

Overview of process and key provisions for the NDCs

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NDCs: the heart of the Paris Agreement

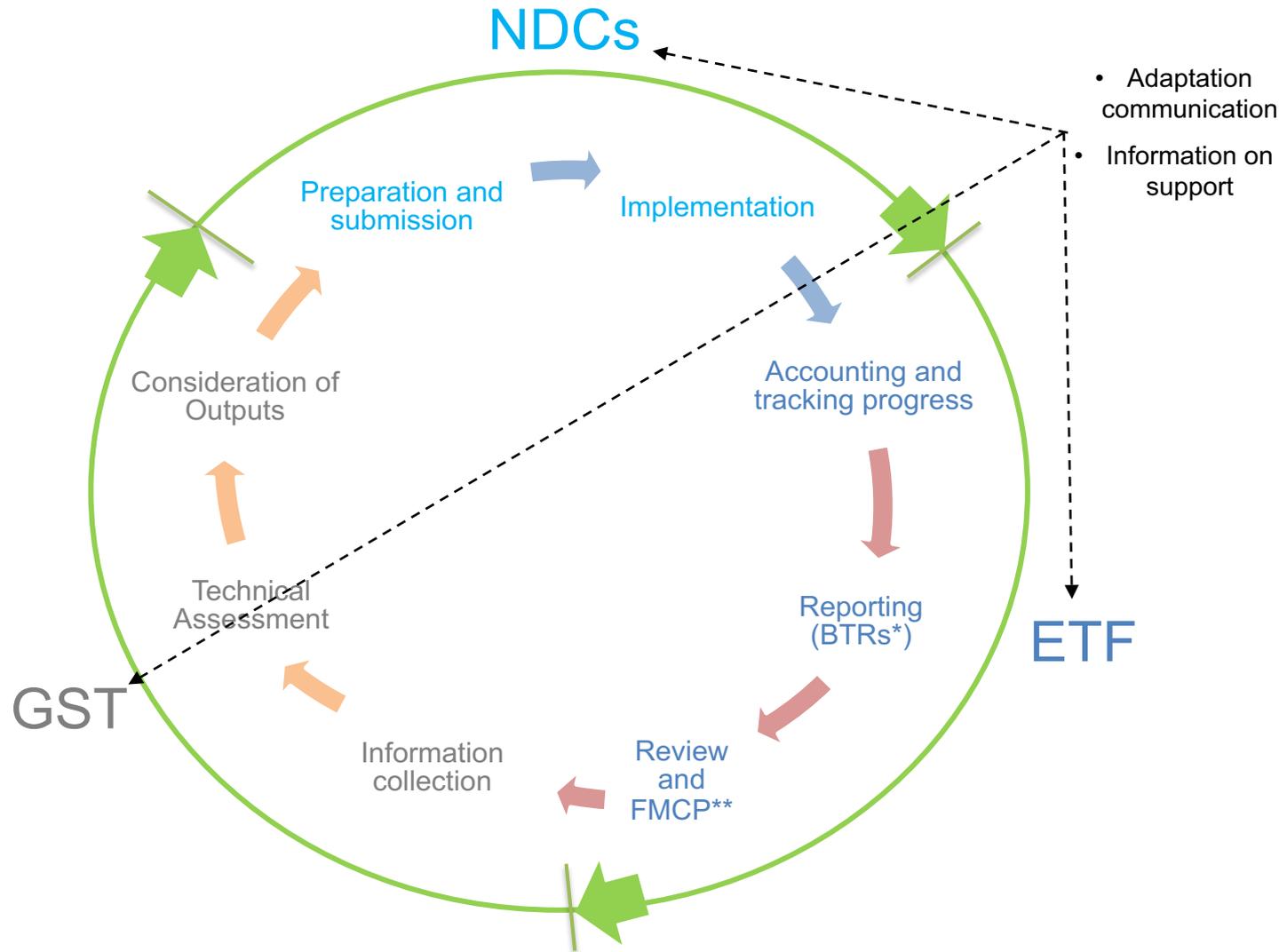


NDCs under the Paris Agreement

Article 4.2 “**Each Party shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions** that it intends to achieve. Parties shall **pursue domestic mitigation measures**, with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions.”



