



GHANA'S POLICY PROCESSES AND PREPARATION OF INTENDED NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (INDC)

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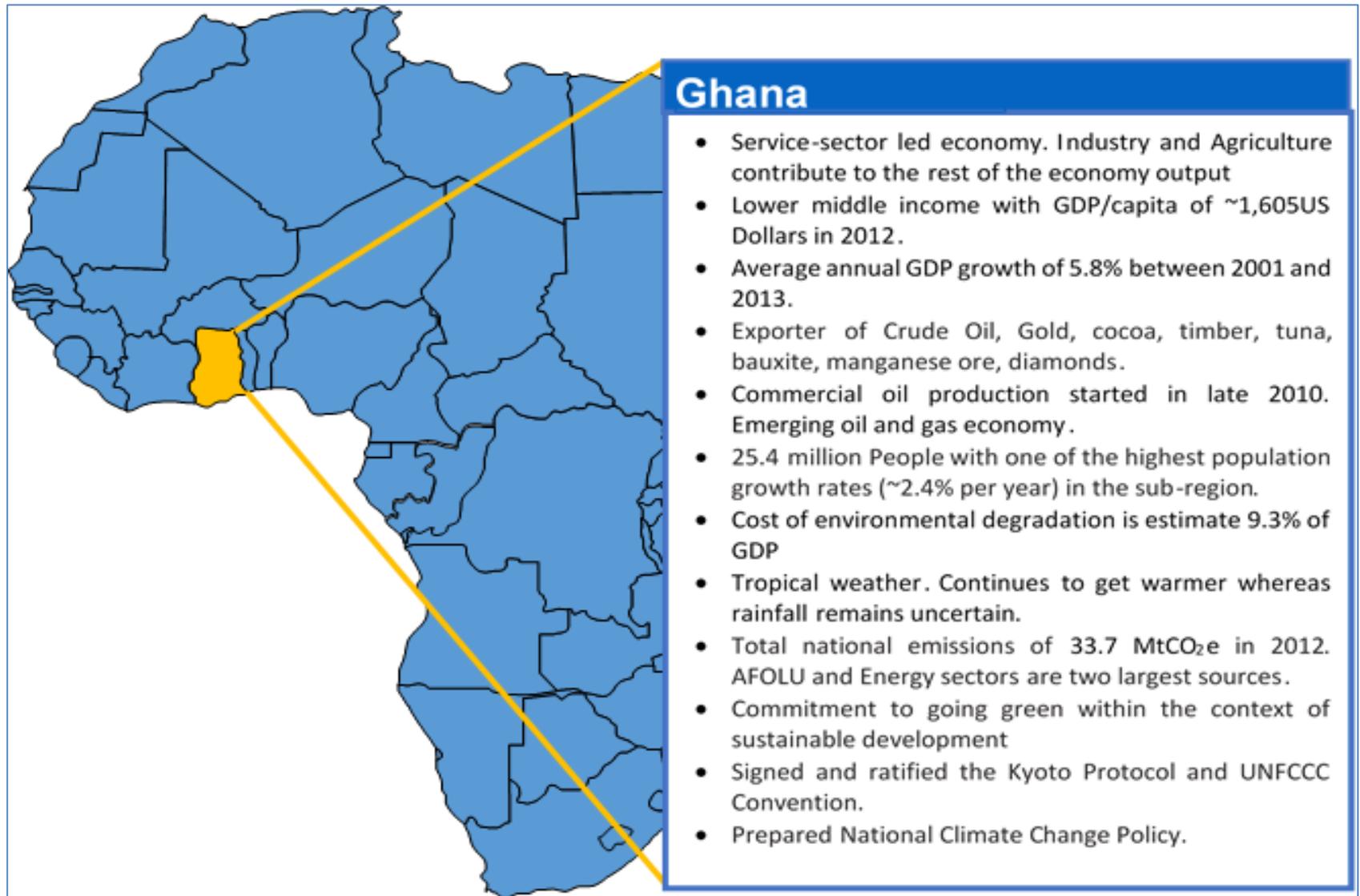
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Ghana's National Circumstances



Policy and Institutional processes

- Climate Change Committee
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Ghana Shared Growth Development Agenda (2013-2017)
- 1st, 2nd 3rd National Communication
- National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy
- Technology Needs Assessment
- Green Economy Strategy 2014
- National Climate Change Policy
- Climate Change Master Plan (CC strategy)
- iNDC?

National Climate Change Policy (NCCP)

The National Climate Change Policy (NCCP) is to **provide strategic direction** and **co-ordinate issues** of climate change in Ghana

It surpasses 'traditional' climate change policy areas of adaptation and Mitigation, and emphasises that **social development is of key concern** and therefore cuts across sectoral areas

The three main objectives of the NCCP are:

1. **Effective adaptation**
2. **Social development**
3. **Mitigation**

4-thematic areas that will drive adaptation strategies are

- Energy and Infrastructure
- Natural Resource Management
- Agriculture and Food Security
- Disaster Preparedness and Response

Means of implementation

- 9 systematic pillars for implementation

Ghana's INDC

- One of the major decisions of the 20th Conference of Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs)
- While basic directions on areas for the INDC were provided in the COP decision at Lima, for the most part remains an open ended decision left to individual countries;
- Especially, parties who are in a position to do so,
 - could submit their Contributions by the first quarter of 2015 or June
 - by 1 October, 2015 among others

