



The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia submitted its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) outline on November 16th 2015. The actions and plans outlined in the submission seek to achieve mitigation co-benefits ambitions of up to 130 million tons of CO₂eq avoided by 2030 annually through contributions to economic diversification and adaptation. These ambitions are dependant on the Kingdom's economy continuing to grow with an increasingly diversified economy and a robust contribution from oil export revenues to the national economy. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia ratified the Paris agreement in November 2016.

Over the last three years the country has been rapidly moving forward towards the implementation of the proclaimed NDCs. When it comes to the investment in renewable energy production, Saudi Arabia, under the operation of the National Renewable Energy Program, has recently launched the Sakaka Solar PV project. It is expected to become commercially operated by 2019 and generate 300 MW of solar power energy.

Development of carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) plants has been of major importance for the Kingdom in decreasing its global carbon footprint. Two large CCUS projects (the Saudi Aramco's Uthmaniyah CO₂-EOR Demonstration Project and SABIC) together capture and utilize 1,300,000 tons of carbon dioxide annually.

In addition, large progress has been achieved in promotion and development of the public transport system in the cities of the Kingdom. The construction of the Riyadh metro is to be completely done in 2019, signifying the opening of the largest (six lines and 85 stations in total) metro system in the world.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia stands firm in its commitments to its NDCs objectives and will continue its work towards achieving the 130 million tons of CO₂eq reduction by 2030.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is pleased to be of service on the board of the Green Climate Fund (GCF). Saudi Arabia will strive to engage in GCF initiatives while maintaining a focus on developing and enhancing its economy. Saudi Arabia understands its position within the GCF as contingent on its own growth and shall only be committed to the enterprise if the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's objectives are met fully.

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