

## **Moving beyond pledges: effective implementation of NDCs**

The problem of climate change demands a coordinated global effort and the Paris Agreement transformed this need into action by embodying the need for voluntary emission reduction and adaptation pledges by member countries signatory to the agreement. This was a significant move towards realizing the global goal keeping the global temperature rise to well-below 2C compared to pre-industrialized levels. Countries, since 2015, have thus pledged to reduce their emissions. However, most assessments state that the current pledges are only 3.2C pathway. In this light, it is imperative that countries not only pledge ambitiously but also implement actions effectively.

While India's progress towards achieving its NDCs has been impressive so far and appreciated by global climate change community, she like many other developing countries faces enormous challenges to implement its current NDCs and also to be more ambitious in its next set of targets. Key challenges like identifying policy levers and assessing impacts, developing national, sub-national & sectorial plans, institutional arrangements and most importantly getting finance and investment ready.

As we move closer to the implementation of the Paris Agreement from January, 2021 these challenges need to be addressed especially if the world has to stay well-below the 2C target it has set for itself. With this background, TERI, with the support of the World Bank group is organizing a high-level discussion at the World Sustainable Development Summit 2019, to deliberate upon the challenges and possible solutions & tools that would enable in the process of implementing the NDCs effectively.

**Style:** Open Panel discussion with a Chair. The panel would contain a maximum of 5 speakers excluding the chair. Each panelist would be allowed for an opening statement of 7 minutes. The Chair would then post specific questions (see below) to each of the panelists with a maximum of five minutes of intervention time. The last 10 minutes would be reserved for an open house. Panelists are encouraged to limit the use of presentations.

### **Questions:**

1. Where do countries stand and what is limiting greater proliferation of action?
2. Raising ambitions – what role can intergovernmental bodies play?
3. How important are sub-national actions and how do we scale them up?
4. What are the existing systems for monitoring NDC progress and how to strengthen these systems?
5. What are the possible financial tools to address the key barriers in implementing NDCs?