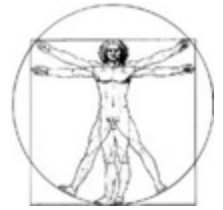


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## ‘Common Time Frames’:

### CREATING SPACE FOR AMBITION IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT RULEBOOK

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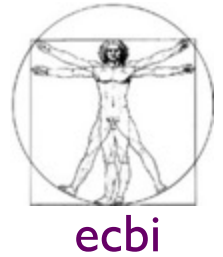
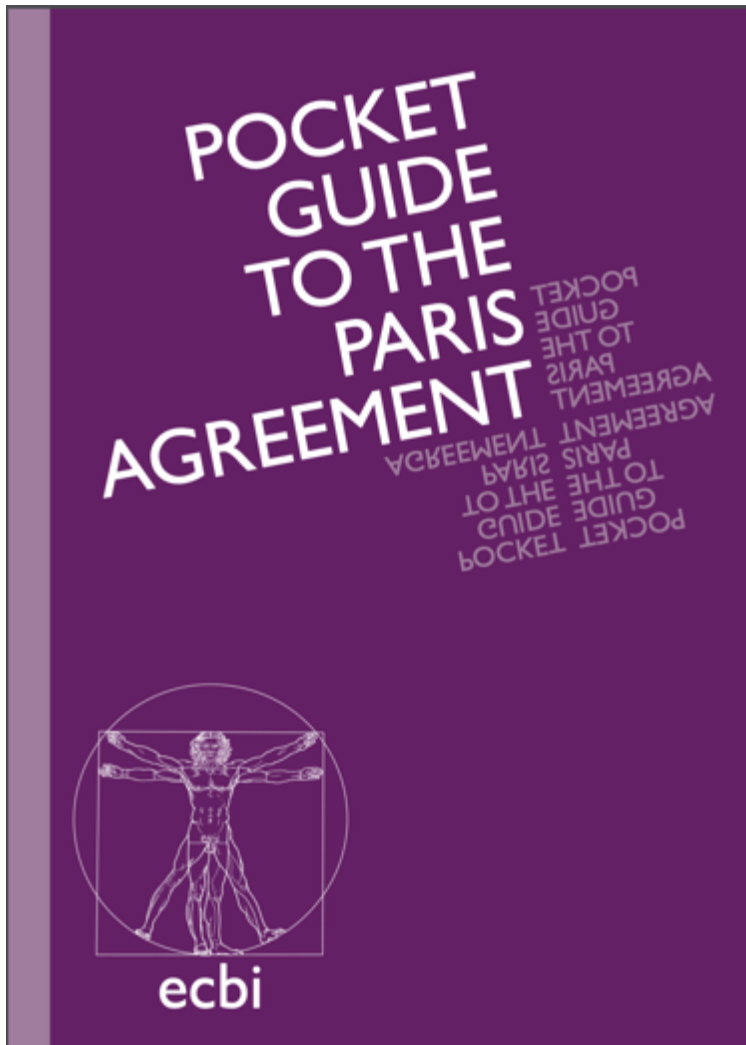
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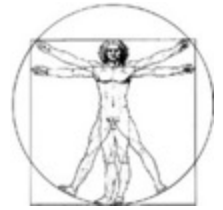
Art. 4.10. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Agreement *shall consider common time frames for nationally determined contributions* at its first session.

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# What Common Time Frames?

## Procedural Interpretation: Communication/Updating Timetable

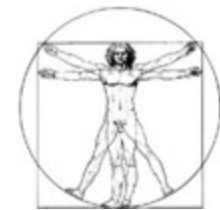


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**§ 23.** *Urges* those Parties whose INDC ... contains a time frame up to 2025 to *communicate* by 2020 *a new* nationally determined contribution and to do so every five years thereafter ...;

