



Nicaragua: **Some Way to Go**

On December 24, 2020, Nicaragua submitted its updated NDC.

Nicaragua's 2020 NDC presents enhanced mitigation targets for the sectors of Energy and AFOLU. However, the targets are not presented in terms of emissions reductions. The sector of Industrial Processes has been included in the NDC, which presents adaptation objectives and a focus on Nature-Based Solutions. The document presents a detailed report on the main advances on climate change in the country.

According to the Checklist for the NDCs We Want and taking into account that Nicaragua is a vulnerable country with a lower-middle economy and represents around 0.02% of global emissions, we consider that the 2020 NDC has **Some Way to Go**.

Advances

Inclusiveness and Participation: The NDC mentions inclusive processes to invite inputs from institutions and citizens in its design and describes an NDC Communication Policy to engage vulnerable sectors.

Nature-based Solutions: While the 2015 NDC briefly mentions Nicaragua's REDD+ Program, the updated NDC progresses by presenting a number of NBS focused on the AFOLU sector, such as strengthening the resilience of protected areas, resilient landscape management, sustainable biodiversity management, transforming food systems and reducing deforestation.

Adaptation: the updated NDC progresses by listing specific adaptation measures and their respective contribution to the implementation of the SDGs. Financial estimates are presented for conditional adaptation targets.

Gaps

Mitigation: Targets are not expressed in terms of GHG emissions reductions.

Adaptation: A National Adaptation Plan (NAP) has not yet been developed, even though this was established as a priority measure in the previous NDC.

Finance: The updated NDC mentions conditional targets for Energy and AFOLU without presenting further details.

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

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

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