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The Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic component of LbD was launched at a hybrid virtual-live event at the Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week in May 2021. The launch in Santo Domingo was attended by the Executive Vice-president of the National Council for Change Climate, the Vice Minister of Planning of the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development, representatives of the Ministry of the Environment and the German Ambassador, as well as participation by academic, civil society and business leaders.

In the event, perspectives of development were discussed, particularly of post-Covid, sustainable, inclusive development in a country requiring extra resilience because of its climate vulnerabilities and insularity.

Alongside these topics, the development of sustainable industry, circularity, tourism services and agriculture were also highlighted, including during the meeting's technical workshops in mid-May.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

On August 16, 2020, the new administration took office. In the climate order, the Dominican Republic improved and updated the NDC-RD 2020 and increased its ambition in the national GHG emission reduction policy from 25 to 27% from a 2010 baseline in the BAU 2030 scenario, including non-GHG tar-gets framed in terms of technological objectives or types of mitigation options, with identified numerical objectives and collateral mitigation benefits of adaptation actions. The LBD project will identify strengths and weaknesses to achieve the new 27% target and contribute to implementation of the NDC Roadmap with the identification of viable and feasible projects in prioritized sectors.

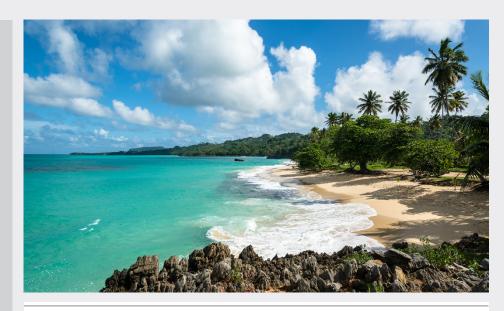
The government launched the Sustainable Production and Consumption Accelerator Roadmap on 30 June 2020. The document contains reflected activities focused and connected to climate transparency tools, specifically the design of the national MRV system and the strengthening of data. In this regard, the Executive Branch issued Decree 541-20 that "creates the Dominican Republic's National Greenhouse Gas Measurement, Reporting and Verification System (MRV), with the purpose of accounting for greenhouse gas emissions and implementing mitiga-tion actions to ensure financing aimed at promoting climate action".

-The project conducts a revised NDC analysis of the Dominican Republic, which was submitted by the country in December 2020. This process focuses on identifying opportunities to collaborate with the implementation of the NDC in four (4) main areas: ambition, potential for the transition to a low-carbon economy, enabling environment, and means of implementation and participation of the private sector.

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Events





DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (CONT.)

- -A side event on banking opportunities in the context of the NDC and the opportunities developed by the project is evaluated. In the same way, a side event is planned, on mitigation and adaptation synergies in the upcoming Caribbean Climate Week.
- -The project will support the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development (MEPYD) in the review processes of the 2030 National Development Strategy, with a view to: increasing the effort to cross-section climate change into national planning; include long-term visions (2050) within national planning, public investment, and international cooperation instruments.
- -The current government, chaired by Mr. Luis Abinader, began in August 2020. The change of authorities has mobilized many human resources of institutions (at the level of executives, professionals, technicians and low-wage workers) and has led to the creation of new administrative processes aimed at increasing efficiency and transparency in public administration. It is not yet known whether the administration will develop other instruments or regulations for international cooperation or development financing, however, the project could positively influence this, through joint work with the institutions in charge of international cooperation (MEPYD) and external financ-ing (Ministry of Finance).
- -A workshop on the vision of the National Development Strategy is planned with the Deputy Minister of Economic and Social Planning and the Vice-Ministry of Territorial Planning and International Cooperation with the project team for the second week of April 2021.

