

One World, One Vision: The RFI and ADB DMCs' International Commitments, Focusing on the Paris Agreement

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- NDCs and the Paris Agreement
- Evolution of NDCs and shift in thinking
- Linking agendas
- Challenges:
 - Increased ambition
 - Implementation



Wetlands and their role in NDCs

- Wetlands are not featured prominently in NDCs
- As part of enhancing ambition and expanding opportunities wetlands can be considered
- Recognizing opportunity for significant co-benefits
- Multi-dimensional approach to climate policy
- Need to understand wetlands and their relationship to climate change
- UNFCCC mechanisms on coastal blue carbon ecosystems, and other wetlands can be included in climate policies: REDD+, CDM, NAMAs, NAPs





Example of NDC targets and actions on wetlands

- **Bhutan (2nd NDC):** Conduct wetland assessment for understanding organic carbon content to launch its own conservation program
- **Lao PDR (First NDC updated):** Long-term adaptation actions in water resources through management of surface water, groundwater and wetlands for climate change resilience
- **Nepal (2nd NDC):** By 2030 will create an inventory of wetlands for sustainable management. By 2025, will enhance the sink capacity of the land use sector by instituting the Forest Development Fund
- **Pakistan (First NDC updated)** Develop a comprehensive management system for protected areas including coastal wetlands ; achieve land degradation neutrality by 2030, restore 10% of degraded wetlands
- **Sri Lanka (first NDC updated)** Prepare maps indicating terrestrial, wetland landscapes, coastal and marine areas such as mangroves, seagrass beds, fog-interception areas and restore at least 25% each of degraded terrestrial and wetland landscapes in 2030

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