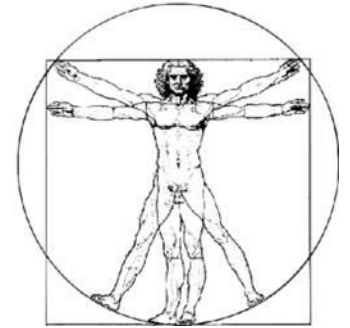


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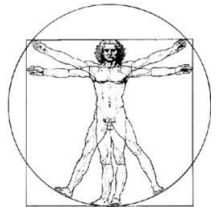
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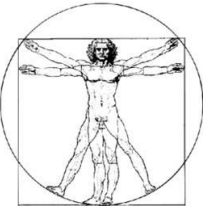
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# Outline



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- Mitigation and evolution under UNFCCC
- Where are we now with mitigation?
- Challenges and next steps
- Discussion: Why does it matter for LDCs?  
What mitigation action is your country taking?

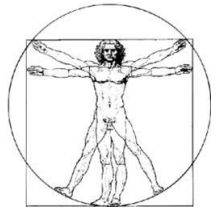
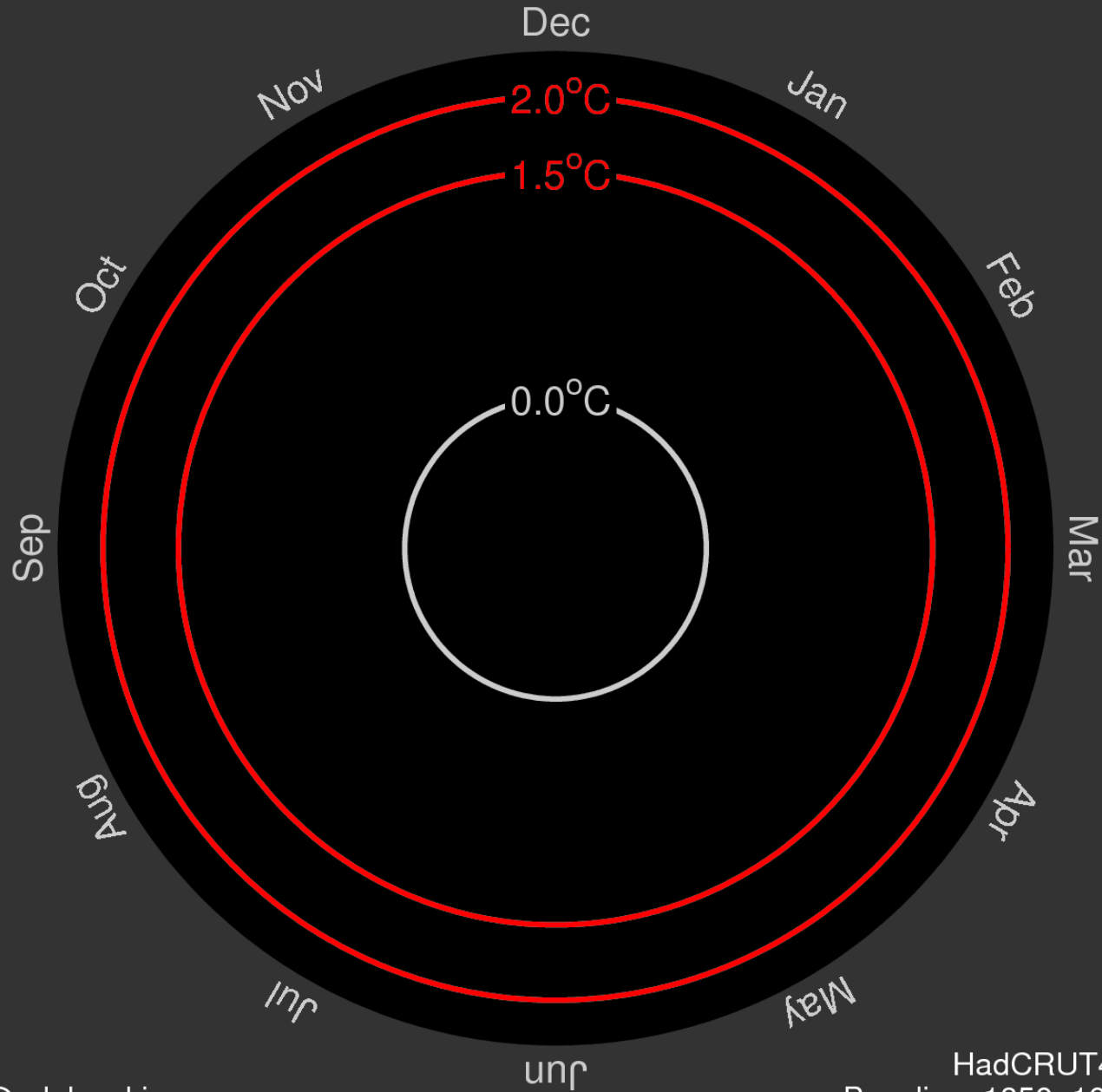


