

‘2050 is now’ global convening

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Context

The Paris Agreement, adopted at COP21, invites all Parties to develop long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies (LT-LEDS) as per Article 4.19. The need for countries to develop and submit LT-LEDS was reiterated and specified in the Glasgow Climate Pact, the official outcome of the COP26, by urging all countries to communicate their LT-LEDS by COP27 in 2022 (Decision 1/CMA.3).

More recently, the first Global Stocktake (GST) adopted at COP28 in Dubai, UAE, “urges Parties that have not yet done so [...] to communicate or revise, by the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2024), their long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies [...] towards just transitions to net zero emissions by or around mid-century, taking into account different national circumstances”. The GST outcome also underlines the importance of aligning near-term climate targets with LT-LEDS, to ensure policies implemented now are consistent with the long-term goals and asks for regular monitoring and updates.

To support long-term planning efforts in countries, the German Government’s International Climate Initiative (IKI) has launched ***2050 is now***, a four-year project aiming to provide governments, in-country research institutes and other relevant stakeholders with tools and analysis to:

- Align short- and medium-term sectoral, economic and national development plans with LT-LEDS, including supporting a just transition
- Identify opportunities to enhance Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), based on LT-LEDS, while achieving development goals
- Strengthen LT-LEDS with a strong focus on energy and land-use and food systems, in line with national development goals
- Improve global knowledge to provide a strong evidence base for enhanced action to address climate change.

The project’s research activities focus on the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, India and Indonesia. Led by a consortium of global and in-country partners¹, the *2050 is now* project also builds capacity beyond focus countries through convenings, research, and lesson-sharing – ultimately improving multiple governments’ readiness to increase ambition and implement actions in line with the long-term transitions necessary to limit warming and adapt to climate change as envisioned in the Paris Agreement.

¹ WRI, IDDRI, SDSN, NREL/GCAP, 2050 Pathways Platform are global partners. WRI India, Fundacion Bariloche, WRI Indonesia, WRI Brazil are in-country partners.

As part of the *2050 is Now* project, the 2050 Pathways Platform leads regional and global convenings to share research, best practices, and insights on LT-LEDS, strengthening the broader community of practice and disseminating lessons from project activities. Building on the success of the 2024 Jakarta Regional Convening, where over 65 LT-LEDS practitioners discussed practical challenges and solutions for LT-LEDS formulation, **the 2050 Pathways Platform is now hosting the 2050 is Now Global Convening—a key milestone for the LT-LEDS community in the lead-up to COP30.**

As the world prepares for COP30 to take place later this year, governments, experts, and development partners are focused on the formulation and submission of NDC 3.0. In this context, the 2050 Pathways Platform aims to foster discussions on aligning NDCs with LT-LEDS. Achieving the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C goal requires clear, credible pathways to net-zero by mid-century, making LT-LEDS essential for anchoring NDCs in a long-term vision. Without this alignment, short-term plans risk being fragile.

The upcoming Global NDC Conference, taking place in Berlin from June 13–15, 2025, provides a timely opportunity to bring together the LT-LEDS and NDC communities to **expand LT-LEDS potential in strengthening immediate action**. The *2050 is Now* Global Convening, held alongside this conference, will provide a platform to exchange insights, showcase best practices, and reinforce the crucial link between long-term planning and near-term action. This collaborative approach contributes to global efforts to enhance NDC 3.0, driving more coherent Paris-aligned climate action to accelerate progress toward climate and development goals.

Objectives

The objectives of this global convening are to:

- Facilitate knowledge exchange by sharing guidance, best practices, and challenges on effectively aligning NDCs with LT-LEDS.
- Support NDC 3.0 formulation by ensuring that LT-LEDS objectives are actively integrated into the NDC 3.0 formulation process.
- Disseminate research and expert insights gathered throughout the *2050 is now* project, focusing on their relevance to NDC and LT-LEDS alignment.
- Create a collaborative space for countries to exchange approaches, challenges, and lessons learned in aligning LT-LEDS with NDCs and developing their long-term strategies more broadly.
- Foster international cooperation by enabling bilateral engagement among countries and promoting synergies with development partners, experts, and other stakeholders.

