

Transparency in the Paris Agreement



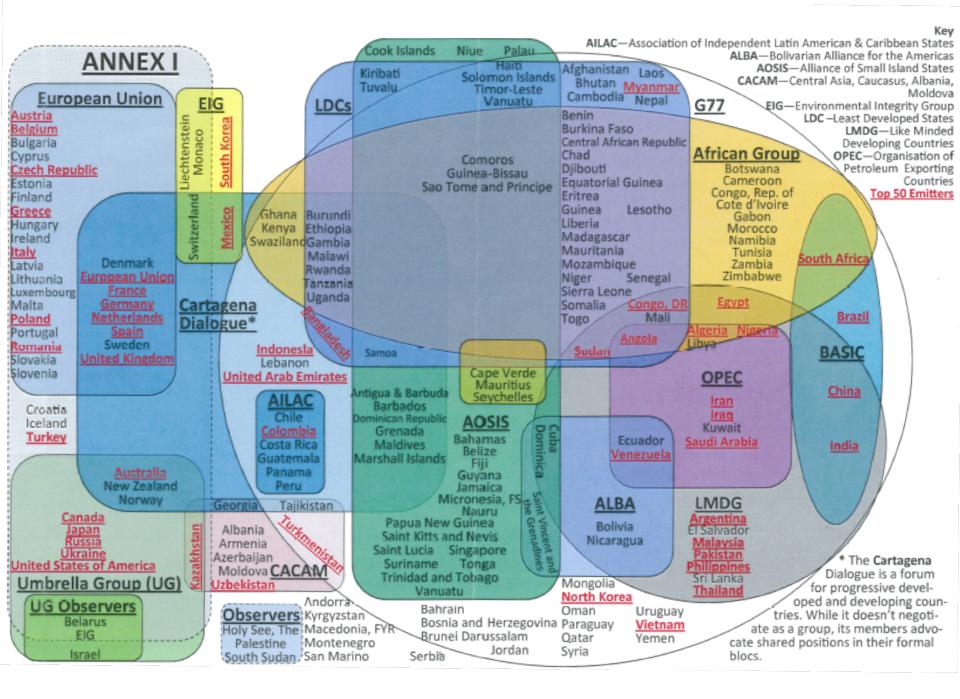
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Existing reporting and review

Elements	Annex I Parties	Non-Annex I Parties
Reporting	Biennial reports (2 years) National communications (4 years) National GHG inventory (annually)	Biennial update reports (w/ GHG inventories) (2 years) National communications (4 years)
Technical expert review	Technical review of biennial reports (2 years) In-depth review of national communications (4 years) Review of national GHG inventories (annually)	Technical analysis of biennial update reports (2 years)
Multilateral process	Multilateral assessment (2 years)	Facilitative sharing of views (2 years)





"Here in Paris, let's agree to a strong system of transparency that gives each of us the confidence that all of us are meeting our commitments. And let's make sure that the countries who don't yet have the full capacity to report on their targets receive the support that they need."

President Barack Obama
 November 30, 2015



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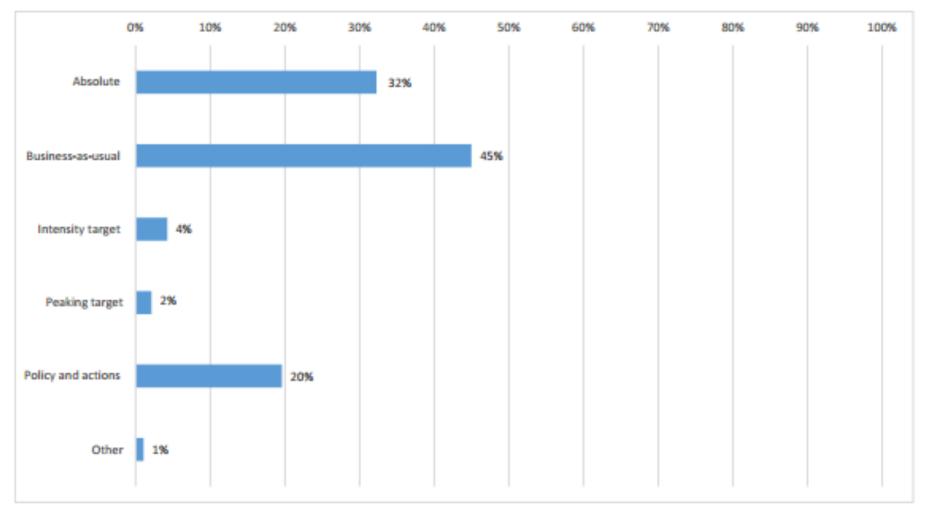
INDCs Submitted to Date



162 INDCs have been submitted, covering 189 countries and representing ~99% of global GHG emissions

http://cait.wri.org/indc/#/map

Figure 1 Types of mitigation target communicated in the intended nationally determined contributions



Note: The percentages shown are percentages of the Parties that submitted an INDC by 4 April 2016.



Article 13.1 – "An enhanced transparency framework for action and support, with built-in flexibility which takes into account Parties' different capacities...is hereby established"
Article 13.7 – "Each Party shall provide
(a) A national inventory report...prepared using good practice methodologies accepted by the IPCC", and
(b) Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving its nationally determined contribution under Article 4."
Article 13.11 – "Information submitted by each Party...shall undergo a technical expert review"

Critical diplomatic and technical work ahead to define the details of the flexibility and timing of these new requirements (2016-2018).



