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Dear Readers, Supporters, Partners and Friends

Welcome to the second issue of our Intra-ACP GCCA+ newsletter! A Special Edition dedicated to COP25, which recently took place from 2nd to 13th December 2019 in Madrid, Spain. Our Programme has been very active in this context and we are pleased to share with you the highlights of some of our activities, which include the organisation of several side events in collaboration with Partners. We are also proud to introduce you to the new ACP-NDC web-based tool, which we are currently developing to assist ACP countries update/revise their NDCs in 2020, in line with UNFCCC requirements. Take a look below under "Special Focus" to learn more about this exciting new tool.

We encourage readers to subscribe to our [Newsletter](#) and to follow us on [social media](#) to stay tune for updates on our activities.

Our team would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones, our very best wishes for the holiday season as well as for the New Year 2020, the year of climate ambition. Together let's rise above the challenges of climate change!

Kind regards,

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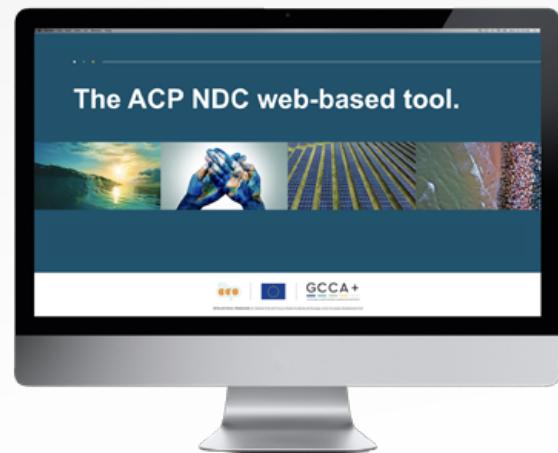
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SPECIAL FOCUS

The new ACP-NDC web-based tool

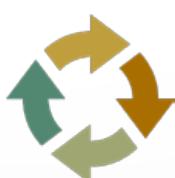
The ACP Group is committed to supporting its member states address the impacts of climate change through its flagship climate change Programme – the Intra-ACP Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA)+ Programme. The Programme provides technical assistance and capacity building to ACP countries and regions to build resilience and adapt to the impacts of climate change, while at the same time contributing to efforts to implement the Paris Agreement. Countries are required under the UNFCCC, to update/revise their NDCs in 2020. With a view to support ACP Member States in this process, the Programme is currently developing **a new ACP-NDC web-based tool**, which will be incorporated to the existing NDC Platform. **This new tool will support harmonized reporting and comparability of ACP NDCs.** It will also help ACP countries identify common priorities, needs, difficulties and gaps in terms of NDC update/revision and implementation.

The new ACP-NDC web-based tool, has received enthusiastic support during its presentation at COP25, not only from ACP Member States but also from non-ACP countries and Partners



Key advantages of the new NDCs Reporting tool

For NDCs developers



To update information/data on NDC at any time (by different intervenants if required), without making a fresh start every time.

To easily generate printable reports on the NDC content (full report or as per category).



To provide updates to designated recipients.

For Decision Makers



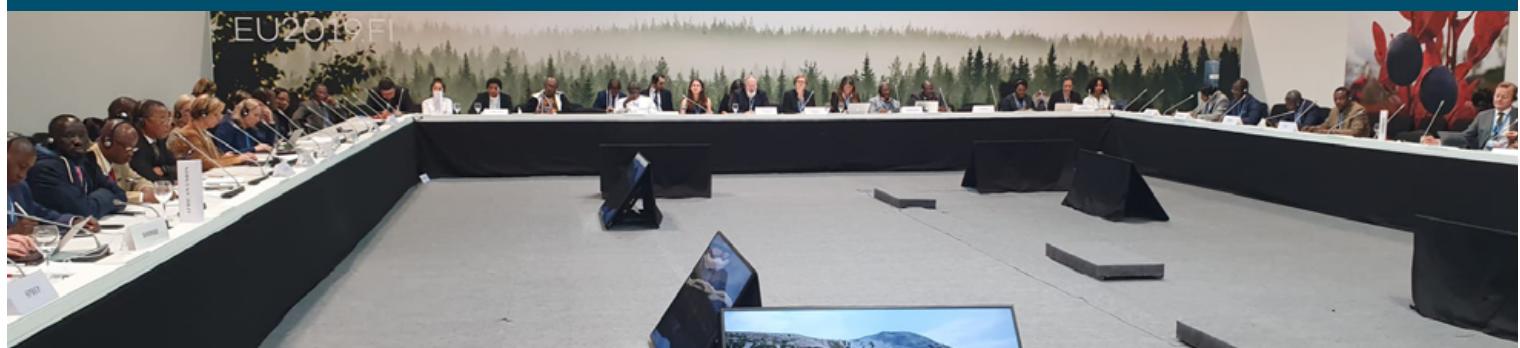
To access at any time, updated information for decision-making/negotiation.

