Leaders’ Roundtable on NDCs enhancement

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By 2020, Parties to the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement will have the opportunity to submit new/revised NDCs or update their current ones. Ratcheting up the ambition through NDCs is crucial for achieving the goal of the Paris Agreement. 2020 is therefore the first milestone where this increased ambition can be demonstrated through an enhanced NDC, one that increases the current level of ambition and steers the country towards a Paris and 1.5°C degree compatible path.

In order to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement, and in line with IPCC report, countries need to set a long-term goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, greatly improve their adaptation capacities, and need to include in their NDCs short and medium plans coherent with this. Ambition is critical both in long term strategies and in the NDCs.

Participants in this roundtable will be able to analyze the lessons learnt from the first round of INDCs/NDCs and explore the best ways for their enhancement. Options include involving the all key stakeholders in the design and implementation of NDCs, but also seizing the opportunities of expanding the scope to new sectors that have untapped potential such as agriculture, oceans, nature-based solutions linked to biodiversity protection or covering additional GHGs.

The nine tracks of the summit are working on concrete solutions that can be implemented by countries to raise their ambition. An increased ambition also requires the alignment of finance and investment planning to enable the implementation of NDCs.

Questions in the discussion will include the following:

- Has your country studied/projected the economic benefits of implementing ambitious climate change actions and how have you integrated them in your development plans and actions?
- What are experiences and lesson learnt from your country to integrate NDC preparation and implementation with national development planning exercise? What kind mechanism can be put in place at national level to ensure the NDC can be fully implemented?
- How are your short-term goals in the new NDC connected to a long term strategy?
- What type of international support would you require to enhance your NDC by 2020?