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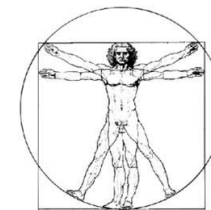


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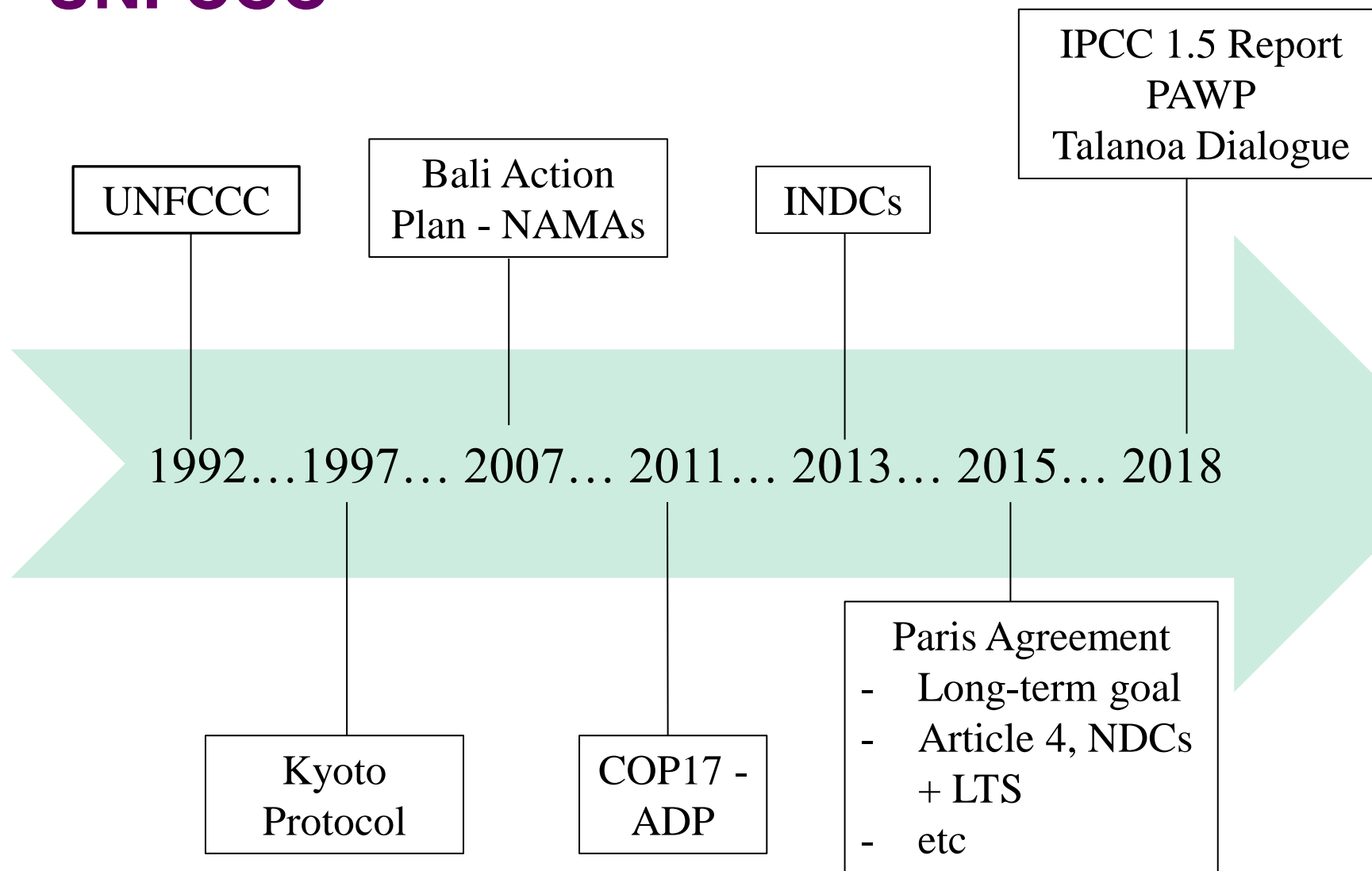


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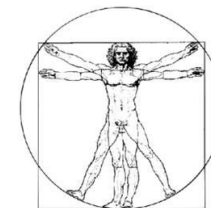
# Evolution of Mitigation/NDCs in the UNFCCC



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# Where are we now?



