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Climate Architecture

1 INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE MANDATE
Political direction

UNFCCC / Paris Agreement
Parties → COP / CMA

Sets collective climate goals, rules and political guidance.
Parties define commitments and priorities (NDCs, NAPs, transparency).

UNFCCC Secretariat
Supports negotiations, constituted bodies, implementation architecture and transparency — does not implement country projects.

All support helps countries deliver their commitments to the Convention and enhanced ambition

Reporting and commitments (from countries)

2 FINANCE PATHWAYS
Mobilizing resources

Multiple sources of finance work together to support developing-country Parties in implementing their climate priorities.

Multitateral Climate Funds (under UNFCCC guidance)
Translate COP/CMA guidance into funding policies, programming frameworks, eligibility and funding decisions.

GEF — Global Environment Facility
Multi-environment benefits (climate, land, chemicals)
Administers:
- LDCF — Least Developed Countries Fund
- SCCF — Special Climate Change Fund

GCF — Green Climate Fund
Supports low-emission and climate-resilient development.

FRLD — Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage
Supports action to address loss and damage in developing countries.

Adaptation Fund
Serves the Paris Agreement; distinct governance (arrangements with the CMP).

Bilateral Support
Direct support from countries and other providers (public and private) to developing-country Parties.

- **Bilateral public finance** (e.g. development cooperation, climate finance)
- **Export credits & development finance institutions** (e.g. ECA-supported finance, blended finance)
- **Private sector finance** (e.g. investment, philanthropy, carbon markets)
- **Other sources** (e.g. South-South cooperation, triangular cooperation)

Finance + fund policies/standards (multilateral)

Bilateral support (from providers)

3 DELIVERY
Implementation partners

Implement projects and programmes on the ground.

GEF Agencies
UNEP • UNDP • World Bank • FAO • UNIDO • IFAD • Regional MDBs • others

Develop, supervise and support execution of GEF-funded projects, applying GEF policies and their own institutional mandates.

GCF Accredited Entities
UN agencies • MDBs (World Bank, AfDB, ADB, CAF, EGRP, IADB, etc.) • national/regional development banks • public/private institutions • NGOs

Develop funding proposals; oversee, supervise, manage and monitor approved GCF programmes/projects.

Bilateral Implementers
UNEP and other UN agencies

Implement projects and programmes supported through bilateral finance (e.g. UNEP, UNDP, FAO, UNIDO, etc.) and other partners (MDBs, NGOs, private sector).

Programme/project delivery & support (from multilateral finance)

4 COUNTRY ACTION
Real economy

Turning finance and partnerships into climate solutions.

Countries / national institutions / communities / private sector
Policies & regulation • institutions & capacity • mitigation • adaptation & resilience • technology • nature-based solutions • loss & damage response:

Country ownership

Key distinctions and mandates

- **UNFCCC =** treaty framework & political mandate (sets goals, rules and guidance). **No implementation mandate.**
- **Funds = finance** (translate guidance into funding policies and provide resources to developing-country Parties).
- **UNEP (and other UN agencies) = implementation mandate** (develop, manage and implement projects and programmes).
- **Development banks (World Bank, CAF, IADB, AfDB, etc.) = accredited entities** that implement projects using climate finance (e.g. GCF, GEF) and also provide their own climate finance.
- **Countries = owners and implementers** (of climate action).

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Strategic Narrative

Strategic objective

Climate stability

Impact

Reduce emissions & enhance adaptation and resilience

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Science

Climate data and policy research & analytics

Sectoral reports and publications

IPCC collaboration

Flagships

- Adaptation and Emissions Gap Reports – Limiting Overshoot

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Planning & Reporting

Country support towards UNFCCC-related obligations: NDCs, NAPs, GHG inventories, BTRs*

CTCN Technical Assistance

Flagship

- Climate Transparency

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Sectoral Solutions & Finance

Implementation of country and sector-specific project portfolios

Mobilization of resources (Vertical Funds, Donors)

Focus on policies, capacities, markets and finance

Flagships

- Methane
- Cooling
- Nature-based Solutions

Operations and Administration

* Nationally Determined Contributions, National Adaptation Plans, Greenhouse Gas Inventories, Biennial Transparency Reviews

