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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
Country: Malaysia
Initiation Plan

Project Title:	Development of Malaysia's Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0)
Expected UNSDCF/CPD Outcome(s):	By 2025, environmental sustainability and resilience are mainstreamed as priorities within the national development agenda, across all sectors and levels of society.
Expected CPD Output(s):	Output 2.1: National development is transitioning towards decarbonization and a resource- efficient economy through the adoption of green growth strategies and practices across all sectors.
Initiation Plan Start/End Dates:	6/05/2025 – 31/10/2026
Implementing Partner:	United Nations Development Programme Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam (UNDP)

Brief Description

Climate change is a global challenge that requires global coordinated actions. The Paris Agreement is the legally binding treaty that binds international communities' commitment to take climate actions to limit global temperature increase to below 1.5°C. Article 4 Paragraph 6 of the Paris Agreement stipulates countries obligation to prepare NDCs that outline national mission reduction and adaptation measures.

The Climate Promise is supporting countries around the world to update their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) under the Paris Agreement. UNDP is supporting Malaysia with resourcing and technical capacity to enhance its NDC. UNDP Malaysia implementing this Initiation Plan with funding support to Malaysia of $500,000 in 2025.

In the lead up to 30th Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC, countries are revising their NDC's to increase ambition towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. Malaysia, as a G35 country has a key role in in reducing global emissions in conjuncture with similarly positioned countries.

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Programme Period:	2022-2025	Total resources required	$540,000
		Total allocated resources:	$540,000
Quantum Project Number:	01004338	• Regular	_____
		• Other:	
Quantum Award Number:	1363212	○ Donor	$540,000
		○ Donor	_____
Gender Marker:	Gen 2	○ Government	_____
		Unfunded budget:	_____
		In-kind Contributions	_____

Agreed by (Signature):

UNDP
Signed by: D2AA1A67F948445... Name: Edward Vrkic Resident Representative a.i. UNDP Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam
Date: 07-May-2025

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I. PURPOSE AND EXPECTED OUTPUT

Tackling the climate crisis requires all member countries to make and deliver bold pledges under the Paris Agreement. The objective of countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) is to limit average global temperature rise to below 1.5°C, adapt to climate impacts and attract sufficient finance to support these efforts. The Climate Promise is the framework for UNDP's support to developing countries to achieve their NDC priorities and deliver the Paris Agreement goals.

This Initiation Plan will facilitate UNDP Malaysia's support to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES) to increase Malaysia's NDC ambition under the Climate Promise. UNDP's expert knowledge and implementation capabilities will be essential to facilitate NDC development capacity improvement in NRES in a short timeframe.

The Initiation Plan will support the preparation of an updated NDC 3.0 due before COP 30 in November 2025. Support under this plan will enable an increase in ambition for Malaysia's NDC and the improvement of NRES's internal capabilities to track emissions, model sectoral contributions and plan for future actions.

Malaysia is developing its NDC in line with the updated Climate Change Policy and Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy. Malaysia is a key priority country for United Nations support to enhance global climate change commitments in the lead up to COP 30. Funding priorities to support NDC 3.0 under the Climate Promise were determined through a collaborative process involving a series of discussions with NRES. This process highlighted the need to increase NRES's capacity to project emissions in key sectors, conduct stakeholder consultation and plan for NDC implementation in a just manner. Key items supported by this Initiation Plan include:

- Enhancement of national capacity on GHG emissions/removal projections, tracking, monitoring and reporting on NDC achievement. Expert services will be used to improve Malaysia's projections capacity for different emissions sectors.
- Alignment of national policies and measures with NDC, Long Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) and national development agenda.
- Enhancement of inclusive engagement related to climate actions with various groups of stakeholders in Malaysia (federal and states government officials, private sector, youth, marginalised groups, people of different genders, scientists and other experts). This will include meetings, dialogues and workshops.
- Development of action plan and strategies, specifically a:
    - Just Transition Action Plan for the NDC and LTLEDS
    - NDC and LT-LEDS Financing Strategy
    - Climate Change Gender Action Plan
- Capacity building and Communication, Education, and Public Awareness.

This Initiation Plan will facilitate UNDP Malaysia's further engagement on Malaysia's climate change actions and their implementation of the NDC through the UNDP Country Programme Document for Malaysia under the Planet outcome pillar. It expands UNDP's support to NRES complementing existing work supporting Malaysia's climate change reporting under the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement

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II. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Roles and responsibilities of the project's governance mechanism:

Malaysia's NDC 3.0 development will be supported by UNDP Malaysia through the Country Office Direct Implementation Modality (DIM). UNDP, as Implementing Partner (IP), will work closely with the Climate Change Division of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES), in the development of an updated NDC through a consultative and scientifically backed approach.

UNDP will be responsible for executing the project including budgeting, coordination, management, monitoring, evaluation and reporting. This includes providing all required information and data necessary for timely, comprehensive and evidence-based project reporting, including results and financial data, as necessary.

