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THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INCREASES ITS AMBITION TO COMBAT THE CLIMATE CRISIS

The country expanded its contribution to the fight against the negative effects of climate change through a participatory process.

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The Dominican Republic presented its first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 2015, and in 2020 it was time to update its contribution. Despite the challenges arising from the pandemic, the country engaged its citizens in a participatory and inclusive process involving academic institutions, the private sector, civil society, and young people. The result was an NDC co-constructed with the public and containing more ambitious commitments. The country adopted the goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 27% by 2030. Of this 27% reduction, 20% will be funded by external resources, and the remaining 7% will come out of the country's own budget. Several adaptation measures were also revised to include intersectional aspects of climate action, such as gender equity and inclusion, the role of young people, the role of cities and municipalities, human rights, and a just transition. The effort to update the NDC was led by the Ministry for Economy, Planning, and Development (MEPyD), the Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources. It was coordinated by the country's National Council on Climate Change and Clean Development Pathways (CNCCMDL) and supported through funding by the NDC Partnership's Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP).

Why does Fundación Avina support this initiative?

Nationally Determined Contributions are the means by which individual countries define and communicate how they will respond to the climate crisis and fulfill the Paris Agreement. They must be revised every five years to expand each contribution. It is one of Fundación Avina's priorities to provide input and collaborate with countries to help align their goals with global climate targets.

What did Fundación Avina and its allies do?

Fundación Avina collaborated with the government of the Dominican Republic on the design and implementation of a strategy involving dialogue with different sectors of society, encouraging the participation of the government, NGOs, young people, business leaders, academics, and journalists. We also assisted with media outreach to share the results, which is key for spreading the word about the revised NDC and inspiring the public to feel a sense of ownership.

Impact Achieved

Public Policies. The commitment to reducing greenhouse gases by a higher percentage and the incorporation of intersectional aspects of climate action will impact countless public policies.

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The announcement of the Dominican Republic's new NDC has been a key step toward expanding collaboration for climate action in the country. We held a workshop with journalists and webinars with specific groups, in addition to placing radio and television spots. These tools allowed us to translate the NDC into plain language directed at the general public, facilitating understanding about what it is and how to get involved in carrying it out."

Virginia Scardamaglia, Fundación Avina

"The process of improving and updating the 2020 Nationally Determined Contribution took place in the context of an unprecedented national and global crisis. Thanks to the efforts and collaboration of all those involved, health and safety protocols, and technological innovations, we were able to maintain the principles of transparency, inclusion, and participation and achieve the results that informed the country's national climate commitment."

Jeniffer Hanna, Coordinator of the Nationally Determined Contribution Improvement and Update Process for the NDC Partnership in the Dominican Republic

"The collaboration between the government, Fundación Avina, and the other implementing partners, within the framework of the NDC Partnership's Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP), allowed the country to access financing, expertise, and high-quality knowledge to make the 2020 NDC climate commitments more robust and accelerate their implementation. Fundación Avina's work was essential to involving new audiences in the construction of the updated NDC and promoting a sense of ownership."

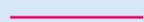
Amanda McKee, Head of CAEP, NDC Partnership Support Unit

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Impact on Fundación Avina's Strategic Pillars

Climate Action

Impact on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



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Impact in Numbers

500

**people directly
impacted**

1,000,000

**people indirectly
impacted**

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Impact on the Components of the Collaborative Process

 Relevance	In 2020 and 2021, several countries revised their NDCs, shortening the gap between existing national government commitments and the levels of climate action necessary to address the climate crisis. Updating an NDC through a participatory process is also essential for it to be incorporated into society.
 Tipping Point	The process of updating the NDCs and increasing their ambition helps national governments bring their commitments closer to the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C, as recommended by the scientific community and adopted by the Paris Agreement.
 Social Capital	The Dominican Republic's NDC revision process has been characterized by dialogue with the academic, private, civil society, and youth sectors, as well as a broad outreach campaign to share the results with the public. The wide, diverse range of social capital involved in the process lent it legitimacy.
 Unifying Vision	Widespread communication about the revised NDC contributed to raising awareness of the vision laid out in the document and bringing different sectors of society on board.
 Incidence	The NDC revision process led to a more ambitious target for the country's reduction in emissions and the incorporation of intersectional aspects of climate action, such as gender equity and inclusion, the role of young people, the role of cities and municipalities, human rights, and a just transition.