Organizational Structure and Senior Leadership



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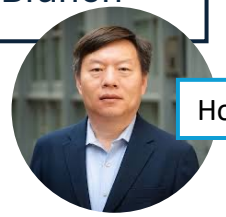
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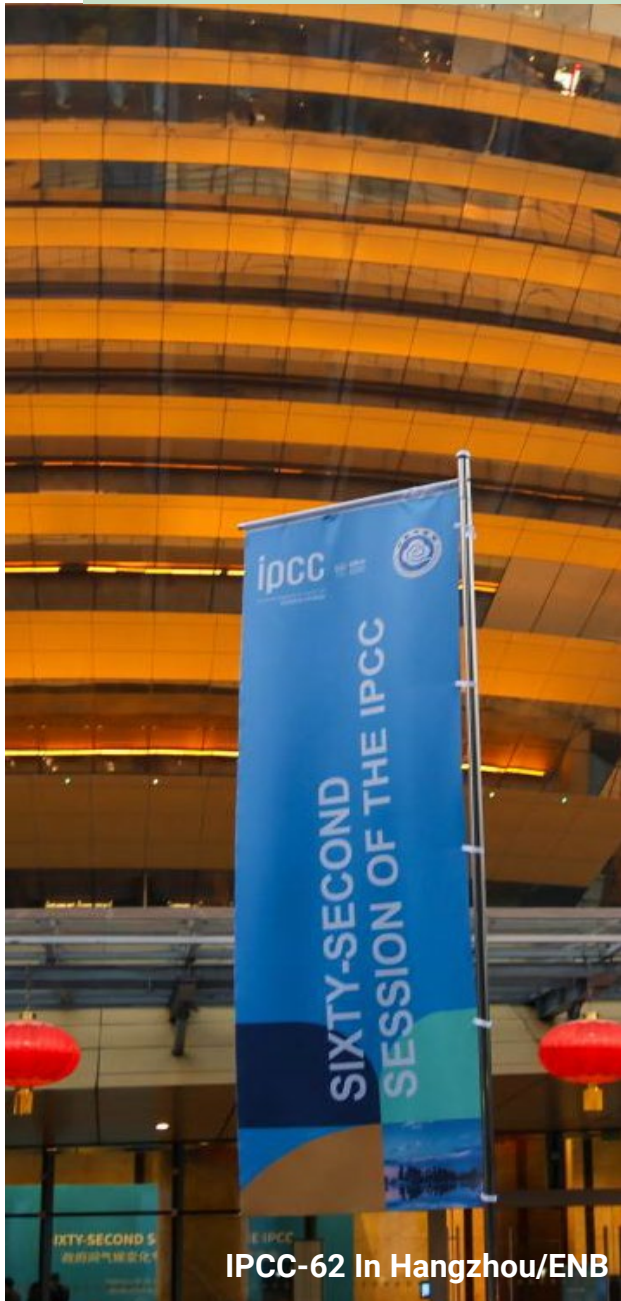
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Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

- **Since 1998, UNEP co-hosts IPCC alongside WMO**
- **IPCC assesses the scientific basis of climate change**
- **During its 7th cycle, the Panel will produce the Reports: (1) Physical Science Basis; (2) Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability; (3) Mitigation of Climate Change**
- **UNEP makes an annual contribution to the IPCC Trust Fund and provides the post of Deputy Executive Secretary, along with other support to various processes.**



IPCC-62 In Hangzhou/ENB

Evidence-based knowledge products: Emissions and Adaptation Gap Reports

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- **Independent, science-based assessments informing international climate change discussions and negotiations.**
- **Annual updates of discrepancies between current mitigation and adaptation action and ambition and the levels needed to get on track to achieving the Paris Agreement.**