General Guidelines for Preparation of INDC

1. Quantifiable information based on a reference point (including a base year);
2. Time frames and/or periods for implementation;
3. Scope and coverage (implying gases and sectors);
4. Planning processes (to oversee the fulfilment of INDCs);
5. Assumptions and methodological approaches, including those for estimating and accounting of GHGs
6. Fair and ambitious considerations in the light of national circumstances, and
7. Towards achieving the objective set out in Article 2 of the Convention (prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference in the climate system)

The National Agenda

To prepare a **technically sound, economic feasible and politically acceptable INDC for Ghana** by:

- (a) defining economy-wide objectives;
- (b) formulating strategies for achieving the set objectives;
- (c) identifying means of implementation,
- (d) establishing system for monitoring and tracking the progress; and
- (e) assessing the overall the socio-economic cost to developments;

INDC = an efficient vehicle for attaining **long-term emission reduction** and **adaptation objectives**

Scope of the INDC

Phase 1

Prepare and submit Ghana's INDC to the UNFCCC within the stipulated time;

Phase 2

Formulate a national action plan to guide implementation of the strategies that would be identified in the INDC for 2020

Plan National Agenda for Phase 1

1. Staging

Activities	Responsibility	Projected Time due	Anticipated Time due
Preparation of the National Agenda	EPA & MESTI	Beginning of March	
Conduct informal brainstorming	EPA, MESTI		
-Formation of working group team, -set out TOR and activity plan	EPA /MESTI		
Initiate high-level consultation	DPs, MPs/ Ministers	Middle of March	Middle of April
Initiate low-level consultation/Sector /area specific/Inception workshop/ Awareness creation/sensitization campaign	EPA /MESTI	From Mid-May	
Discussions with working groups	MDAs, Academia, Research Institutions, Private sector, CSOs	Beginning of April	

Refine our national agenda

Plan Agenda Analysis

Activities	Responsibility	Projected Time due	Anticipated Time due
Prepare option paper on means of implementation and implications of strategic choices	INDC Team	Middle of April	End of May?
Prepare option paper on adaptation contribution	INDC Team		
Prepare option paper on mitigation contribution	INDC Team		

Prepare 2 option papers

- 1. Mitigation- synergy - processes**
- 2. Adaptation- synergy - processes**

Plan Agenda

Consultation & Policy Disclosure

Consultation	Political consultation	District Assemblies/DCEs, MPs, ENRAC	Middle of July	Middle of September
	Technical consultation	MDAs/MMDAs, CSIR, Academia,		
	Conduct other stakeholder consultations	Civil society, private sector, DPs		
Policy disclosure	Cabinet approval	Cabinet	End of June	Middle of September

Refine the option papers and submission

Terms of Reference

Objectives

The overall objective of the ToR is to support preparation of Ghana's INDC to include emission contribution, adaptation contribution and implication and means of implementation

Specifically:

- Gather **GHG emission inventory, adaptation data** in order to study and understand the historical patterns of the interrelationships amongst them;
- All the necessary economic, development data
- Observed underlying patterns that inform future development choices;
- Prepare the Contributions and subject the main inputs into stakeholder consultation and political processes, taking into account the vision of country's economic transformation agenda

Scope of Work

We will **engage National Consultant** to lead the **3 option papers** and collaborate with the **National Team to** perform the following tasks:

- Gather necessary economic, development and GHG emission inventory data;
- Use the observed underlying patterns to inform the **construction of baseline emission scenarios for 2020, 2030 and 2040** at:
 - economy-wide scale;
 - different sector contributions;
- The baseline emissions must consider to the extent possible,
 - impacts of existing sector policies,
 - overall effects of economic transformation trajectory and
 - key policy that have driven historical emission trends

Scope of Work

- **Identify and prioritize key sectors** and existing new policies and measures and assess their **emissions reduction options and co-benefit impacts** on individually and as aggregate per sector or by gases
- **Assess different emissions reduction options** emerging from the overall economy-wide GHG impacts of implementation of policies and measures and **formulate it into medium-to-long term emission objectives** based on selected sectors, set of policies and actions
- **Make recommendations** on which emission reduction option or pathway would be efficient and sustainable considering Ghana current and future development circumstances (financial, social and economic implications thereof to each option).

Scope of Work

- **Identify and assess financial, economic and social implications/cost** of the emission reduction options and make practical recommendations on the response measures that must be considered to ensure implementation with minimal consequences the economy, society and natural systems;
- **Evaluate technical, capacity and financial barriers** that are likely to hinder to the full implementation of policies and measures in order to attain the economy-wide emission reduction objective within reasonable time frame;
- **Document methodology, assumptions and uncertainties** associated with the construction of the baseline scenarios, assessment of medium-long term options of mitigation reductions and formulation of the economy-wide emission reduction objectives.

Deliverables

- An inception report
 - indicating task and objectives,
 - showing how each of the objectives will be met,
 - proposed methods, data sources, data collection procedures,
 - detailed work plan, and implementation schedule,
 - proposed schedule of tasks, activities and deliverables,
 - designating responsibility for each task or product,
- Documentation of methodology, data used and associated assumptions and uncertainties,
- Draft Contribution option papers containing all the elements elaborated under scope of work and
- Final Contribution option papers

Time Frame and Reporting arrangement

- **Work plan and budget (Tuesday 14/03/2015)**
- Execute up to June/September 2015, commencing immediately contract is signed;
- 20% of the total sum paid after signing the service contract and submission of inception report;
- 30% upon submission of draft report;
- 50% upon final submission of the report
- Payment will be made in Ghana Cedis using the prevailing UN Exchange rate;
- Failure to meet the time deadlines will attract penalty, which will be imposed on the Consultant.