



COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE REGIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE AND DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP ON THE NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION (NDC) IMPLEMENTATION INDEX FOR AFRICA



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Preamble

We, the delegates from African nations, international organizations, civil society, research institutions, and the private sector, gathered in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 8-9 July 2025, for the Regional Policy Dialogue and Dissemination Workshop on the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) Implementation for Africa, express our profound gratitude to the Government of Ethiopia for hosting this pivotal event aimed at unveiling the NDC tracking tools and index for monitoring countries' progress in NDC implementation.

Recognizing the urgent imperative of accelerating climate action in Africa, we acknowledge the disproportionate vulnerability of our continent to the impacts of climate change, despite our historically low contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions. We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to the Paris Agreement and the ambitious implementation of our NDCs as critical pathways to achieving sustainable development, fostering resilience, and ensuring a just transition for our populations. We recognize the immense value that the NDC tracking tools and index offer as a crucial diagnostic tool for assessing progress, identifying gaps, informing policy adjustments, and enhancing transparency in NDC implementation across the continent. We further acknowledge that accurate, timely, and disaggregated data is the cornerstone for the credibility, utility, and continuous improvement of this Index, as well as for robust national climate planning and reporting.

We commend the collaborative efforts that have led to the development of the first-ever NDC Implementation Index for Africa, which is led by the African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) in partnership with the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), and the West African Green Economic Development Institute (WAGEDI). We also appreciate all the national climate champions drawn from government, research, civil society, and the private sector who participated in NDC data collection at the national levels.

Key Outcomes and Shared Understanding

During our deliberations, we collectively:


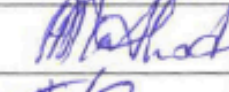



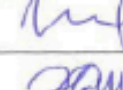





- 1 **Affirmed the Strategic Importance of the NDC Implementation Index:** We concur that the Index provides a vital framework for tracking progress, fostering accountability, and guiding evidence-based policy formulation at national and regional levels.
- 2 **Highlighted the Critical Role of Data:** We emphasized that the accuracy, consistency, availability, granularity, and quality of data are paramount for the integrity and effectiveness of the Index. We recognized the existing challenges in data collection, harmonization, and accessibility across various sectors and governance levels.
- 3 **Identified Opportunities for Enhanced Collaboration:** We underscored the need for strengthened multi-stakeholder partnerships, capacity building, and knowledge sharing to overcome data-related obstacles and accelerate NDC implementation.
- 4 **Acknowledged the Nexus between NDC Implementation and Sustainable Development:** We reiterated that climate action must be intrinsically linked with national development priorities, poverty alleviation and economic transformation, ensuring no one is left behind.
- 5 **Committed to Collective Action:** We expressed a firm resolve to work collaboratively towards the sustained improvement and annual update of the NDC Implementation Index for Africa, viewing it as a shared resource for our continent's climate ambition.







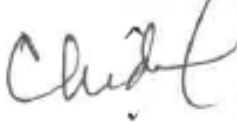










Moving Forward

This Communiqué serves as a testament to our shared vision for a climate-resilient and prosperous Africa. Building on the robust discussions and consensus reached, we commit to concrete actions to bolster NDC implementation and ensure the longevity and impact of the NDC Implementation Index for Africa. Delegates concluded that the NDC implementation index needs to be published annually to serve as a reference point for participating countries to assess their performance in their NDC implementation. Delegates also noted that more countries need to be included in the exercise, apart from the current 12, until all countries in Africa are covered.

Done in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on this 9th day of July 2025.

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