The INDC/AFRICA Preparation Process

THE EXPERIENCE FROM ECA/ACPC SUPPORT TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES

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Countries Received Direct Support in INDC Preparation from ECA/ACPC
Objective of the support

- Building on the direction given by the AGN, AMCEN, civil society etc., ECA/ACPC intervened in supporting countries to:
  - Improve common understanding of INDC;
  - To align INDC with African common positions on climate change;
  - Guide INDC (adaptation & mitigation) alignment with national development goals and priorities while addressing global climate agenda;
  - Promote a coordinated and harmonized approach for INDC in Africa.
The process

- Followed by African Expert Group Meeting (April 2015 in Addis Ababa), which developed direction on the development of a methodological framework;

- The Framework was endorsed by AGN Lead Coordinators/Strategy Group;

- The Lead Consultants and respective national teams were brought onboard to elaborate the methodological framework in countries’ context.
The process (Cont...)

- Trainings on the methodological framework was conducted and associated technical support was provided.
- Ensured countries commitment and support (consultation with countries key stakeholders).
- Assessment & review of existing countries policies and strategies (adaptation and mitigation related) was conducted.
- Lesson from other African countries was assessed:
  - Eg. Lesson was learnt from Ethiopian CRGE (2011) and where adaptation and mitigation measures were elaborated prior to the need for INDC (country driven).
  - INDC was submitted early on late June 2015.
The process (Cont...)

- National inception Workshops conducted with respective countries stakeholders:
  - To ensure national commitment.
  - Identification of key issues & focuses of adaptation and mitigation;
  - Focus on mitigation measures having adaptation co-benefits;
  - Focus on issues related with national development goals while addressing commitment in addressing global climate agenda.
Consultation & Inclusion

- Active engagement of national sectoral teams in drafting the INDC.
- Technical support and follow-up by the Lead Consultants hired by ECA.
- Active consultation process (GOs, NGOs, Civil Societies, private sector, academia, the think thank group, the less favored group (women, youth, the disabled)):
  - Consultation in the process of drafting;
  - Consultation on the final draft INDC.
Finalization and Submission

- INDCs were finalized using rigorous stakeholders’ comment;
- Followed the respective countries approval process (parliament, council of ministers, etc....);
- Submitted through the UNFCCC Portal before the Deadline.
Key Issues Involved in NDC Implementation (synthesis of studies)

- Moving from INDCs to NDC Implementation: (Translating these submitted INDCs into concrete policies, programs, and projects will be key to successful implementation).

- Building Support for Climate Action: (education and awareness raising among political leaders, decision-makers, and the general public).

- Assessments & Priority Setting in the context of the NDC: (disaggregate NDCs into sector based reviews to define priority areas and interventions).
Key Issues Involved in NDC Implementation & support needed (Cont.)

- **Developing an Information Base and Monitoring Systems**: capacities for data collection, reporting, monitoring and evaluation and/or verification (MRV).

- **Institutional Arrangements in the context of the NDC**: (strengthening the capacity of lead institutions to develop and implement NDC-related policies and programs, coordinate with sectorial line ministries, and engage stakeholders in the NDC implementation process).

- **Sector-Specific Approaches and Access to Technology**: support for sector specific training on mitigation and adaptation action implementation and technology support for sectors during the implementation process.
Key Issues Involved in NDC Implementation & support needed (Cont.)

- Mobilizing Resources and Private Sector Participation for NDC Implementation: (the need to review financial requirements, identify national public resources (especially for unconditional targets), and attract international financial support.)
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