



CHAMP What can cities and regions do?

Why and how to engage in the NDC process

CHAMP is a commitment by 75 national governments to work with their subnational governments (cities, towns, states and regions) when developing and implementing climate strategies; and to support local climate action to limit global temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, and increase climate adaptation and resilience.

Subnational governments have huge potential to contribute, for example cities could deliver at least 40% of the emission reductions needed by 2030 to stay on track with 1.5°C. **However this is largely not reflected and not adequately supported through national climate targets and strategies. Your country's commitment to CHAMP is an opportunity to request better recognition and support for your actions, in the next Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) due at COP30 in 2025, and maximise your impact on the livelihoods of your residents.**

Currently, two-thirds of CHAMP endorsers currently only have moderate or no urban content in their NDCs → find your country's urban content rating [here](#).

What subnational content should an NDC include?

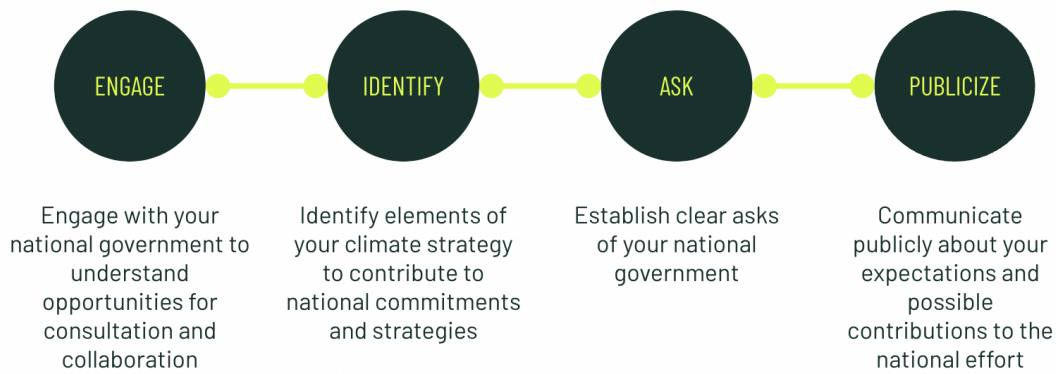
- ❑ **A specific subnational section**, including actions, challenges and opportunities at the subnational level, co-designed through consultation with subnational governments (or urban priorities integrated throughout the NDC's sectoral priorities).
- ❑ **Urban areas identified as priority sectors.**
- ❑ **Identified subnational priorities are matched with actions.**

Potential benefits of inclusion of your contributions in your country's climate strategies

1. Access to both financial and technical resources dedicated to climate action
2. Vertical/horizontal coordination and policy coherence for better climate policy action and outcomes
3. Capacity building, networking, collaboration and sharing best practices domestically and internationally
4. Advocacy pathways for your projects to be prioritised at the national/regional level
5. Legitimacy, trust and accountability
6. Innovation and research

How to take action?

You may consider a 4-step approach to engage your national government on CHAMP:



Engage

- Identify who in your city/state speaks to your national government
- Raise CHAMP and request consultation/ inclusion in the NDC process
- Unite with fellow subnational leaders to strengthen your claim
- Identify a domestic CHAMP champion
- Use your climate data and commitments, recorded through reporting platforms (2) to inform your discussions with the national government and your fellow subnational leaders

Identify

- Identify your top 2-4 climate projects and their impact in terms of emission reduction / improving the quality of life or saving money for citizens
- Identify key sectors in your city/state and their contribution to the city/state budget. Mark those who may be affected by national climate policies and outline your legislative powers in this aspect (or lack of thereof)
- Present in a short document what you would like included in the NDC
- Report your climate projects to your usual reporting platform
- Update your GHG inventory and risk assessments

Ask

- Ask your national association to organise dialogues with your national government.
- Request a clear dedicated section (or throughout references) on actions, challenges and opportunities at the subnational level in the NDC
- Request national governments for help accessing financial and technical support available through international mechanisms
- Ask for public and private finance (required for the implementation of the climate strategy)
- Advocate and ask for enabling conditions required for the implementation of the climate strategy

Publicise

- Publicise your asks to your national government with an open letter (templates available!)
- Promote your top 2-4 climate projects and how national government support could help achieve them or increase their impact in terms of emission reduction / improving the quality of life or saving money for citizens via articles, videos and social media
- Publicise meetings with your national government (and fellow subnational leaders)