How transparency is advancing NDC implementation: Country experiences

12 November 2026, 08:30–10:00 (Antalya time)
Special Event Room 5

Context

Countries increasingly recognize the role of transparency as a strategic tool to guide climate action and inform NDC implementation. Through the data and information it provides, transparency is a foundation for effective NDC implementation, helping countries connect NDC commitments with policy implementation, finance and results on the ground.

This recognition was evident, for example, at the Global Transparency Community Meetings in April this year, when over 100 representatives from around 70 countries joined support providers and other organizations to explore how transparency could drive the effective implementation of NDC 3.0.

This side event at COP31 will provide a platform to maintain the momentum, identify key success factors, and continue the discussion on how transparency – and the information base it provides – can support NDC implementation. It will also offer an opportunity to showcase recent work in countries that demonstrates how national transparency frameworks can support NDC implementation.

The event will convene country representatives, technical experts, support providers and other partners to contribute their reflections and advance collective efforts in driving the implementation agenda forward.

Objectives

- Share inspiring country examples of transparency systems and relevant tools that enable and accelerate climate action and NDC implementation.
- Highlight key priorities for advancing the climate action agenda through robust transparency frameworks.
- Sustain the sense of community built across previous global events, while identifying strategic entry points to shape the agenda for 2027 priority meetings.

Format

Following high-level remarks, three countries will share their experiences leveraging transparency to support NDC implementation. Attendees will then move into breakout table discussions focusing on three core themes:

1) Deepening sectoral engagement and ownership as a key enabler of NDC implementation;
2) Advancing climate finance transparency as a basis for mobilizing finance;
3) NDC tracking as a systematic tool to evaluate progress and engage stakeholders.

Organizers

UN Climate Change secretariat (UNFCCC) in collaboration with the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT), the Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency–Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Agenda

- Master of Ceremony: Yara Daou, Programme Officer, ICAT
- Moderator (Opening Panel): Khetsiwe Khumalo, Senior Advisor - Climate Transparency, CBIT-GSP, UNEP-CCC.

Time	Items
15	*High-Level Remarks by the UNFCCC secretariat and ICAT* ● Ruta Bubniene, Team Lead, Transparency Division, UNFCCC secretariat ● Henning Wuester, ICAT Director
25	*Panel Discussion: Country experiences in leveraging transparency to support NDC implementation.* *Panelists:* ● **Andrea Lucrecia Fión Góngora**, Director Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, **Guatemala** ● **Sum Thy**, Director, Climate Change Department, Ministry of Environment and the Climate Change Alliance (CCCA) Manager, **Cambodia** ● **Mialisoa Lalaina Razafimbelo**, NDC Partnership Focal Point and LDC Transparency Co-coordinator, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, **Madagascar**
25	Table Discussions: **Theme 1.** Deepening sectoral engagement and ownership as a

	key enabler of NDC implementation **Theme 2.** Advancing climate finance transparency as a basis for mobilizing finance **Theme 3**. NDC tracking as a systematic tool to evaluate progress and engage stakeholders
10	Closing remarks ● Mariana Panuncio-Feldman, Country Engagement Director, NDC Partnership

Guiding Questions: Roundtable discussion

Theme 1. Deepening sectoral engagement and ownership as a key enabler of NDC implementation

a) What arrangements - either formal or informal- have proven successful for engaging key sectors for NDC implementation in your country?
b) Are arrangements needed for NDC implementation different from those necessary only for reporting purposes?
c) What approaches have helped your country in increasing sector engagement for NDC implementation?

Theme 2. Advancing climate finance transparency as a basis for mobilizing finance

a) What were the basic starting points for establishing transparent climate finance flows in your country? What are your plans?
b) What are the incentives for Finance ministries of establishing climate finance transparency frameworks? How can coordination with climate responsible entities be ensured?
c) What has worked well and hasn't when establishing climate finance transparency in your country?

Theme 3. NDC tracking as a systematic tool for evaluating progress and engaging stakeholders

a) Is there any experience you can share that has contributed to informing priority sectors and policy makers for NDC implementation?
b) Are indicators used for tracking NDC implementation informing policy decisions? Are policy assessments? What else is needed?