## Long term goal

- Well below 2<sup>0</sup>C and pursue efforts towards 1.5 <sup>0</sup>C

## Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

- All LDCs have submitted NDCs
- Mitigation targets not optional; Conditional and unconditional elements

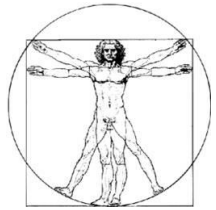
## Long-term low GHG emissions development strategies (LTS)

- One LDC (Benin) has submitted; others in progress
- Countries are invited to submit their LTS by 2020

## Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs)

- 11 LDCs have submitted NAMAs
- Question of how NAMAs relate to NDCs

# Challenges and Next Steps

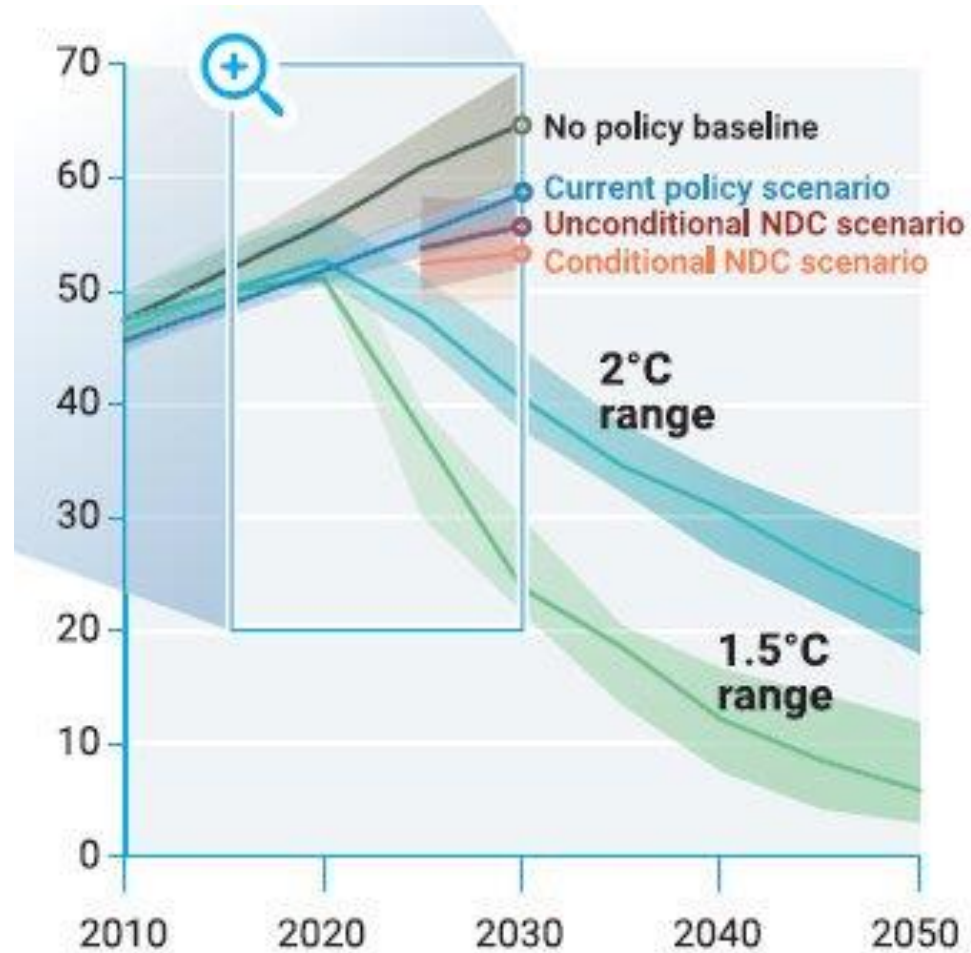


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## NDC Common Time Frame



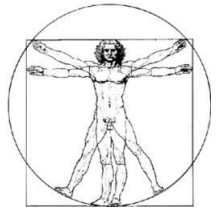
## Submitting enhanced NDCs and LTS by 2020



## Science in negotiations



# Is mitigation a priority for LDCs?



## Co-benefits

- More mitigation = less adaptation



## Politically

- Moral high ground to appeal to high emitters
- Show the world a better approach to development



## Legally

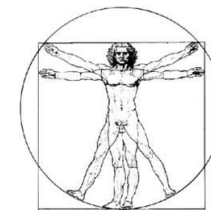
- Each party “shall” prepare and communicate NDCs
- Each successive NDC to be a progression and highest possible ambition



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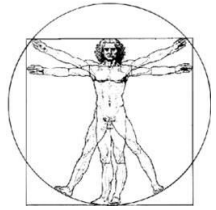
# Discussion questions



1. Tell us about your country's NDC. Has your country started to implement its NDC?
2. What has been working well so far, what are the challenges?
3. Is your country planning to submit an enhanced NDC by 2020? A long-term strategy?
4. Is mitigation a priority for your country? Why? Do you think this will change over the coming decades?



# Further Resources



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How does your country's NDC rank compared to others?

<https://climateactiontracker.org/>

Pocket Guide to NDCs

<https://unepdtu.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/pocket-guide-to-ndcs.pdf>

Synthesis of LDCs' NDCs

[https://climateanalytics.org/media/synthesis\\_of\\_the\\_ldcs\\_ndcs\\_analysis\\_impact\\_2017.10.04.pdf](https://climateanalytics.org/media/synthesis_of_the_ldcs_ndcs_analysis_impact_2017.10.04.pdf)

Background info to mitigation in the UNFCCC

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