



Mongolia: **Some Way to Go**

Mongolia's updated NDC was submitted on October 13, 2020. There has been clear progress on defining adaptation measures and the mitigation targets have been increased, although it's not clear to which extent due to methodological changes. The NDC lacks clear information on finance commitments, participation processes, climate governance structures and a transparent national system to track implementation.

Considering that Mongolia is a lower middle-income country with relatively low total GHG emissions, but high per capita emissions compared to other countries, our analysis concludes that Mongolia's NDC has **Some Way to Go** to become the NDC We Want.

Advances

The updated NDC has increased the mitigation target from 14% in relation to BAU to a 22.7% reduction in total emissions (with a conditional target of 27.2%) by 2030. It also presents a carbon budget of 57.4 Mt CO₂-eq. by 2030 (compared to a BAU emission of 74.3 Mt CO₂-eq. in 2030). However, the baseline calculation was changed, which makes it challenging to assess what this enhancement really means. Clear progress is observed in relation to quantitative targets for the sectors of Energy, Agriculture, Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU) and Waste (compared to only for Energy in the previous NDC).

Both NDCs bring clear adaptation objectives and address the co-benefits between adaptation and mitigation measures. The 2020 NDC mentions that a National Adaptation Plan is under development and includes additional sectors to the ones defined in 2015 to reduce risks and vulnerability: biodiversity, public health, livelihoods and social safeguards.

Although no information is provided in the document about a system to track implementation, the NDC Partnership mentions that progress has been made in the establishment of a National Climate Committee and development of an NDC online platform to better track and coordinate implementation activities, improving governance and transparency of climate monitoring and reporting (NDC Partnership, 2020).

Gaps

The main gaps in Mongolia's updated NDC are related to inclusiveness and participation in the NDC design process and to finance commitments for its implementation. Both NDCs mention that the implementation of the goals is dependent on obtaining access to international support. Although the 2020 climate plan provides estimated costs for implementing mitigation and adaptation measures, it does not give any indication of domestic funds to be allocated for implementing the NDC.

Mongolia did not present details related to participation processes, climate governance mechanisms and a system to track progress of the implementation of policies and projects related to the climate plan. Although the 2015 NDC briefly mentions Ministries that should be engaged, the updated document makes no reference to these and does not provide further details.

WWF's NDC rating grades	
	NDC We Want
	Short Way to Go
	Some Way to Go
	NDC We Don't Want

WWF checklist for Mongolia's 2020 NDC assessment	
	Mitigation
	Adaptation
	Finance
	Fostering system change
	Inclusiveness and Participation
	Contribution to Sustainable Development
	Tracking progress
Mongolia's rating grade after assessment:  Some Way to Go	

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