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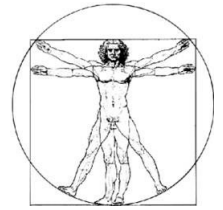
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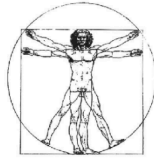
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Common Time Frames

Reducing the Options for
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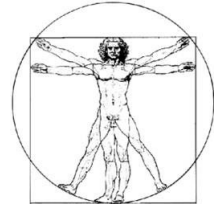
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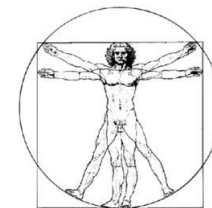
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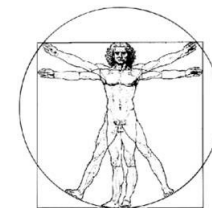
The Challenges

Accounting

At present, there are NDCs ending in (“with a time frame up to”) 2025 and others in 2030. Not having the same end-years makes global accounting very difficult, if not impossible. This applies not only to the **Global Stocktake**, with its backwards review of the state of implementation and its forward assessment of the collective ambition, but also to issues such as the **avoidance of double counting** in global emission trading (Art.6).

Enhancing Ambition

Parties are unlikely to ‘spontaneously’ enhance the ambition of their previously communicated NDCs on their own – or at least not as much as they would be willing and able to in coordination with their international partners and competitors, and such a **coordinated ambition enhancement** requires an advance notification of the initially proposed levels of ambition



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- a sufficient advance notification of NDCs;
- a timetable for regular consideration of enhancing the level of ambition of previously communicated NDCs.

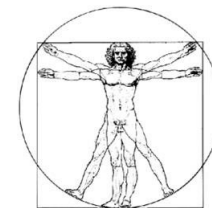
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What do you mean: 'Common Time Frame'?

Based on a comparative analysis of the six official UN language texts, the post concludes that the outcome of these negotiations ought to include **the adoption of common end-years for NDCs**





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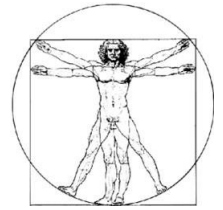
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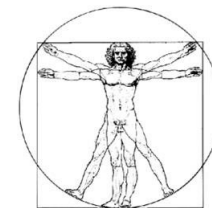
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Guiding Questions

For the informal ministerial consultations of 7 September

1. For NDCs communicated in 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, etc., what specific guidance should the decision on common time frames provide?
2. Considering the advantages and disadvantages of each existing option..., how could possibly conflicting concerns be reconciled? Especially, *in light of the obligation to submit every five years enhanced NDCs, how would the proponents of 10-year time frames abide by that obligation?*
3. How might the decision appropriately balance the nationally determined nature of domestic climate policy planning with a suggested common time frame?



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Thank you!

Happy to answer questions.

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