Format

- **1 in-person full day** on Monday 9 June, opening with technical sessions on long-term planning with LT-LEDS practitioners.
- **1 in-person full day** on Tuesday 10 June, elevating the discussion to the global level, exploring how LT-LEDS and international frameworks can support countries in achieving their climate goals.
- **1 in-person session at the Global NDC Conference** dedicated to the global convening's takeaways on NDC and LT-LEDS alignment themes as well as other best practices on alignment.

Date

- **Timeline:** Monday 9th June and Tuesday 10th June complemented by one session on LT-LEDS and NDC alignment at the Global NDC Conference on Wednesday 11th of June.

Audience

Our global convening will convene:

- National government representatives from developing and developed countries who are coordinating LT-LEDS and NDC elaboration and implementation processes – up to 2 representatives from each country (at least one-director level or above representative for each country)
- LT-LEDS experts from non-governmental organisations
- Development partners with a focus on LT-LEDS financing
- ‘2050 is now’ global and in-country consortium partners

Agenda

This two-day event will adopt a bottom-up approach, highlighting national experiences and drawing a pathway toward enhanced international cooperation and global climate ambition.

Day 1: Planning National Transitions and Sectoral Roadmaps

The first day will centre on practitioners’ experiences at country level in the development and implementation of Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) and NDCs. Through knowledge exchange and peer learning, participants will share insights on:

- Integrating LT-LEDS and NDCs to build coherent, long-term climate strategies, including adaptation.
- Developing robust implementation roadmaps in key sectors, with a special focus on Energy and Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU).
- Addressing institutional, policy, and economic enablers for sustained decarbonisation pathways, including reflecting on the role of LT-LEDS in shaping a just and equitable global transition.

The session will aim to surface practical lessons and innovative approaches and tools from a range of national contexts, providing a foundation for enhancing future NDCs and long-term planning.

Day 2: Aligning Global Ambition and International Cooperation

Building on national experiences, the second day will elevate the discussion to the global level, taking stock of what would be the expected role of LT-LEDS in the ambition of NDC 3.0 towards COP30, exploring how can the work from long term planning better inform implementation now, and how international frameworks,

finance, and cooperation mechanisms can support countries in achieving their climate goals. Key themes will include:

- Role of LT-LEDS in strengthening climate goals, including alignment of NDCs with net-zero commitments and leveraging the outcomes of the Global Stocktake (GST) to inform future planning and strengthen ambition.
- Approaches to assessing the ambition of upcoming NDC 3.0 submissions ahead of COP30 and how could LT-LEDS be integrated into these assessments.
- Enhancing international cooperation to support implementation and how could LT-LEDS could contribute to this conversation to advice concrete and ambitious action.

This day will engage a diverse set of stakeholders, including multilateral organisations, development partners, and climate finance institutions, to foster collaborative action and policy coherence.

Global NDC Conference: LT-LEDS and NDC alignment session

Capturing key discussions on LT-LEDS and NDC alignment from days 1 and 2, we will aim to convey essential messages to the NDC community. We will focus on practical approaches and tools they can apply to update their NDCs, while highlighting the role of LT-LEDS in identifying areas for immediate implementation. Please note however that those who are registered for our LT-LEDS global convening are not automatically registered to attend this session at the NDC Conference.

