



Panama: NDC We Want

On December 28, 2020, Panama submitted its updated NDC.

Panama has enhanced its mitigation targets for the sectors of Energy and LULUCF and has included 29 commitments for 10 sectors/strategic areas. The NDC results from a strong participatory process and presents linkages with SDGs, measurable Nature-based Solutions and plans for a transparent system to track implementation.

According to the Checklist for the NDCs We Want and taking into account that Panama is a highly vulnerable country with low responsibility (0,036% of global emissions) and a high-income country, we consider that the 2020 NDC is an **NDC We Want**.

Advances

Mitigation: The updated NDC presents 29 commitments structured around 10 sectors/strategic areas. Enhanced emissions reductions targets are presented for the Energy and LULUCF sectors. On energy, by 2050 Panama will reduce emissions by 24% and at least 11,5% by 2030 (a reduction of around 60 million CO₂e tons between 2022-2050 and up to 10 million CO₂e tons between 2022-2030) compared to the trend scenario. On LULUCF, the country commits to restoring 50,000 hectares of forests, contributing to approximately 2,6 million tons of CO₂e absorbed by 2050. For the other sectors/strategic areas, non-GHG measures are presented.

Participation and Inclusiveness: The sectoral commitments have resulted from a broad process of participation, dialogue and consensus building, taking into account all stakeholders: public (including central and local governments); private; youth, academia; civil society and non-governmental organizations. More than 300 people participated in dialogues and virtual workshops, of which at least 53% were women and 47% men.

Nature-Based Solutions: Under LULUCF Panama commits to restoring 50,000 hectares, contributing to approximately 2,6 million tons of CO₂e absorbed by 2050. A conditional target of restoration of 130.000 ha of degraded areas with agroforestry and silvopastoral systems is also mentioned. Panamá will develop and start the implementation of its REDD+ national strategy in 2025. Other non-GHG commitments related to NbS are the development of plans and technical guides for watersheds, coastal and marine areas and protected areas.

Cross-sectoral approaches: One of the aspirations of the NDC is a broader concept of climate change and resilience for the development of the country, transforming the whole economic, social and productive dynamics to advance on circularity, resilience and progressive reduction of emissions. Others are integrating/breaking the dichotomy between mitigation and adaptation and connecting climate action and poverty reduction, fostering a green economic recovery.

Gaps

The NDC does not present a carbon budget and doesn't mention a Long-Term Strategy. On finance, the percentage of resources needed for each sector of the NDC is estimated but, except for the National Restoration Plan (around \$81 million USD), figures are not presented.

WWF's NDC rating grades	WWF checklist for Panama's 2020 NDC assessment
 NDC We Want	Mitigation
 Short Way to Go	Adaptation
 Some Way to Go	Finance
 Long Way to Go	Fostering system change
 NDC We Don't Want	Inclusiveness and Participation
	Contribution to Sustainable Development
	Tracking progress
	Panama's rating grade after assessment:  NDC We Want

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