less needs for technical studies/ feasibility studies/ quantification
- Rather support for (iterative) **process** of agreeing on goals domestically and of their respective implementation:
 - Workshops to embed NAMAs in LEDS/ translate LEDS into NAMAs
 - Multi-stakeholder process to agree on goals
 - Inter-ministerial agreement on implementation process for INDCs
 - Workshops to elaborate financing models for NAMAs
 - Workshops on institutional set-ups
 - MRV-Training for planning and implementation of mitigation actions



How GIZ supports partner countries in preparing their INDC...at global level

- Process Guidance (Study upcoming by Ecofys) on how to develop ambitious but feasible INDCs
- Stocktaking of planned and ongoing INDC processes for exchange between individual countries
- Foster (regional) peer-to-peer exchange and knowledge management
- Provision of general Terms of Reference for technical studies and analyses in individual countries
- Global workshop (4/2015) on lessons learnt, challenges and strategies to overcome those
- Webinars, conference calls on specific issues



How GIZ supports partner countries in preparing their INDC...at national level

- Process facilitation and technical support for inter-ministerial agreement on mitigation goal, stakeholder consultation and for roadmap development
- (Technical) analyses and studies (e.g. on development of BAU, mitigation potentials, etc.)
- Workshops to embed INDC in LEDS, to operationalize INDCs as NAMAs, to establish MRV systems
- Supporting political decision-making processes for the submission of INDCs and the implementation thereof
- Foster (regional) peer-to-peer exchange and knowledge management



Summer School 2014 on INDCs

- 3rd Summer School of the International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV; 3-10th September 2014 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
- 28 policy makers, international experts and negotiators from 20 developed and developing countries and the EU
- Objective: mutual learning and peer-to-peer exchange on domestic INDC processes
- Extensive discussions on INDCs, domestic processes for their preparation and up-front information needed to create transparency and to be able to assess whether contributions will allow to meet 2°C target
- Results: In-depth exchange on technical details of INDC processes, (incl. stakeholder needs, challenges faced and ways to overcome them) as well as on ambition & equity in a trustful atmosphere. Participants agreed that ambitious INDCs are needed.
- Report on the main findings upcoming (see <http://mitigationpartnership.net>)



International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV

- Supports national projects with knowledge management on INDCs
- Maintains a website on INDCs with background information on the international process, relevant documents, and country experiences
<http://mitigationpartnership.net/intended-nationally-determined-contributions-indcs>
- Exchange of experiences and approaches between Parties in developing their respective contributions
- Collaborates with other partnerships (Partnership for Market Readiness, NAMA-Partnership, LEDS Global Partnership) and think tanks (Ecofys, Öko-Institut, Wuppertal Institute, Climate Analytics, Fraunhofer ISI)
- Contributes to UNDP Technical Dialogue on NDCs



INDCs

Intended Nationally Determined
Contributions



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How GIZ supports individual countries

- Hiring one local staff to support a senior advisor who assists developing the INDC
- Supporting a workshop series both logistically and technically
- Commissioning several studies on behalf of the Ministry of Environment to support the national processes
- Facilitate international exchange and peer-to-peer learning
- Ad-hoc support as needed

Donor coordination!



What has happened so far...

- Kick-off of the INDC process
- Identification of the lead institution (UNFCCC Focal Point) for the INDC process and set-up of a stakeholder process (Establishment of a Working Group)
- Development of a roadmap
- Collection of data and information
- No decision on the type of target yet, but discussions on the base year have started amongst high-level policy makers
- Priority Sectors are identified, but not yet agreed -> detailed analysis will be carried out with donor support



... and what will be the next steps - example of Vietnam

- Research and technical analyses by each sector (8-10/2014)
- Elaboration of mitigation targets on the basis of the country's Green Growth Strategy and Identification and prioritization of mitigation actions and potentials by sector (11/2014-01/2015)
- Consultation Workshops, reports (11/2014-2/2015)
- Report to National Steering Committee on Climate Change about INDC study (2/2015)
- Submit INDC report to the Government (3/2015)
- INDC approved by Government (4/2015)
- Submit to UNFCCC: 5/2015.



Observed challenges

- Short Timeframe for preparation of INDC
- Lack of Financial and technical capabilities (e.g. with regard to development of BAU scenario, identification of promising mitigation actions)
- Development of mitigation targets for the post-2020 period:
 - A number of mitigation targets may exist, but with different base years.
- Lack of inter-ministerial coordination
- Uncertainty due to the lack of formal guidance from UNFCCC on the format of INDC submission (e.g. latest 24.20.2014 draft by ADP co-chairs: http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/bonn_oct_2014/in-session/application/pdf/adp2-6_i3_24oct2014t1530.dt.pdf)



Thank you for your time and attention!

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