Day 1 – Planning National Transitions and Sectoral Roadmaps – Tools, lessons learned and thematic deep dives

Timings	Agenda item	Description	Speakers
9:00 - 9:30	Registrations open	Attendees arrive and register	
9.30 – 10:15	Welcome Opening presentation	The convening will open with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An address from the 2050 Pathways Platform to set the scene and context of the convening • A short presentation of the context and objectives of the convening • An agenda overview and meeting rules 	Ms Juliane Nier, Edge Effects (facilitator) Ms Marcela Jaramillo, 2050 Pathways Platform
10:15 – 12:00	Session 1 Navigating the transition: aligning long-term planning with immediate actions - tools and experiences shared by LT-LEDS & NDC practitioners	Session 1 will set the scene at the start of the convening by facilitating an exchange on ongoing experiences and best practices on methodological approaches to use long-term planning to inform near-term policy (including mitigation and adaptation). Objectives of the session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand understanding of how Long-term Planning can inform and enhance near-term climate policies, including adaptation. • Capture approaches, tools and methodological challenges for aligning short-term actions with LT-LEDS 	Ms Sarah Achaichia, 2050 Pathways Platform Mr Subrata Chakrabarty, WRI India Prof. Rizaldi Boer, IPB University Mr Jam Angulo-Paniagua, Climate Lead Group Mr Charlie Heaps, Stockholm Environment Institute Mr Hassan Agouzoul, SDG Action (virtual participation) <u>Full line-up TBC</u>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break		
13: 00 – 15: 30 (includes a 15 mins break)	Session 2 Sectoral deep dive: developing robust	Session 2 will share approaches of how science can help in designing AFOLU pathways in line with mitigation goals and inform near-term policy, ensuring technical feasibility and political relevance. The session will also provide guidance and	Ms Vartika Singh PhD., FABLE India

	sectoral roadmaps for AFOLU and coastal conservation	<p>examples on incorporating new sectors, such as blue carbon, into climate ambition documents (e.g., NDC and LT-LEDS).</p> <p>Objectives of the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness on methodologies and tools that can support the design of AFOLU practical pathways to inform short term action. • Offer guidance and examples to approach the integration of blue carbon, into LT-LEDS and NDCs • Share experiences on approaches to facilitate political dialogue and consensus-building among stakeholders in the long-term AFOLU planning space 	<p>Dr Novi Susetyo Adi, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia (virtual participation)</p> <p>Ms Dahely Castelan, Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico (SEMARNAT)</p> <p>Ms Luciana Apaza Laguna, Fundación Bariloche, Argentina</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Comfort break		
16:00 – 17:45	<p>Session 3</p> <p>Addressing institutional, policy, and economic enablers for sustained net zero pathways</p>	<p>Session 3 will explore approaches to tackle socio-economic aspect of long-term planning and demonstrate how it is essential to enable implementation.</p> <p>Objectives of the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share practical experiences to integrate just transition into climate actions in LT-LEDS and NDCs. • Explore methodologies for identify policy priorities in the short-term based on LT-LEDS 	<p>Ms Taneque Heslop, Jamaica's Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation</p> <p>Mr Lokendra Thakkar, State Government of Madhya Pradesh, India</p> <p>Mr Guilherme Lima, Centro Brazil Clima (virtual participation)</p> <p>Mrs. Lauren Harry-Villain, IDDRI</p>
17:45 – 18:00	Day 1 – Closing plenary		Ms Juliane Nier, Edge Effects (facilitator)
19.00 - 21.00	Day 1 - Evening dinner		