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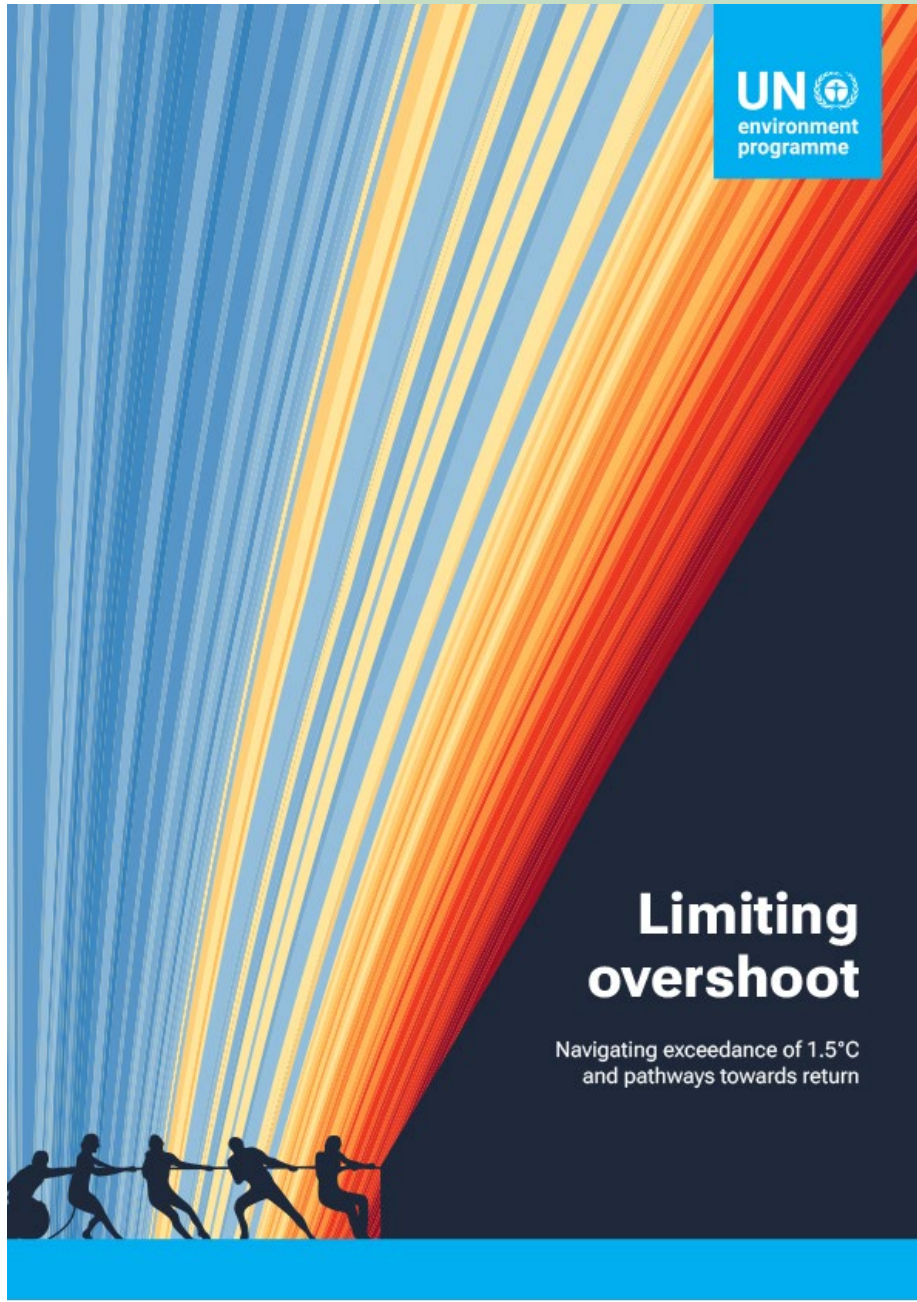
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Evidence-based knowledge products: Limiting Overshoot Report

- **The report examines the implications of entering an era of 1.5°C overshoot and the choices that remain available.**
- **It shifts the discussion from simply recognizing the overshoot of 1.5°C to understanding how overshoot can be limited, managed, and ultimately reduced through informed decision-making and credible pathways that support a return below 1.5°C.**
- **It consolidates the best available evidence on the extent, drivers, risks, solutions and identifies knowledge, research and governance gaps, providing Member States policy relevant knowledge.**



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Evidence-based knowledge products

- **Spotlighting Opportunity: How Artificial Intelligence is Accelerating Methane Action**
- **Cheaper. Cleaner. Unstoppable. Clean technologies that are delivering for the climate**
- **Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction 2025 – 2026: Building Fast, Falling Short**
- **State of Finance for Nature 2026: Nature in Red**
- **Global Cooling Watch Report 2025: the Free Degrees**
- **An Eye on Methane 2025: From Measurement to Momentum**
- **State of Finance for Forests 2025: Unlock. Unleash.**



