



Regional Meeting on the Development of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the event is to discuss and exchange experiences and practices regarding the process, resources, decisions, and actors involved in the preparation and updating of Nationally Determined Contributions.

Working Language(s)

The working language(s) of the event will be English.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **29 April 2024** will not be considered.

Project Background

The Paris Agreement sets a target for holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, preferably below 1.5°C. To achieve this target, the Paris Agreement calls on all countries to prepare increasingly ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). NDCs outline concrete targets, policies and measures that governments aim to implement as a contribution to global climate action. As the major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, the energy sector is central to these efforts. Recognising this importance and in line with the NDCs, the EU requires its Member States to develop Integrated National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) from 2021 to 2030. Energy Community MSs are also recommended to follow this approach.

The TC project RER2018 “Analyzing Low Carbon Pathways towards an Ambitious Decarbonized Energy Sector by 2050” builds on the previous TC project RER2017. It was designed to support the development of energy strategies for climate change mitigation in line with the Paris Agreement, including country plans for the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and – as relevant for EU and Energy Community countries – integrated National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs). It further aims to support Member States in their preparation for submitting related updates, which are due for NDCs by 2025 and for NECPs by 2023 and 2024, respectively, for the draft and final updates.

The project is a platform to discuss the main features and challenges of such strategies and plans. It supports assessments of energy pathways and associated technology mixes, including nuclear power. Through a series of meetings, trainings and expert assignments, the project contributes to exchanging experience and best practices among Member States and to strengthening capacities for energy and climate strategy development. The project also offers additional support to those Member States engaged in the development of national studies in line with the project’s objectives.

Expected Outputs

The expected main output of this event is an improved understanding of practices and experiences on the development and implementation of NDCs in Member States participating in the TC project RER2018. This may include overviews of NDCs, targets, policies, and actions to be implemented with a focus on the energy sector, institutional framework, stakeholder engagement, financing flows and mechanisms, monitoring and reporting and modelling approaches. This improved understanding may help national teams in their work towards the update and submission of NDCs in 2025.

This event will contribute to the overall outcome of the TC project RER2018, i.e., strengthened institutional capacities to develop national energy and climate plans and strategies to support defining commitments under the Paris Agreement.

Scope and Nature

This event will provide an opportunity for experts involved in the development and implementation of NDCs to exchange their knowledge, practices and to learn from each other’s experience. The invited participants will present on their related work, both in presentations and during discussion sessions. These sessions may focus on topics such as the definition of emission reduction targets, identification of key sectors, prioritization of policies and measures, financial flows, solutions and mechanisms, monitoring and reporting of progress, overall coordination of a process and engagement with stakeholders, linkages with broader sustainable development goals and regional / international cooperation.

Potential challenges and bottlenecks when developing and implementing NDCs will also be discussed. Selected participants will be invited to develop and chair these discussions sessions and coordinate with the speakers.

Participation

The workshop is open to participants from the participating Member States of RER2018.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

Participants will be asked to present their experiences on the development and implementation of NDCs. They are thus required to be directly involved in the process (e.g., definition of targets, policies, actions, financing mechanisms, tracking of progress) supporting the development and implementation of NDCs under UNFCCC. Applicants shall elaborate on their related involvements in the nomination form, specifically in the section "Description of Work - Past work done by the nominee which is relevant to the event".

The participants should be specialists in energy sector planning and environment/climate policy analysis. They can be engineers, economists, or environmental specialists.

The meeting is open to up to two participants per Member State from different institutions supporting the development and implementation of NDCs.

Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

1. Access the InTouch+ home page (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) using the candidate's existing Nucleus username and password. If the candidate is not a registered Nucleus user, she/he must create a Nucleus account (<https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx>) before proceeding with the event application process below.
2. On the InTouch + platform, the candidate must:
 - a. Finalize or update her/his personal details, provide sufficient information to establish the required qualifications regarding education, language skills and work experience ('Profile' tab) and upload relevant supporting documents;
 - b. Download and complete the [Designation of Beneficiary and Emergency Contact Form](#), and upload to InTouch+ ('Profile' tab under the personal section) specifying the document name. If already provided, kindly discard this step; and
 - c. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event (EVT2402044) under the 'My Eligible Events' tab, answer the mandatory questions and lastly submit the application to the required authority.

NOTE: Completed applications need to be approved by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office, and submitted to the IAEA through the established official channels by the provided designation deadline.

For additional support on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help page](#). Any issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be addressed to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Should online application submission not be possible, candidates may download the nomination form for the training course from the [IAEA website](#).

NOTE: A medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner dated not more than four months prior to starting date of the event must be submitted by candidates when applying for a) events with a duration exceeding one month, and/or b) all candidates over the age of 65 regardless of the event duration.

Administrative and Financial Arrangements

Nominating authorities will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected, and will at that time be informed of the procedure to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses. They will also receive either a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest their residence and the airport nearest the duty station through the IAEA's travel agency AX Travel Management, or a travel allowance, or they will be reimbursed travel by car/bus/train in accordance with IAEA rules for non-staff travel.

Disclaimer of Liability

The organizers of the event do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

Note for female participants

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

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