# Dominican Republic: NDC We Want

On December 29, 2020, The Dominican Republic submitted its updated NDC.

The Dominican Republic has enhanced its mitigation target from 25% to 27 emissions reductions by 2030 relative to business as usual. The NDC presents 46 mitigation and 37 adaptation options, resulting from a strong participatory process. It presents linkages with SDGs, measurable Nature-based Solutions, a robust and transparent system to track implementation as well as the amounts needed for its implementation, both for adaptation and mitigation.

According to the Checklist for the NDCs We Want and taking and into account that DR is a vulnerable upper-middle income country with relatively low responsibility (around 0.07% of global emissions), we consider that the 2020 NDC is an NDC We Want.

## Advances

**Mitigation:** The NDC has an enhanced target: a reduction of emissions from 25% to 27%. In the 2015 NDC, the scenario uses 2010 as the base year and the estimated per capita emissions are 3.6 tCO2eq. The 2020 NDC proposes a reduction from business as usual, estimated in 13,853.71 GgCO2eq.

**Participation and Inclusiveness:** The 2020 NDC was developed within the framework of a participatory, inclusive, dynamic, transversal and multisectoral process, addressing the different perspectives and visions of all the actors of the Dominican territory. The processes and a series of sectoral dialogues were led by the National Council for Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism (CNCCMDL).

**Finance**: The cost of the emissions reduction target is estimated at USD $ 8,916,950,000.00, conditional and unconditional. In addition, the country estimates an upward adaptation investment of USD 8,715,787,193 in investments particularly in the sectors of water security, food security and resilient cities.

**Social and Just Transition Policies:** inclusion, gender equity, the role of youth, cities and municipalities, human rights and just transition are considered essential cross-cutting elements for the successful implementation of the NDC, through the design and implementation of a National Action Strategy for Climate Empowerment.

**Contribution to sustainable development (SDGs and Nature-Based Solutions):** The 2020 NDC progresses by addressing a broad range of SDGs and their direct contribution to the NDC implementation and a justification. Overall, 13 SDGs (out of 17) are mentioned as related to the implementation of the 2020 NDC targets. It also presents measurable NbS for the land sector and mentions actions and estimates costs for other NbS.

**Monitoring and Evaluation:** The 2020 NDC advances by presenting a robust National System for Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV), which keeps track of the implementation of mitigation actions and the finance received for that. In addition, a monitoring and evaluation system is carried out for adaptation measures under the National Framework for Climate Transparency.

# Gaps

 **Conditionality/conditional targets:** The 2020 NDC establishes conditional targets for mitigation through a percentage of reductions, but they are not clear, specific and actionable as to how much is needed, for what and what would be the outcome of the support.

| WWF's NDC rating grades | |
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| ✓ | NDC We Want |
| ⋮ | Short Way to Go |
| ⟋ | Some Way to Go |
| ⊘ | Long Way to Go |
| ✗ | NDC We Don't Want |

| WWF checklist for Dominican Republic's 2020 NDC assessment | |
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| | Mitigation |
| | Adaptation |
| | Finance |
| | Fostering system change |
| | Inclusiveness and Participation |
| | Contribution to Sustainable Development |
| | Tracking progress |
| Dominican Republic's rating grade after assessment: | ✓ NDC We Want |

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