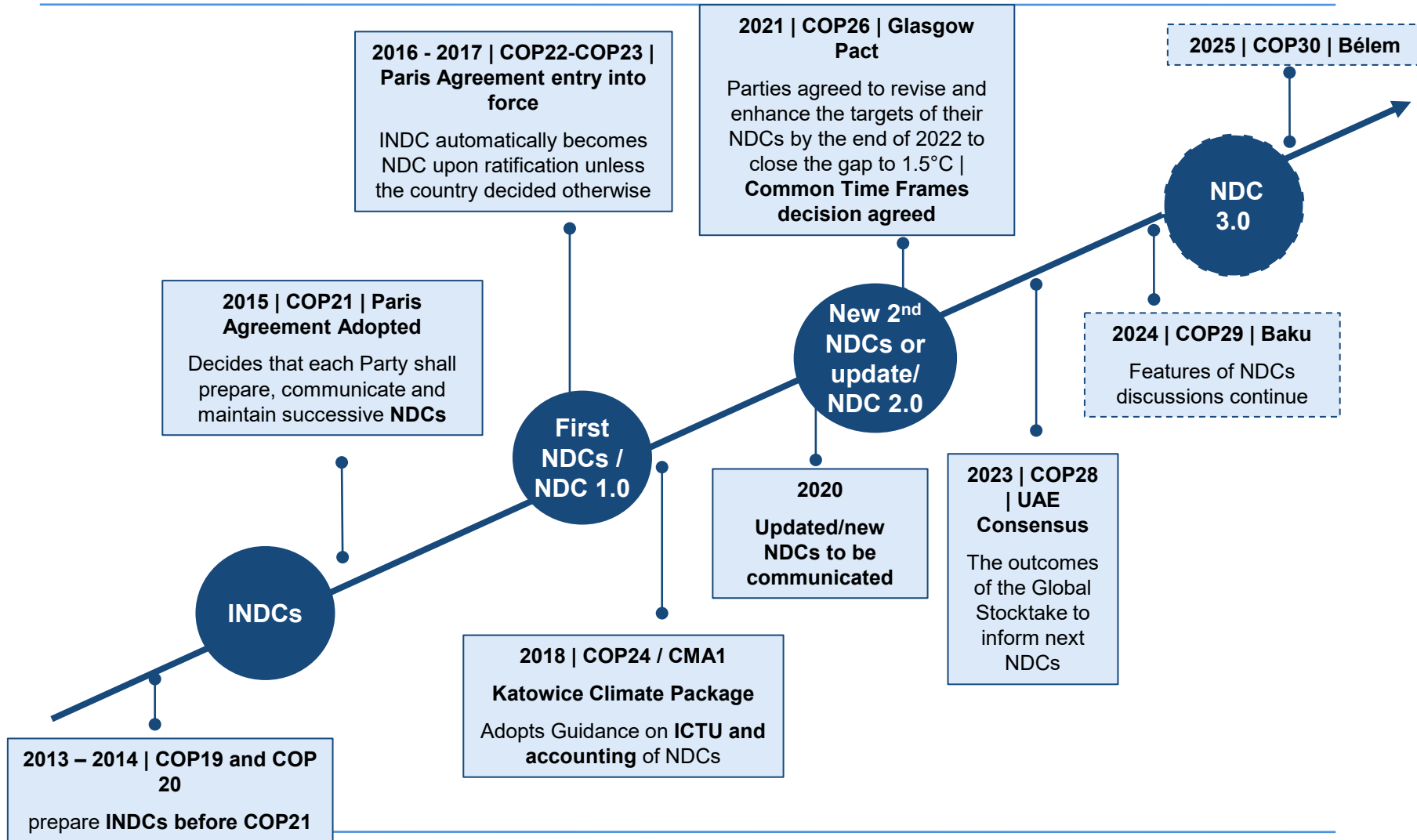


NDCs and ICTU Guidance

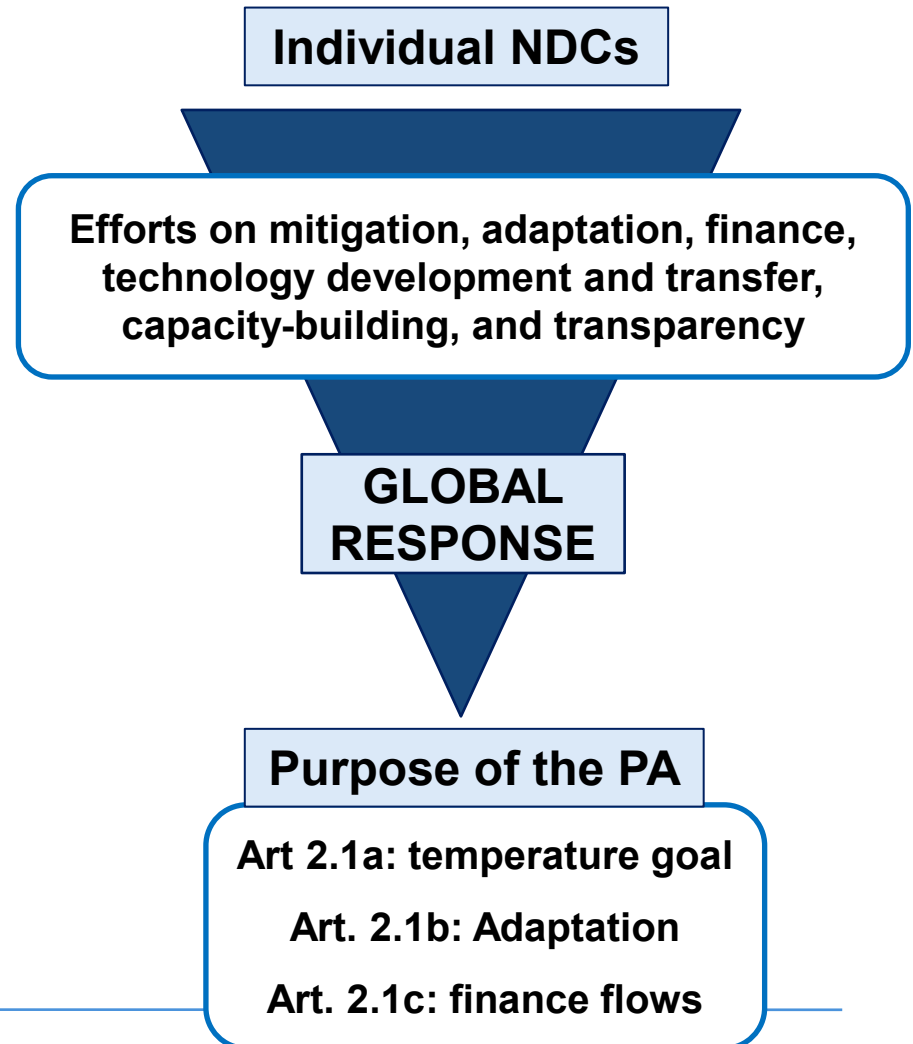
Nationally Determined Contributions – a history – over 10 years of ambition