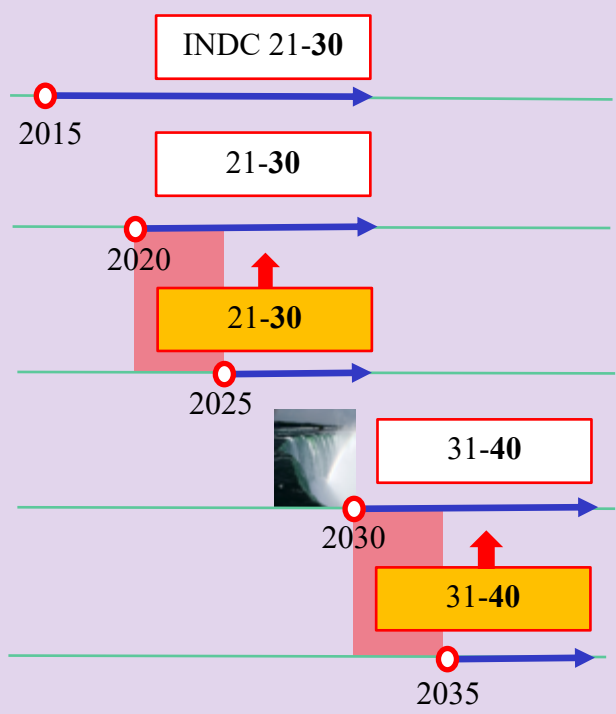
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# §24 Communication & Updating Cycles

