Maldives: Short Way to Go

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

Maldives has slightly enhanced its mitigation ambition and commits to reaching net-zero emissions by 2030 if international support and assistance are received.

According to the Checklist for the NDCs We Want and taking into account that Maldives is a vulnerable country with an upper-middle economy and represents around 0.003% of global emissions, we consider that the 2020 NDC has a Short Way to go to become the NDC We Want.

Highlights

**Mitigation:** Maldives enhanced its emission reduction target from 24% to 26% from BAU 2030 emissions with 2011 as a base year. However, the new target is fully conditional on financial resources, technology transfer and capacity building, while in the first NDC 10% of the 24% target were unconditional. The 2020 NDC also commits to reaching net-zero emissions by 2030, in case extensive support and assistance from the international community is received.

**Inclusiveness and Participation:** The NDC informs the participation of relevant stakeholders took place in the design process, without presenting further details. It commits to consulting stakeholders again to discuss the implementation of the net-zero target. Engaging stakeholders to confirm their roles and responsibilities to achieve the target is also presented as a best practice/experience related to the preparation of the NDC.

**Nature-based Solutions:** The NDC has Safeguarding Coral Reef Biodiversity as an adaptation priority, establishing measures on facilitating research address knowledge; strengthening monitoring programs and developing tools for that and strengthening national conservation programs. In addition, strengthening efforts to conserve and restore mangrove ecosystems considering its numerous services and benefits to people and nature, including livelihood of communities and its role as natural buffers or barriers for flood mitigation, is also mentioned as one of the adaptation measures related to Infrastructure Resilience.

**Finance:** The 2020 NDC mentions plans and instruments related securing to climate finance but does not establish specific financial commitments or presents estimates for its implementation to be allocated from domestic or international resources. This is a key gap to be addressed.
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