NDCs in the Paris Agreement: Cornerstone of Climate Action (Article 3)

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 as set out in Article 2.

The efforts of all Parties will represent a progression over time, while recognizing the need to support developing country Parties for the effective implementation of this Agreement.



NDCs in the Paris Agreement: Cornerstone of Climate Action (Article 4)

What? Mitigation goal	Parties aim to reach global peaking of greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, recognizing that peaking will take longer for developing country Parties, and to undertake rapid reductions thereafter in accordance with best available science, so as to achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century, on the basis of equity, and in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty. (A4.1)	
How?		
Each Party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive NDCs and shall pursue domestic mitigation measures (A4.2) • Successive NDCs will represent a progression and reflect highest possible ambition (A.4.3) • Shall provide information necessary to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding (A.4.8) • Shall communicate a NDC every 5 years be informed by the outcomes of the global stocktake (A4.9) • May adjust existing NDC at any time to enhance ambition (A.4.11) • Shall account for their NDCs (A4.13) 	<u>Developed Country Parties</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should continue taking the lead by undertaking economy-wide absolute emission reduction targets (A4.4) 	
	<u>Developing Country Parties</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should continue enhancing their mitigation efforts, and are encouraged to move over time towards economy-wide emission reduction or limitation targets in light of different national circumstances (A4.4) • Support shall be provided to developing country Parties for implementation (A4.5) 	
	<u>LDCs and SIDS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May prepare and communicate strategies, plans and actions for low GHG emissions development reflecting their special circumstances (A.4.6) 	



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What?

- Recalls Article 4.8 of the Paris Agreement that all Parties shall provide the information necessary for clarity, transparency and understanding [...]
- Provides further guidance for information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding of nationally determined contributions, referred to in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 28

Mandate on NDCs

- All Parties **shall** provide the information necessary to facilitate clarity, transparency, and understanding (ICTU) [...] **as applicable to their NDC...**(para 7)
- ICTU to be applied from the **second NDC** – but Parties are strongly encouraged to provide this information in **relation to their first NDC, including when communicating or updating in 2020** (para 7)
- The ICTU elaborates the information elements from decision 1/CP.21



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Annex I

MAIN ELEMENTS

1

Quantifiable information on the reference point (including, as appropriate, a base year)

- Reference year(s), base year(s), [...]
- Quantifiable information on the reference indicators, their values in the reference year(s), base year(s), reference period(s), [...]
- For strategies, plans and actions referred to in Article 4, para 6, of the PA, where paragraph above is not applicable, Parties to provide other relevant information [...]

2

Time frames and/or periods for implementation

- Time frame and/or period for implementation, including start and end date, [...]
- Whether it is a single-year or multi-year target, as applicable.

3

Scope and coverage

- General description of the target;
- Sectors, gases, categories and pools covered by the NDCs, including, as applicable, consistent with IPCC guidelines;
- How the Party has taken into consideration para 31(c) and (d) of decision 1/CP.21;
- Mitigation co-benefits resulting from Parties' adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans, [...]

4

Planning processes

- Information on the planning processes: The relevant planning processes, institutional arrangements, national circumstances such as geography, climate, socio-economic practices, Other contextual aspirations and priorities acknowledged when joining the PA.
- How the Party's preparation of its nationally determined contribution has been informed by the outcomes of the global stocktake, in accordance with Art 4 para 9.



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5

Assumptions and methodological approaches, including those for estimating and accounting for anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions and, as appropriate, removals

- Assumptions and methodological approaches used for accounting for anthropogenic GHG emissions and removals corresponding to the Party's NDC, consistent with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 31,
- *As of the second NDC, all Parties have to use the NDC accounting guidance (4/CMA.1, annex II)*

6

How the Party considers that its NDC is fair and ambitious in the light of its national circumstances

- How the Party considers that its nationally determined contribution is fair and ambitious in the light of its national circumstances;
- Fairness considerations, including reflecting on equity;
- How the Party has addressed Article 4, paragraphs 3, 4 and 6 PA.

7

How the NDC contributes towards achieving the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2

- How the nationally determined contribution contributes towards achieving the objective of the Convention as set out in its Art. 2;
- How the nationally determined contribution contributes towards Article 2, para1(a), and Article 4, para1, of the Paris Agreement.



Thank you!

