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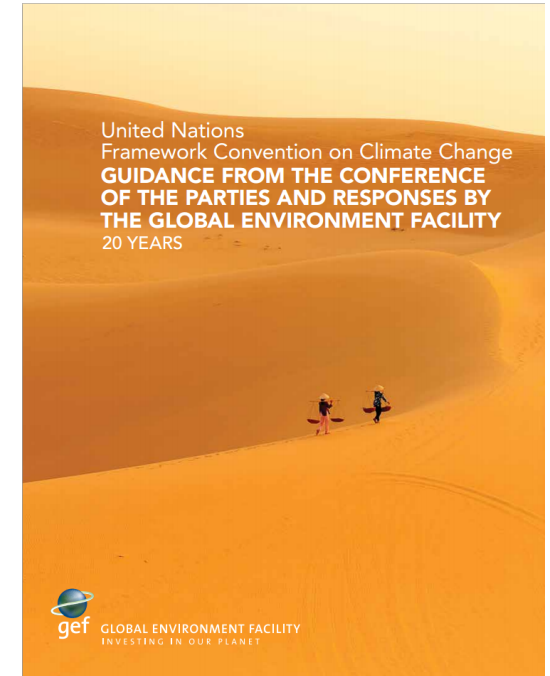
# **GEF Support for Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) & Lessons Learned**

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# GEF Support for INDCs

- COP 19 guidance requests operating entities of financial mechanism to provide support for INDCs
- COP 20 guidance reiterated the request for support for the preparation and communication of INDCs
- GEF is responding to guidance through:
  - i. Support for individual INDC preparations
  - ii. Global Support Program



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# Support for INDC Preparation

- Support options:
  - As stand-alone projects
    - With GEF national allocation
  - Combining INDC preparations with National Communications (NCs) and/or Biennial Update Reports (BURs)
    - With set-aside and GEF national allocation
  - Expedited approval if under \$1 million
  - No co-financing requirement
  - Submitted through GEF Agency



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# Support for INDC Preparation

- **46 countries** have programmed GEF resources for INDCs as of June 2015
- The total amount of GEF resources programmed to date for INDC preparation is **\$11.3 million**
- INDC **submission prior to Paris** is included as part of results framework



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# GEF Support for INDC Preparation



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# Global Support Programme (GSP)

- INDC support element was added to Global Support Program for National Communications (NCs) and Biennial Update Reports (BURs)
- Supported activities:
  - Technical backstopping to national teams for INDC preparations, including guidance materials, methodologies, and tools
  - Capacity building, information sharing, and knowledge management
- Under implementation by UNDP and UNEP
- Launched in January 2015



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# Scope of Support from UNDP



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- All countries have participated in the UNDP series of Regional Technical Dialogues held in the past 12 months in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean
- Generic terms of reference has been developed to assist countries on consultation process/recruitment of national consultants
- Roster of INDC experts for countries that would like to receive support from international consultants
- Guidance document on INDC Design and Preparation developed by WRI/ UNDP has been made available to all countries
- Coordination with other INDC support programs, such as those funded by the EC, France, Germany, is being carried out



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# Scope of Support from UNEP



Analytical support and capacity development provided in partnership with Technical University of Denmark (DTU)

- Preparation and provision of:
  - Guidance manual to enable countries understand the INDC process and its requirements
  - Technical manual for analysis
  - Templates for preparing and submitting the INDCs, and templates for project reports
- INDC capacity building workshops: for training on the concept, process and analytical requirements for preparing INDCs
- In-country support and follow-up: each country is supported in completing the analysis for INDC, reviewing and finalizing INDC report before submission to UNFCCC



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# Scope of Support from UNEP (cont)



- 26 out of 36 countries have signed project agreements for DTU support, more countries expected
- 10 countries have conducted INDC inception workshops
- 16 countries have prepared INDC roadmaps and project implementation plans outlining project deliverables
- 1st INDC capacity building workshop was held in Copenhagen, Denmark in May 2015
- 2nd INDC capacity building workshop will be held in June/July 2015



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# Observations and Emerging Lessons

- Majority of countries report intention to submit before Paris towards the end of 2015 before Paris, while expressing concern for remaining time.
- Countries are linking their INDCs with national priorities, including development goals and sectoral plans
- Identification of options for domestic versus additional/external support is considered key, but unclear if differentiation will be made
- Most countries want to include adaptation: a key challenge is lack of clarity about how adaptation could be reflected in a meaningful way
- Realistic goals or targets are considered critical: countries intend to prioritize policies and actions with highest GHG impacts while recognizing implementation feasibility



# Observations and Emerging Lessons (cont)

- While data is a common challenge, countries are making use of best available information, complemented with new analysis for data gap filling
- INDCs build on National Communications in terms of information and data as well as process
- Projects start with awareness raising activities to inform key stakeholders
- Private sector is considered a key stakeholder: most will in bring private sector after submission to support INDC implementation



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# Other Relevant GEF Support

- Mitigation and adaptation project support, including implementation of national priorities:
  - Relevant policy development and implementation
  - Data analysis
  - Capacity building
  - Project/program implementation
- Support for Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs), Technology Needs Assessment (TNA), National Adaptation Plan of Action (NAPA) and their implementation



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# Thank you for your attention

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