

Summary of Parallel Session 4: Aligning and Linking SDGs and NDCs II

1. Introducing the NDC Partnership (Romeo Bertolini, NDC Partnership Support Unit, Germany)

In the first presentation of the session, Romeo Bertolini (NDCP Support Unit) introduced the NDC Partnership, a coalition of developed and developing countries and international institutions working together to ensure countries receive the technical and financial support they need to achieve ambitious climate and sustainable development targets as fast and effectively as possible. He underlined that for these efforts to succeed, governments, international institutions and non-state actors must find new ways to share information, to learn from each other and to coordinate their actions, globally and at the country level.

In collaboration with its members, the Partnership is creating and disseminating insightful knowledge products that fill information and knowledge gaps, facilitating technical assistance and capacity building and enhanced financial support for NDC implementation. During the discussion, Romeo highlighted first insights into and success stories of the work of the NDC Partnership and what the next steps ahead will be.

2. Examining the alignment between the intended nationally determined contributions and sustainable development goals (Eliza Northrop, Hana Biru, Sylvia Lima, Mathilde Bouye, and Ranping Song, World Resource Institute)

Next, Eliza Northrop WRI presented WRI-work on the opportunities of implementing the two deeply interconnected Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda, putting the spotlight on alignment between SDGs and NDCs. The goal should be to promote consistencies and mutual reinforcement, while maximizing scarce resources. To help achieve this objective, Eliza and her co-authors explored alignment between the climate targets, actions and measures communicated in each NDC and the 169 targets of the SDGs, highlighting opportunities at the national and regional level as well as key sectors. During the discussion, it was explored how type of information on synergies can inform national and sub-national implementation and contribute to initiatives like the NDC Partnership. At the same time, it became clear that it is important to not only focus on synergies but also on trade-offs between SDG and NDC implementation.

3. Sustainable development and climate action: thoughts on an integrated approach to SDG and NDC implementation (Andrea Hurtado Epstein, Stephanie La Hoz Theuer)

Andrea and Stephanie built on the previous presentations by outlining an integration approach to SDG and NDC implementation. According to their research and experience, national implementation processes present a unique opportunity for countries to identify and promote synergies, as well as to acknowledge and actively address potential trade-offs. Adapting a methodology developed by the Stockholm Environment Institute, they categorised the typical relationship between individual targets of the SDGs and climate mitigation and adaptation, identifying sectors and specific

commitments where relationships (positive or negative) are particularly strong. They also offered insights into the country case of Mexico, illustrating how positive relationships can be encouraged to produce the maximum amount of co-benefits across the implementation of SDGs and NDCs, as well as

how potential trade-offs can be reduced through policy coherence mechanisms. In the discussion, it was underlined that their framework can help identify areas of opportunity and that a more trans- and interdisciplinary policy design can increase effectiveness and efficiency across SDG and NDC implementation, emphasizing the need for science-policy dialogue.