



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ON-LINE LEARNING FORUM:
NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT (COP 21)

Summary Day 1

Session 1 Setting the scene: climate change negotiations and NDCs

1.11.1. Country level structures and processes

Structures and processes for engaging in UNFCCC COP climate change negotiations

In both Cameroon and Nigeria, government bodies are responsible for climate change negotiations and implementation of international climate change agreements. In Cameroon, the Technical Secretariat with the Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development is the lead agency. In Nigeria, the responsibility lies with the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency within the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA).

Structures and processes for development of NDC

In both Cameroon and Nigeria, the development of NDC is a collaborative effort involving the government body responsible for UNFCCC negotiations and agreements, sectoral Ministries, technical experts, and international organisations. The UNDP-NDC Support Programme is providing support with the development of NDC in Nigeria.

Involvement of Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) sectors in NDC development

Inclusion of forest-based NDC

The lack of inclusion of land and forest-based resources especially restorative agricultural lands, wetlands and woody/grasslands with the Ethiopian NDC was noted as a concern.

New discussions items proposed during the discussion

Better understanding of the NDCs and his processes: the lifespan and relevance of NDCs for the African context giving some governance and financial constraints. NDCs are country's ambitions to contribute to climate action. They are commitments made by individual countries to reduce national emissions, there is no lifespan. The frequency will depend on country's timeline for updating their ambitions and on the structure of the NDC.

Capacity of African negotiators to meaningfully participate in the international processes:

There are initiatives at African level to build capacity of the African delegates. AFF is holding a training webinar for francophone stakeholders from 6th to 8th October to build their capacity on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).