



Understanding the Current Situation After Paris and APA1

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Main Components of the Paris Agreement

1. Overarching objectives

- Universal but differentiated: all participate
- Ambitious objective: well below 2C target, zero net emissions
- Stronger institutions: legal treaty, transparency, compliance
- ‘There is no turning back from low-carbon, resilient pathway’

2. Mitigation and “nationally determined contributions”

- All Parties shall submit, implement and regularly update nationally determined contributions
- All Parties shall take domestic measures, with the aim of achieving NDCs
- NDC shall be transparent and accountable
- All Parties should strive to develop and communicate LEDS

Main Components of the Paris Agreement (II)

1. Transparency and accountability

- Paris Agreement established an 'enhanced transparency framework' with built-in flexibilities
- All Parties shall regularly provide: i) national inventory; ii) information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs
- This information will be subject to technical and peer-to-peer review

2. Global stocktake and regular rounds of revision

- NDCs \neq 2C, but addressing climate change is a long process
- Parties shall review every 5 years collective progress in achieving the agreements objectives
- And on that basis provide updated, stronger NDCs every 5 years
- Starting with the 'facilitative dialogue' in 2018, and the next round of contributions in 2020

Main Challenges Going Forward

1. Implementing the Paris Agreement

- Establishing the detailed rules and procedures, notably for
 - Transparency
 - Stocktaking and review
 - Finance
- Entry into force

2. Main challenges with implementing NDCs

- Early implementation is essential
- Translating NDCs into sectoral roadmaps and policies
- Mainstreaming NDC implementation across government
- Maintaining a sense of collective action
- Competitiveness concerns, distributional issues, trade-offs and synergies