

Bhutan: INDC preparation building on existing processes



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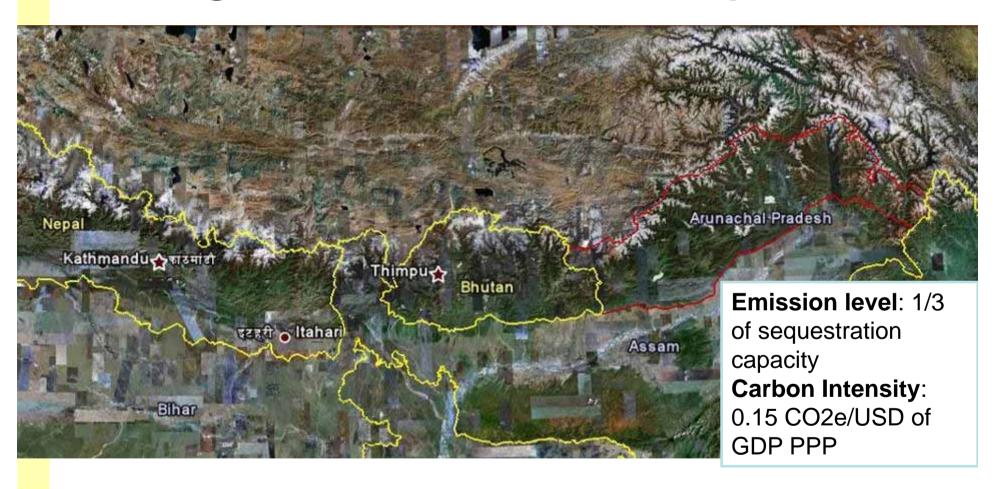


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- Background
- Institutional Arrangements
- Coordination Process & Implementation of policies



Background: Fragile mountainous landscape



landlocked & least developed country

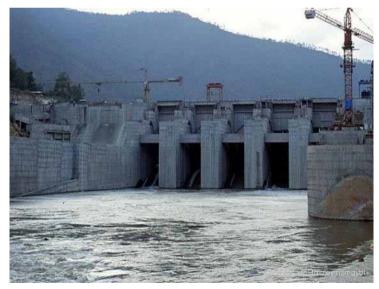




Heavy dependence on climate sensitive sectors Low level of economic diversification



Agrarian society (69% of population)



Large investments in hydropower



Background.....

Large areas of glaciers and glacial lakes





Bhutan's Commitment to Combating Climate Change

Bhutan's declaration to remain Carbon Neutral

- Declaration at 15th Conference of Parties to UNFCCC (2009)
- Draft National Strategy & Action Plan for Low Carbon Development (Draft Carbon Neutral Strategy)
- Requires support of international community

Constitution of the Kingdom of Bhutan requires 60% forest cover to be maintained for all times & Environmental Protection

Economic Development Policy emphasises "green growth"

11th Five Year Plan: To achieve Carbon Neutral & Climate Resilient development



National Institutional Arrangements

- NEC acts as National Climate Change Committee (NCCC)
 - High Level policy making body for climate change
 - Under NEPA 2007, NEC is mandated to oversee all international environmental agreements (UNCBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD etc)
- NEC Secretariat is focal agency for UNFCCC
 - As empowered under NEPA 2007
 - Climate Change Division (CCD) to implement CC mandates
- National Focal Point for UNFCCC
 - Secretary, NECS
 - Supported by CCD



National Institutional Arrangements 2

- Multi-Sectoral Technical Committee for Climate Change (MSTCCC)
 - Formed under decision of NEC
 - National forum and body for coordination
 - Chaired by Secretary, NECS
 - Reports to NCCC
- Multi-sectoral CDM Committee
 - Formed under executive order of Hon P.M.
 - Chaired by Secretary NECS
 - To assist NEC as the Designated National Authority under Kyoto Protocol
- National REDD+ Task Force
 - Chaired by DG Forests
 - Will report to NCCC/NEC





- Lead by CCD, NECS
 - Coordination & Consultation with all the sectors
 - Two meetings conducted
 - One to be conducted on 6-7 July 2015
 - In the process of finalizing the scope and elements of the INDC
- Presentation of the proposed INDC for endorsemnt at technical level
 - All secretaries & Directors at government level
- Final approval from the policy makers
 - Endorsement from NEC & Cabinet of Ministers



Implementation of policies to meet post 2020 target

- Integrate the INDC into national plans and policies
 - GNHC on board from the inception processes itself
- Implementation dependent on Paris outcome
 - Committed at national level for implementing INDC



Thank you for your attention!!!