



# Russia: NDC We Don't Want

On November 25, 2020, Russia submitted its updated NDC to the UNFCCC<sup>1</sup>.

Russia's NDC has not increased mitigation ambition. According to CAT (2020), the target is even higher than Russia's projected emissions.

As the 2020 NDC fails to comply with the Paris Agreement requirement of enhancing ambition and does not present most of the information on the NDCs We Want checklist, we consider that the update is an **NDC We Don't Want**.

## Advances

Regarding adaptation, the NDC highlights the country's three-year National Action Plan for adaptation for the period of 2020-2022, which aims to determine priority measures for adaptation in several sectors, such as energy, LULUCF, healthcare, civil defense, industry and others, and specific regions, such as the Arctic zone, prepare methodologies for sectors and regions (provinces of the country) and increase awareness of adaptation needs.

Russia also mentions its international contributions to developing countries through the UNFCCC financial mechanism and others without providing further details on amounts.

## Gaps

Russia did not strengthen its mitigation ambition. According to CAT (2020), the country's 2030 target is higher than Russia's own 2030 emission projections under current policies. The new NDC is also weaker than the one proposed in the Draft 2050 strategy (as in its March 2020 version made available for consultation). A justification for the new target brought by the 2020 NDC is that it was determined based on the need to ensure the economic development of the Russian Federation on a sustainable basis, as well as to protect and improve the quality of sinks and storage facilities for greenhouse gases. In fact, Russia's projected GHG emissions for 2030 are unrealistic, considering they consist in overestimated GDP growth based on increased coal and oil extraction and do not take into account the recent spike in forest cuts and fires in the country.

<sup>1</sup>Russia's Intended National Determined Contribution (INDC) was submitted to the UNFCCC in December 2015. The Paris Agreement entered into force for Russia on 6 November 2019. As Russia did not communicate a new NDC at that time, its intended NDC became its NDC. Russia submitted to the Convention in November 2020 its updated NDC under the Paris Agreement. As of January 2021, Russia's iNDC was not available in UNFCCC's website as an "archived" version, which it is the case for other Parties. Because of that, we assessed an informal translation of the iNDC for the comparative analysis.

#### WWF's NDC rating grades

	<b>NDC We Want</b>
	<b>Short Way to Go</b>
	<b>Some Way to Go</b>
	<b>NDC We Don't Want</b>

#### WWF checklist for Russia's 2020 NDC assessment

Mitigation
Adaptation
Finance
Fostering system change
Inclusiveness and Participation
Contribution to Sustainable Development
Tracking progress

Russia's rating grade after assessment: NDC We Don't Want

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