To compare data over time so as to maintain/process/ access effectiveness of actions implemented.



To aggregate data/information on ACP NDCs to facilitate access to climate finance at the regional level.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS AT COP25



The ACP delegation closely followed the climate negotiations focusing on the priority issues for the ACP Group of States.

→ Long term finance

No final decision was reached transferring the discussion to COP26. There was wide divergence on the final day between developed and developing countries. In particular, the African Group called for a "strong language" that will make clear that "**climate finance is a core component for any ambition particularly in Africa.**" This is true for the Caribbean and Pacific regions as well.

→ Common Time Frames for NDCs (SBI)

Discussions on this item focused on the common frequency by which parties update or communicate their NDCs. Currently, those parties with a five-year NDC are requested to communicate by 2020 a new NDC and those parties with a ten-year NDC are requested to communicate or update their NDC by 2020. Parties could not agree. Accordingly this agenda item will be reintroduced at COP26.

→ Article 6: Market Mechanism

No substantive agreement could be reached on this agenda item and Parties managed only to adopt a procedural decision under the CMA calling SBTA "to continue the consideration and adoption by the CMA of decisions next year, "on the basis of draft decision texts" which were prepared by the Presidency in Madrid, while "recognizing that these draft texts do not represent a consensus among Parties".

→ Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage

The decision adopted contains a text that "urges the scaling-up of action and support, as appropriate, including finance, technology and capacity-building, for developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change".

→ Adaptation

The COP in its final decision urged developed countries to continue "to mobilize support for adaptation activities in developing countries", and invited delivery partners to support developing countries in their efforts to submit readiness proposals to the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for the formulation of NAPs.

→ Development and transfer of technologies

The COP, in its final decision, invited UN Environment to develop plans to financially support the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) and invited the Centre to diversify its funding sources to implement its work programme.

SIDE-EVENTS AT COP25

Further strengthening collaboration and action on climate change in ACP countries and regions

The ACP Secretariat and the Intra-ACP GCCA+ Programme organised three side events during the first week of COP25, one "Meet the Expert session" in the second week, one ACP-EU Ministerial Lunch at the end of COP25 and attended several other side events organised on the margins of the climate change conference.

Side
Event of
4th December
2019



The ACP Secretariat in collaboration with the Pacific Community organised a Side Event to discuss the "**IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC)**" and in particular the implications and way forward for ACP Small Island States, Coastal and low-lying zones. The event featured one of the authors of the report, Prof. Elisabeth Holland, Norway Pacific Chair in Oceans and Climate Change, University of South Pacific (USP).

Side
Event of
5th December
2019



The ACP Secretariat in collaboration with EU-ROCLIMA organised a Side Event to discuss the **incorporation of Indigenous and Local Knowledge into Climate Change Adaptation policies and practices in ACP region**. As part of the discussion, the importance of protecting and safeguarding indigenous people and their knowledge was underscored.

SIDE-EVENTS AT COP25



Side
Event of
6th December
2019

A joint side event of the ACP Secretariat, the European Commission (DG CLIMA & DG DEVCO) and Regional Partners served to present the **new ACP NDC web-based tool** aimed at providing technical support to ACP countries for reporting on their updated and revised NDCs.



Side
Event of
13th December
2019

Building on their long-standing cooperation for sustainable development, their coordinated approach that helped deliver the Paris Agreement in 2015 and their Joint ACP-EU Declaration on Climate Change of 2018, ACP and EU Ministers met in Madrid, to explore further collaboration on how to fulfill shared climate goals, in particular as we prepare for COP26 in 2020, the year of "Climate Ambition"

COP25 AT A GLANCE



"Beyond the actual negotiations, COP25 as a global platform has successfully contributed to bringing forth key issues of interest to the ACP Group. Our convening of and participation in debates on scientific research and data, as well as Indigenous and Local Knowledge has identified the need for a stronger role and voice from ACP regions and countries. Our enhanced coordination with Regional Partners has led to stronger intra and inter ACP interactions and exchanges, further enhancing South-South collaboration. Last but not least, the ACP Group had the opportunity to interact with the new Executive Vice-President of the EC, Mr. Frans Timmermans, who led the EU delegation to the ACP-EU Ministerial working lunch meeting on 13th December, in Madrid."

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