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# IMPLEMENTING NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (NDCS) UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT

### In a nutshell

*South Pole Group's comprehensive and unique implementation support is helping development partners, national governments, corporates and multilateral initiatives to better understand and operationalize viable climate policy actions and instruments to achieve the pledges laid out in the NDCs.*

Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement (PA) on climate change will drive climate action and sustainable development after 2020 but many countries need advice. This is why South Pole Group supports better **planning**, ambitious **policy design**, effective **implementatio**n roadmaps and the mobilization of **finance** on the ground as **4 necessary elements and strategies** to achieve NDCs.

## The challenge

The Paris Agreement is a turning point for Parties to the United Nation Framework on Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC), as all countries committed to implement Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) - in other words, the specific climate actions that they plan to take until 2030. To be able to implement NDCs, countries will require technical assistance, policy advisory, capacity building support and climate finance. They will also need corporates to contribute with their own action and the financial sector to shift investments towards climate-friendly activities.

## The solution

South Pole Group supports developing countries in implementing NDCs by helping them to:

- **Plan:** identify sectors and activities that deliver the highest value to achieve NDCs
- **Design:** draft policies, strategies, action plans and implementation roadmaps; evaluate climate change mitigation, adaptation and sustainable development impacts;
- **Implement** action plans and implementation roadmaps that can deliver action on the ground;
- **Finance:** identify adequate financial sources and mobilize instruments for implementation
- **Build capacity:** support national, subnational and local; public and private; institutional and NGO

South Pole Group has specific expertise developing the following NDC Implementation instruments:

- Low Emission / Low Carbon Development Strategies (LEDS/LCDS)
- Sectoral climate policies and strategies,, e.g. feed-in tariffs, Jurisdictional REDD, NAMA Designs
- Market-based mechanisms: emission trading, bilateral transactions and project development
- Public-private partnerships (PPPs): investment funds, project finance syndicates, etc.
- Corporate actions on sustainable supply chain and renewable energy; and
- Climate smart city plans

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**Planning** → **Policy Design** → **Roadmaps/ Action Plans** → **Finance/ Investment**

**Strategic Advisory: Policy and Enabling Environment**

**Technical Advisory and Project Management: Implementation, O&M, MRV+M&E, IT Tools**

**Human Development: Stakeholder Engagement, Partnership Management, Capacity Building**

**Monitoring, Reporting and Verifying (MRV) Services - MRV are integral to any policy and measure**

The MRV system/platform for reporting the Paris Agreement pledges will be paramount for each country's **NDC implementation strategy** and it is a core element of **South Pole Group's advisory offer**, as it has been part of our policy advisory track record in countries such as Belize, Brazil, Colombia, Indonesia, Mexico, Thailand, Tunisia and Vietnam.

South Pole Group is actively working with development banks and agencies to support countries with NDC implementation and new climate policy instrument design. We support, amongst others, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in developing investment plans for NDCs in Latin American countries. We also advise the government of Thailand on how to revise the feed-in tariff for renewable energy under an EU and GIZ-funded project.

South Pole Group will strengthen the 4 necessary pillars for a successful NDC Implementation by providing strategic, technical and human development support in particular in relation to:

1. **better planning and analytical decision-making tools** to identify, assess and select options
2. **engaging partnership development strategies** that deliver ambitious policy reform, not only in word but also in practice
3. **effective implementation roadmaps** that provide not only instructions but bankable action plans; and
4. **finance-ready actions on the ground**, and measuring and communicating its results

*"Today the world meets the moment, and if we follow through on the commitments that this Paris Agreement embodies, history may well judge it as a turning point for our planet"*

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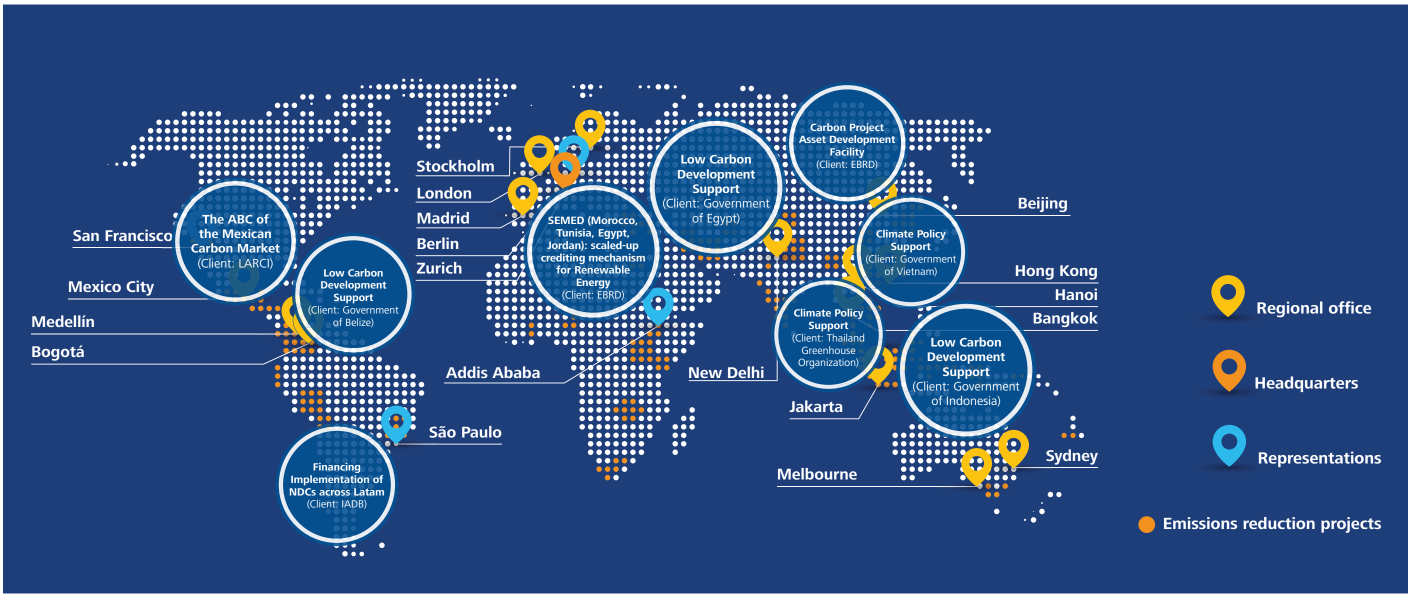
**Barack Obama,** on the day when the Paris Agreement came into force

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