Day 2 – Aligning Global Ambition and International Cooperation

Timings	Agenda item	Description	Speakers
9:00 – 9:30	Arrivals	Attendees arrive and register	
9.30 – 09:45	Welcome	Recap of day 1 and overview of day 2	Juliane Nier, Edge Effects
09:45 – 12:30 (includes a 20-min break)	Session 4 What are we doing to bring NDCs to the finish line? Approaches to align with LT-LEDs and assess ambition	<p>As countries finalise their next round of NDC submissions and revisit their long-term climate strategies, this session will begin by reaffirming the central role of NDCs in delivering on the Paris Agreement. It will explore how LT-LEDs can reinforce and guide near-term NDC action, creating a more coherent and ambitious climate policy framework.</p> <p>Country examples and expert frameworks will illustrate how alignment between NDC 3.0 and LT-LEDs is enabled in practice, highlighting the added value of pursuing alignment. Building on these insights, the session will then turn to the tools and methodologies available to assess the ambition of submitted NDCs within the broader context of the Paris Agreement to guide more ambitious, actionable, and accountable climate commitments.</p> <p>Objectives of the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster a shared understanding of the relevance of Long-Term Strategies and NDC alignment and how to achieve this through real-world examples. • Strengthen the ability to assess NDCs within the framework of the Paris Agreement, utilizing country-specific examples and expert methodologies. 	<p>Mr Vintura Silva, UNFCCC Secretariat</p> <p>Ms Anna Perez Catala, IDDR</p> <p>Ms Cynthia Elliott, WRI Global</p> <p>Mr Jacob Lawrence, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water of Australia</p> <p>Ms Anna Amalia, Indonesia's BAPPENAS</p> <p>Mr Abdurrahim Durmus, Ministry of Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change of Türkiye</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break		

13:30 – 15:30	Session 5 From plans to investments: what can long term planning contribute to inform investments and what is the role of international cooperation?	This session will enable a space to focus on long term planning's role to inform implementation now by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring how long-term planning can concretely contribute to ongoing efforts to expand the investability of NDCs, focusing on tools, methods, and experiences. • Examine the critical role of international cooperation in enhancing climate action and how long-term planning can contribute to clarify critical areas for maximum impact. 	Mr Philipp Behrens, International Climate Initiative of Germany (IKI) Mr Andrés Pica, Ministry of Environment of Chile Mr Daniel Buira Tempus Analitica (virtual participation) Mr Sebastian Postic, I4CE
15:30 – 16:00	Comfort break / Group photo		
16:00 – 17:30 (includes a 10 mins break)	Session 6 Delivering on climate ambition: what should be expected from NDCs and LT-LEDs on the road to COP30?	This session will define a shared vision for what NDCs and LT-LEDs should deliver by COP30 to advance the goals of the Paris Agreement. It will reflect on how the LT-LEDs community can contribute to a successful COP, by enhancing ambition, aligning near- and long-term planning, and supporting concrete implementation efforts to keep 1.5°C within reach. Building on the previous days' discussions, participants will identify priority outcomes and collective actions to take forward to encourage momentum and accountability. Objectives of the session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take stock of expected outcomes by COP30 on LT-LEDs & NDC alignment and in relation to global ambition. • Collectively determine actionable next steps to maintain momentum and contribute to a successful outcome at COP30. 	
17:30 – 17:45	Closing and next steps	The two-day event will conclude with a closing keynote followed by a summary of key learnings and next steps by the 2050 Pathways Platform.	Ms Marcela Jaramillo, 2050 Pathways Platform

			Ms Juliane Nier, Edge Effects (facilitator)
19.00 - 21.00	Day 2 - Evening dinner		

NDC Global Conference Side event – Wednesday June 12

The 2050 Pathways Platform, together with partners, will bring key messages from the LTS Global Convening to the NDC Global Conference in this final session. While this session is included in the overall agenda of our event, it is formally part of the NDC Global Conference, organized by GIZ, UNDP and NDCP. It offers a valuable opportunity to share reflections and strengthen the connections between the LTS and NDC communities. Please note however that those who are registered for our LT-LEDS global convening are not automatically registered to attend this session at the NDC Conference.

Timings	Agenda item	Description	Speakers
15:45-17:00	Enhancing Ambition and Implementation Through NDC and LT-LEDS Alignment: Approaches, Strategies and Best Practices	To explore how the alignment of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Long-Term Strategies (LT-LEDS) can enhance the effectiveness and ambition of climate action, by showcasing practical approaches, strategies, methodologies and country experiences that bridge the long-term vision with near-term implementation	Ms Marcela Jaramillo, 2050 Pathways Platform Ms Roziya Wolch, GIZ Ms Anna Perez Catala, IDDRI Ms Taneque Heslop, Jamaica's Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation Mr Andrés Pica, Ministry of Environment of Chile