Partnerships, Pledges, Finance

- Sectoral partnerships: **Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction, UN-REDD, Cool Coalition, United for Efficiency, etc.**
- Pledges: **Global Methane Pledge, Buildings Breakthrough, Food Waste Breakthrough, Global Cooling Pledge.**
- Methane: **International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO)and Methane Alert and Response System (MARS)**
- Cooling: **Climate super-solution delivering on adaptation and mitigation**
- Implementation Finance: **Article 6, roadmap to NCQG, Global EBA Fund (with IUCN), Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (CTCN), Seed Capital Assistance Facility (SCAF)**
- Implementing partners: **UNSG's Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative**
- Co-founder: **Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF) with WMO and UNDP**



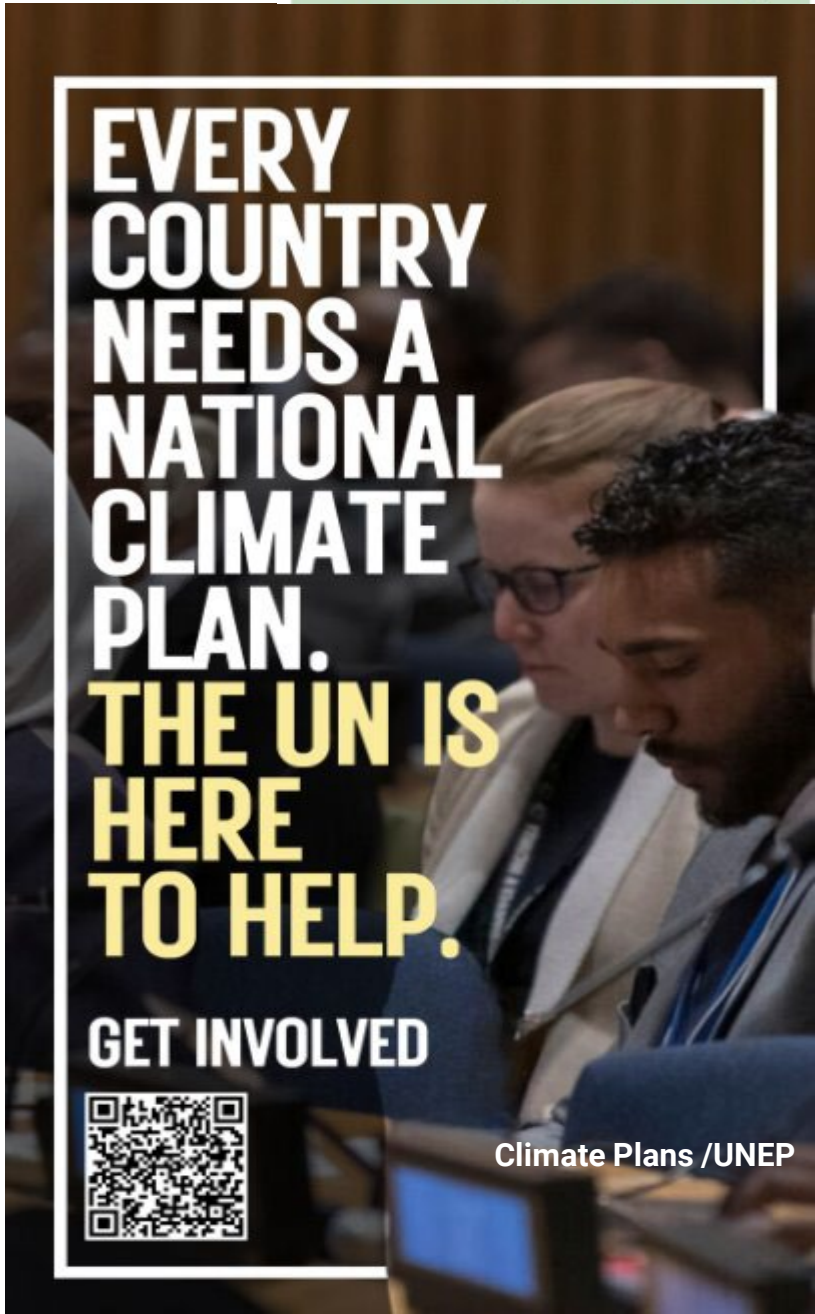
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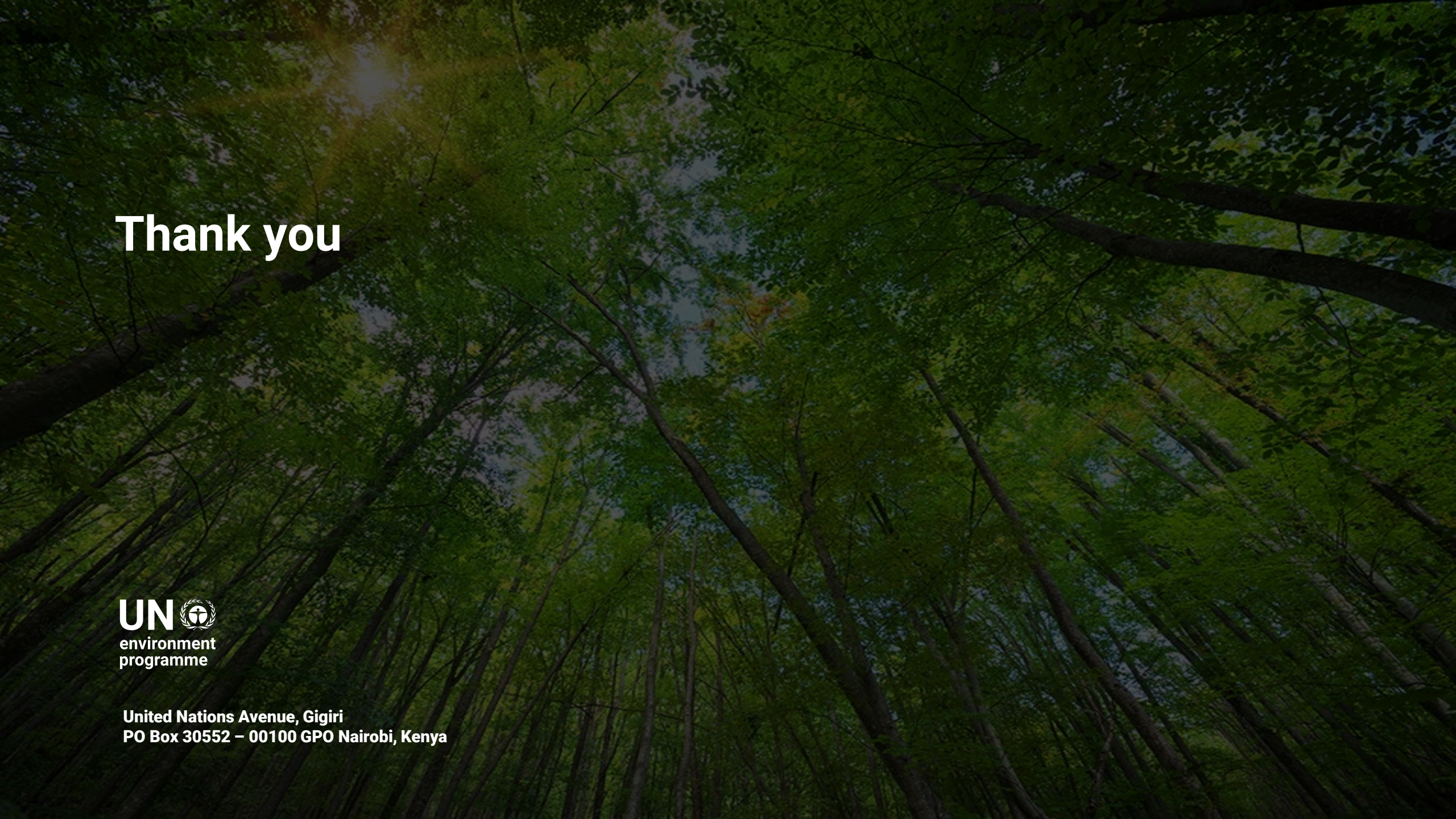
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Planning & Reporting

NDCs, NAPs, Transparency

- **Support to +100 countries on the Enhanced Transparency Framework (including ~80 Biennial Transparency Reports).**
- **Host the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency and the Global Support programme.**
- **Support to 28 countries on setting NAPs.**
- **Enhancing implementation of the NDC 3.0 and LT LEDS in 25 countries.**
- **UN-wide NDC cooperation.**
- **Implementation arm of UNFCCC Technology Mechanism (CTCN).**





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