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NDCs under the Paris Agreement



- The adoption of the Katowice climate package is a critical turning point for the global climate regime:
→ **from Climate negotiations to Climate implementation**
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2020: when it all starts



NDCs in 2020

- Parties that have not yet **communicated their NDC**, to do so;
- Parties whose INDC with a **time frame up to 2025** to communicate by 2020 a **new NDC** and to do so every five years thereafter (1/CP.21, para. 23);
- Parties whose INDC with a **time frame up to 2030** to **communicate or update** by 2020 the contribution and to do so every five years thereafter (1/CP.21, para. 24);
- All NDCs are **recorded in the (interim) NDC registry**;
- The secretariat is requested to prepare a **synthesis report** (1/CP.21, para. 25) for COP 26 (1/CMA.2);
- All Parties are invited to communicate **long-term low emission development strategies** (1/CP.21, para. 35 and x/CP.25);



NDCs in 2020: NDC (interim) Registry

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NDC Registry (interim)

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186 Parties have submitted their first NDCs.
3 Parties have submitted their second NDCs.

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Welcome to the interim NDC Registry

In accordance with Article 4, paragraph 12 of the Paris Agreement, NDCs communicated by Parties shall be recorded in a public registry maintained by the secretariat.

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NDCs in 2020: the NDC Synthesis Report

- 13 August 2020 - notification to Parties
- 28 February 2021 – publication of initial version of the NDC synthesis report
- 31 December 2020 – cut of date for NDCs to be included in the Synthesis Report
- In view of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the NDC preparation process, the secretariat will update the initial NDC synthesis report closer to COP 26
- if possible, kindly let the secretariat know the anticipated submission date of new or updated NDCs



NDCs in 2020

Chile Madrid Time for Action (1/CMA.2) highlights climate ambition, by:

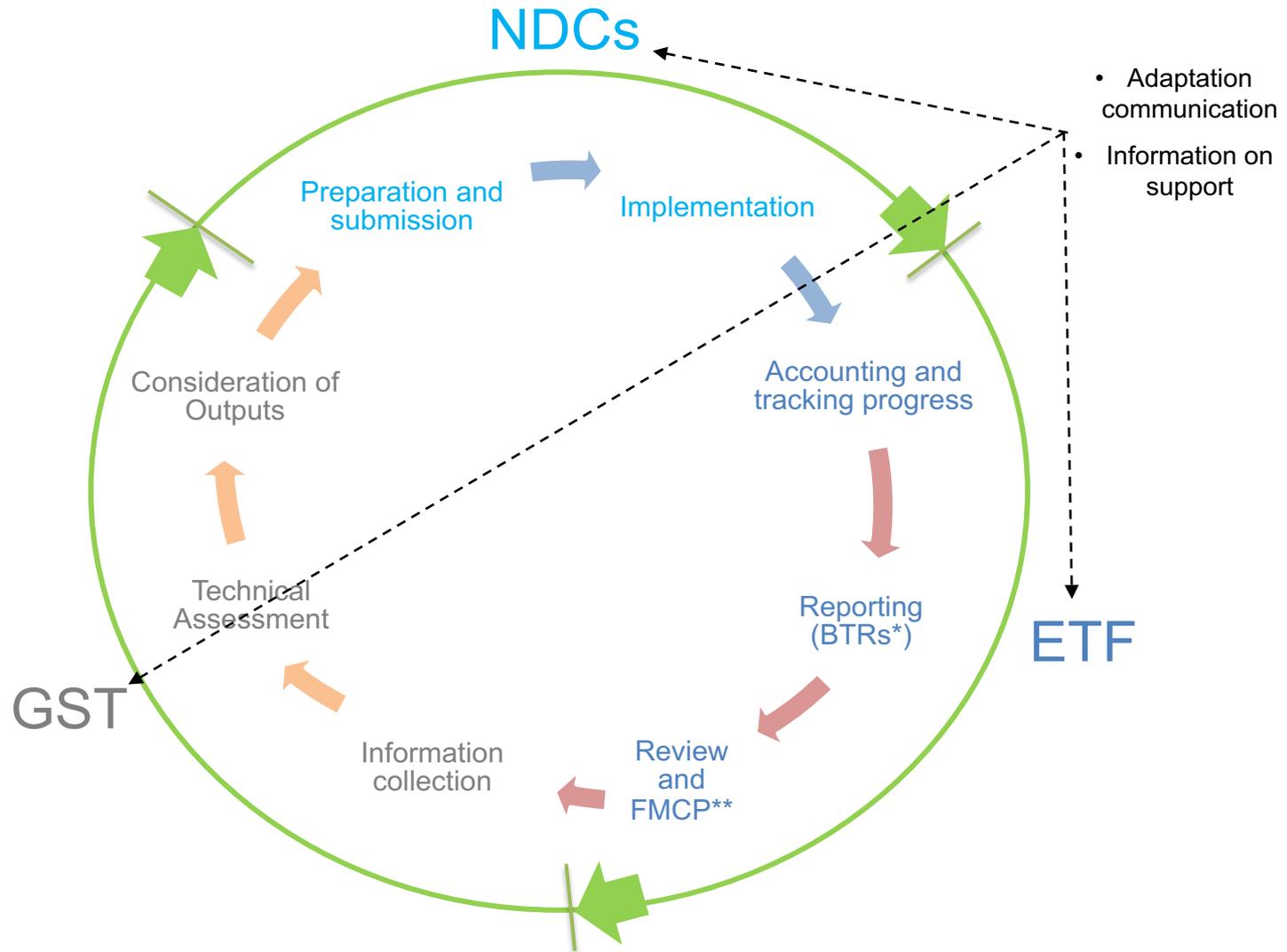
- Encouraging Parties to use the **opportunity in 2020 to reflect the highest possible ambition** in response to the urgency of addressing climate change
 - Emphasizing the need to **address the significant emission gap** between the aggregate effect of Parties' mitigation efforts in and aggregate emission pathways consistent with 1.5/2C
 - Recalling that successive NDC will represent a **progression** beyond the Party's then current NDC and will reflect its **highest possible ambition**, reflecting its CBDR&RC, in the light of different national circumstances
- Urging Parties to **consider this gap** when preparing their 2020 NDCs
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NDCs: the basis of all that is there to come