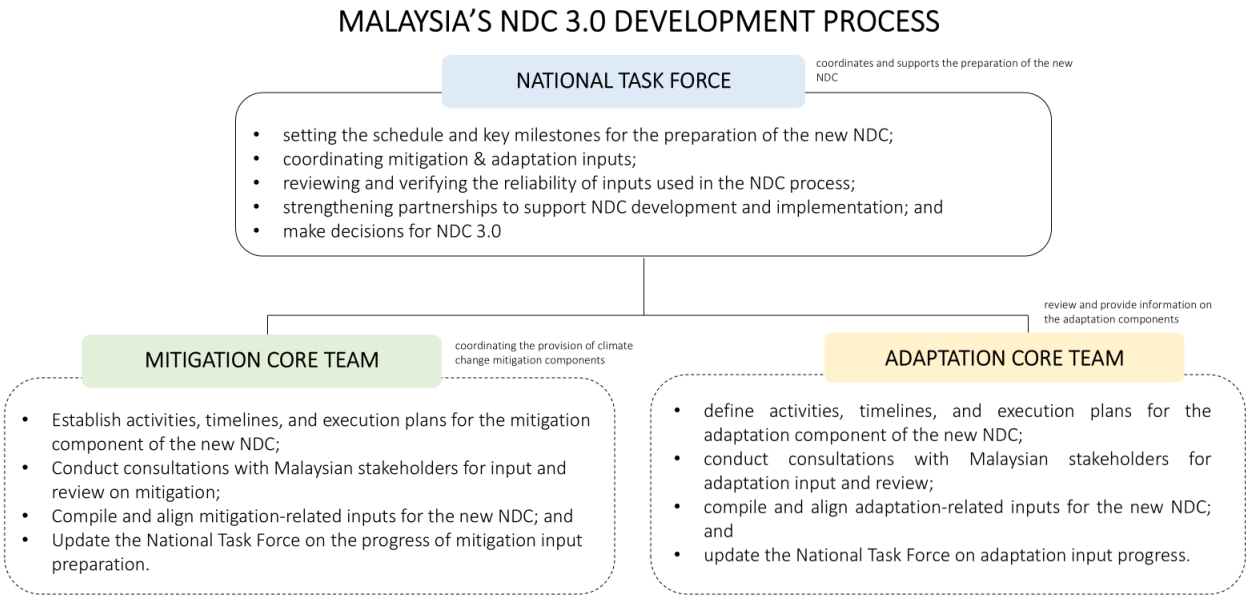
UNDP will ensure that the outputs and deliverables outlined in this Initiation Plan are completed on time, within budget and in line with UNDP requirements and NRES priorities.

UNDP will draw from international/regional exchange of best practices and on procurement expertise from UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub where applicable to facilitate project implementation.

Project Organisation Structure:

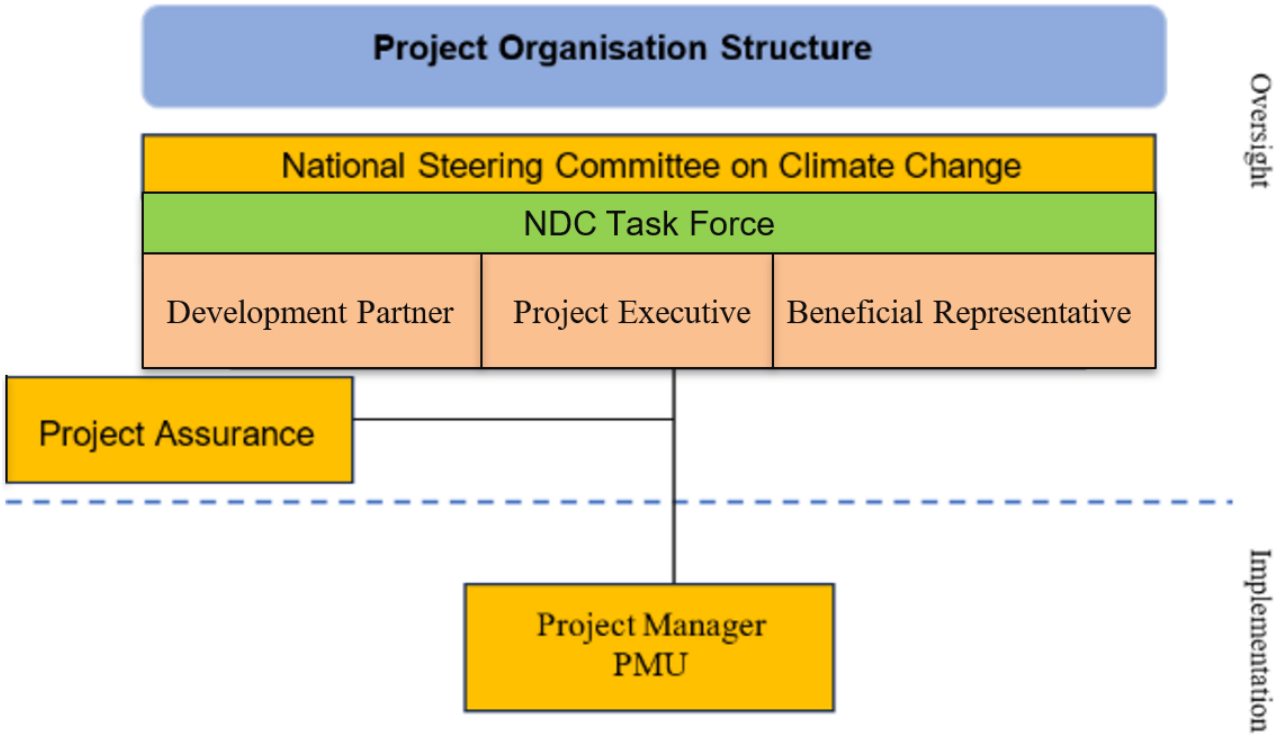
National Steering Committee on Climate Change (NSCCC): is the highest level of committee that provides policy guidance and suggests corrective actions regarding the development of Malaysia's NDC 3.0. NSCCC also ensures that the Project achieves the outcomes as outlined in the agreed Work Plan. The NSCCC is chaired by the Secretary General of NRES. Please see the project accountability structure section below.