- Conclude work at COP-24 in 2018
- Modalities, procedures and guidelines apply upon the entry into force of Paris Agreement
- Flexibility for those developing countries that need it in the light of their capacities
- Biennial reporting
- No backsliding in quality or frequency from current transparency arrangements
- Importance of facilitating improved reporting and transparency over time

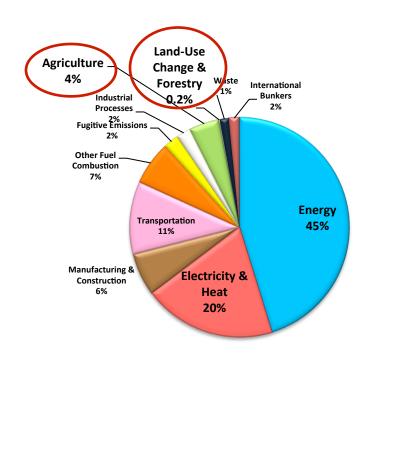


- <u>Action on GHGs</u>: Requires all countries to report:
 - Greenhouse gas emissions inventories using internationally accepted standards of good practice (i.e. IPCC bottom up methodologies);
 - Information necessary to track progress towards greenhouse gas reduction targets;
- <u>Support</u>: Calls on all countries to provide information on support provided and received.
 - Developed countries are required to do so, developing countries are encouraged to do so.
- <u>Adaptation:</u> Encourages countries to provide information on adaptation planning and action.



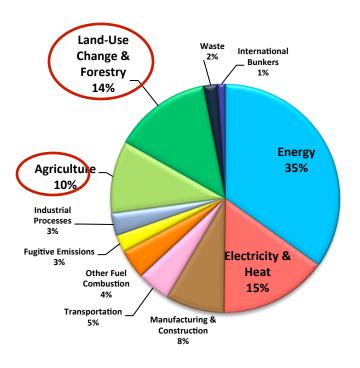
GHG Emission Inventory profiles

Developed Countries



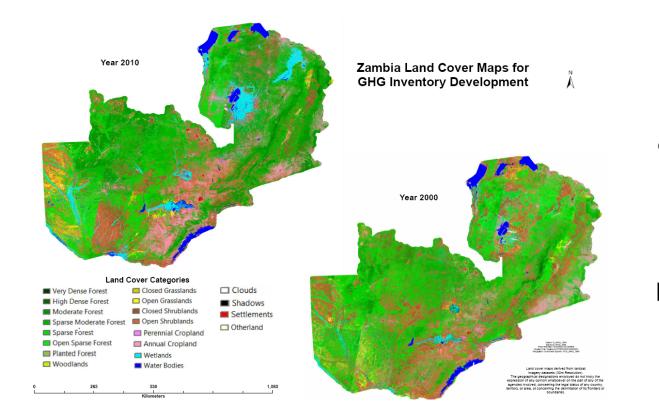
Source: Developed Countries, Non-Annex 1 Year, 2005 Emissions (WRI 2011 Climate Indicators Analysis Tools).

Developing Countries





Importance of Land Use for Developing Countries



Lack of good quality maps and land use/ conversion data is a key obstacle for many countries

Required by the IPCC Guidelines.

Remains a priority for implementing the Paris Agreement



Review

- <u>Technical review:</u>
 - Consideration of support and implementation and achievement of nationally determined contribution
 - Identify areas of improvement
 - For developing countries, identification of capacity-building needs
- <u>"Multilateral facilitative consideration of progress":</u>
 - Achievement of nationally determined contribution
 - Efforts under finance article



Capacity-building

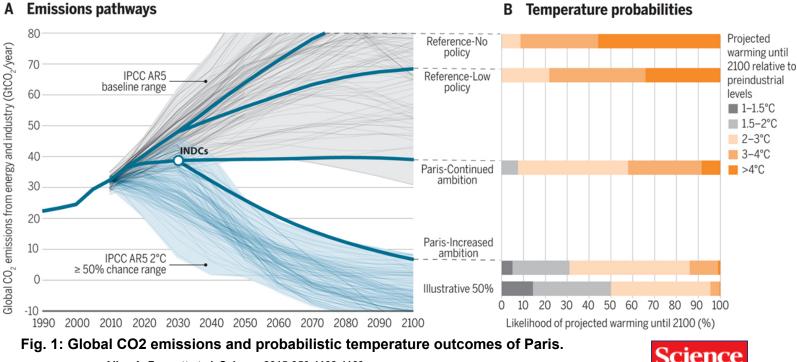
- Establishes a new Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency:
 - To strengthen national institutions for transparency-related activities in line with national priorities;
 - To provide relevant tools, training and assistance for meeting the provisions stipulated in Article 13 of the Agreement [transparency article]; and
 - To assist in the improvement of transparency over time.
- Will build from lessons learned in 20+ years of capacity-building support for transparency for MRV
- Global Environment Facility Council approved project on June 7
- Start funding projects this year.
- U.S. pledged \$15 million; Overall: \$35 million





Paris Agreement: Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C

How can the research community contribute to the success of the Paris Agreement in achieving its overall goals?



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