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ICTU Guidance for NDCs

➤ **Article 4.8 of the Paris Agreement**

In communicating their NDCs, all Parties shall provide the information necessary for clarity, transparency and understanding [...]

➤ **Decision 4/CMA.1 and its annex 1**

- All Parties **shall** provide the information necessary to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding (ICTU), while communicating their NDCs
- Guidance is as **applicable to the respective NDC (no one-size-fits all)**
- It is **to be applied** from the **second NDC** – but Parties are **strongly encouraged** to apply the guidance for **new/updated NDCs in 2020**
- It is **based on** elaboration of information elements identified in paragraph 27 of the decision 1/CP.21



ICTU – Main Elements

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Quantified information on the reference point, including, as appropriate, a base year

Time frames and/or periods for implementation

Scope and coverage

Planning process

Assumptions and methodological approaches, including those for estimating and accounting for anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions and, as appropriate, removals

How the Party considers that its NDC is fair and ambitious in light of its national circumstances

How the NDC contributes towards achieving the objectives of the Convention as set out in its Article 2

Aims to provide all necessary information corresponding to the NDCs in order to make these clear, transparent and understandable



ICTU Guidance for NDCs: Adaptation and mitigation co-benefits

- Guidance for **ICTU is without prejudice to the inclusion of other components** other than mitigation;
- **Adaptation communication** (7.10) of the Paris Agreement may be submitted as a **component of or in conjunction** with a NDC;
- Parties are encouraged to use **guidance in relation to the adaptation communication is** contained in decision 9/CMA.1;
- NDCs may also consist of mitigation co-benefits resulting from Parties' adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans (4.7)
- These NDCs **shall include ICTU as applicable to its NDC and as it relates to such mitigation co-benefits;**



Thank you for your
attention!

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NDCs in 2020

To implement the Paris Agreement

- ✓ Decision on **NDC information** and on **accounting** for the preparation and communication of NDCs (4/CMA.1)
- ✓ Decision on the **enhanced transparency framework**, including on the **tracking of progress of NDCs**
- ✓ Decision to **communicate or update NDCs by 2020**, and to do so every five years thereafter

There are more good reasons to submit a new updated NDC:

- **Implementation already started**, Parties are able to capture progress and lessons learned
- Outcome of the **Talanoa Dialogue** that more **ambition is needed**
- Aligning the **NDCs with the reality** on recent policy developments (ie: **advances in new/green technologies**) and additional information and data at the domestic level
- Strengthening **stakeholder engagement** in NDC development and implementation
- Sending **long-term signals** to the private/investment sector and development partners
- Taking on **climate leadership**

