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# Back to basics on NDCs

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# A really simple overview





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# Article 3

As nationally determined contributions to the global response to climate change, all Parties are to undertake and communicate ambitious efforts as defined in Articles 4, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 13 with the view to achieving the purpose of this Agreement

## Conference of the Parties

**Report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-first session, held in Paris from 30 November to 13 December 2015**

**Addendum**

**Part two: Action taken by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session**

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# Article 4 Long-term temperature goal set out in Article 2

(i)

Each Party shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions that it intends to achieve.

[...]

The LDC and SIDS may prepare and communicate strategies, plans and actions for low greenhouse gas emissions development reflecting their special circumstances.

# Article 4

## Long-term temperature goal set out in Article 2

(ii)

Each [...] NDC will represent a progression [...] and reflect its highest possible ambition, reflecting its common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances.

[...]

A Party may at any time adjust its existing nationally determined contribution with a view to enhancing its level of ambition

[...]

Each Party shall communicate a nationally determined contribution every five years

# Article 4

## Long-term temperature goal set out in Article 2

(iii)

[...] Developing country Parties should continue enhancing their mitigation efforts, and are encouraged to move over time towards economy-wide emission reduction or limitation targets in the light of different national circumstances.

[...]  
Support shall be provided to developing country Parties for the implementation

# Article 4

## Long-term temperature goal set out in Article 2

(iv)

In communicating their NDCs, all Parties shall provide the

Information necessary for

Clarity,

Transparency and

Understanding



# Article 4

## Long-term temperature goal set out in Article 2

(v)

Parties shall account for their NDCs [...to] ensure the avoidance of double counting.

[...]

All Parties should strive to formulate and communicate long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies, mindful of Article 2.

## Article 7

**Adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change.**

Each Party should, as appropriate, submit and update periodically an adaptation communication, which may include its priorities, implementation and support needs, plans and actions, without creating any additional burden for developing country Parties.

The **adaptation communication** referred to in paragraph 10 of this Article shall be, as appropriate, submitted and updated periodically, as a component of or in conjunction with other communications or documents, including a national adaptation plan, a **nationally determined contribution as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 2**, and/or a national communication.

# Homework for tomorrow

Please read the  
following decisions  
adopted at Katowice  
(Paris Agreement  
Handbook)

01

## **Decision 4/CMA.1**

Further guidance in relation to the mitigation section of decision 1/CP.21

02

## **Annex I to Decision 9/CMA.1**

Information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding of nationally determined contributions, referred to in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 28

03

## **Annex II Decision 9/CMA.1**

Accounting for Parties' nationally determined contributions, referred to in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 31

04

## **Decision 9/CMA.1**

Further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication, including, inter alia, as a component of nationally determined contributions, referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement

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