National Task Force on NDC: The technical preparation of NDC 3.0 will be led by the National Task Force on NDC. It will have 2 main core teams, the Mitigation Core Team and the Adaptation Core Team. Specific functions of the Task Force and the Core Teams are listed in the diagram below:



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The Project's accountability structure is as follows:



Project Director/Executive(s): This is an individual(s) who represents ownership of the project. Usually is the most senior national counterpart for nationally implemented projects (typically from the same entity as the Implementing Partner). **The Project Executive is the Resident Representative of UNDP Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam.**

Development Partner(s): Individuals representing the interests of the parties that provide funding, strategic guidance and technical expertise to the project. There can be multiple development partners representatives. **The Development Partner is the Ministry of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES).**

Beneficial Representative: Represents the interest of the groups of stakeholders ultimately benefiting from the project. Their primary function is to ensure the realization of project results from the perspective of project beneficiaries. **The Beneficial Representative is the Forest Research Institute Malaysia.**

Project Assurance:

UNDP carries out objective and independent project oversight and monitoring functions. UNDP performs quality assurance and supports the Project Management Unit. The Project Board cannot delegate any of its quality assurance responsibilities to the project manager. Project assurance is totally independent of project execution. As UNDP is also supporting project implementation, protocols should be put in place ensuring proper segregation between UNDP's role in the Board and in the function of project assurance, and any concurrent role in implementation. **The UNDP representative responsible for project assurance is the UNDP Malaysia Programme Specialist, Nature, Climate and Energy.**

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Project Support provided by the Project Management Unit:

A Project Management Unit (PMU) will be established and will be led UNDP. The PMU is responsible for the overall day-to-day management of the Project, including the mobilisation of all Project's activities, overseeing the Project's budget and expenditure, as well as provide supervision over project staff, specialists and experts engaged under the Project. The PMU will also monitor Project's progress and provide the necessary information/update regarding this Project, and seek guidance and advice when required, to the National Task Force on NDC and the NSCCC. The PMU will have representatives from NRES, the Nature, Climate and Energy Unit of UNDP and other relevant members, to be invited as and when necessary.

The Project Manager is responsible for the overall management of the project. The project manager typically presents key deliverables and documents to the Board for review and approval, including progress reports, annual work plans, adjustments to tolerance levels and risk logs. The project manager and primary PMU representative is: Programme Analyst, Climate and Energy, UNDP.

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III. MONITORING

Project Monitoring and Review Meetings

Within UNDP, activities implemented in the Climate Promise Initiation Plan will be discussed and monitored during fortnightly bilateral consultation with Head of Programme (as representative from the Management team). The NDC 3.0 project will be discussed by the Programme and Management Team as and when required.

Progress Reporting Documents

Two project reports will be prepared:

1. Mid-year Progress Report

A mid-year progress report will be prepared by UNDP which will highlight the progress of the project, bottlenecks, risks, and identify actions to address issues. This will be done in the mid-term of the project, 5 months after project initiation.

2. End of Project Report

An End of project Report will be prepared as a final assessment of the achievements based on the chain of results defined in Work Plan. The Report will also include information on lessons learned, financial allocations of expenditure. It may be supplemented by additional narrative to meet specific reporting needs of stakeholders, especially the bilateral donor.

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IV. WORK PLAN

Period[1]: May 2025 – 31 October 2025

Attached separately

[1] Maximum 18 months