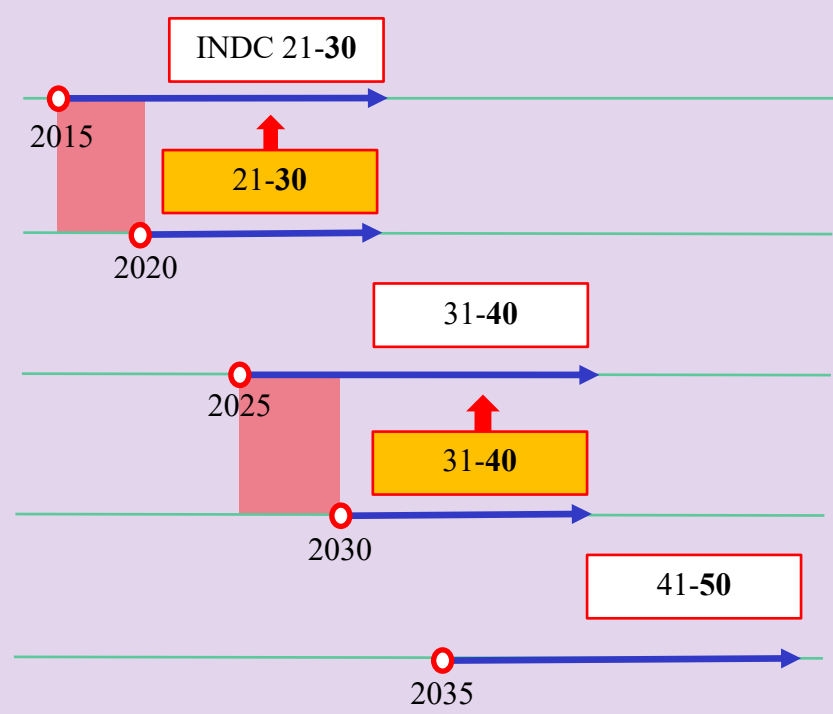


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(a) Mid-term Updating

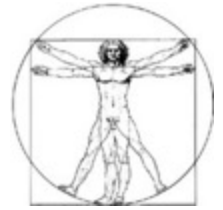


(b) Up-front Updating

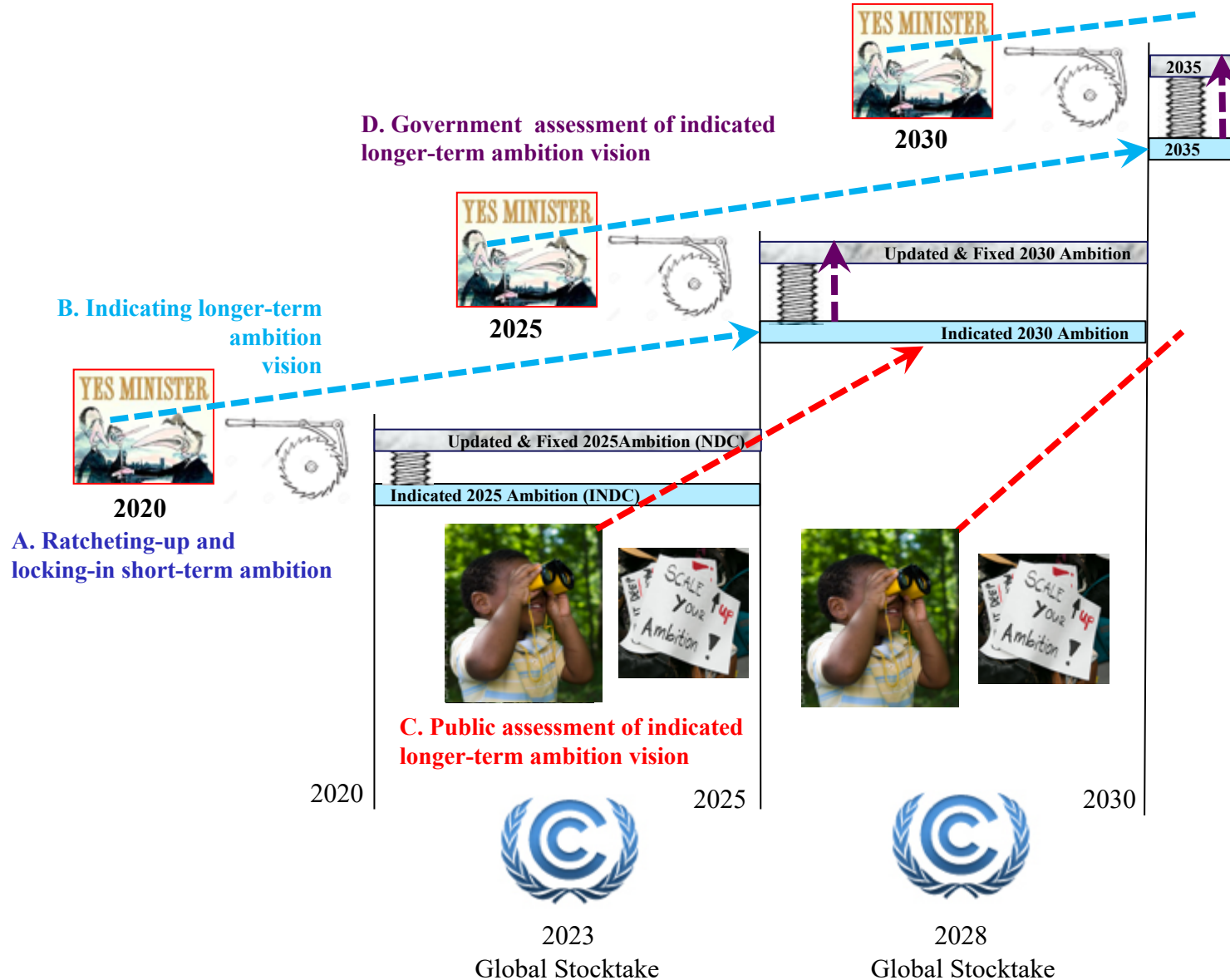


- = being communicated (indicative)
- = being communicated (updated and fixed)
- = Planning Horizon
- = time of communication
- = synchronized ambition updating space

# Dynamic Contribution Cycle



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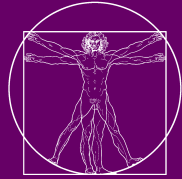
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## HOW?

- *Urges* those Parties whose INDC ... contains a time frame up to 2025 to communicate by **2020** *a new nationally determined contribution* and to do so every five years thereafter ...;[§ 23]
- *Requests* those Parties whose INDC ... contains a time frame up to 2030 to *communicate or update* by **2020** these contributions and to do so every five years thereafter ...;[§ 24]



- *Invites all Parties in **2025** to update their 2030 NDC, and communicate an indicative 2035 NDC, and to do so every five years thereafter.*



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### 24TH CONFERENCE OF PARTIES TO THE UNFCCC

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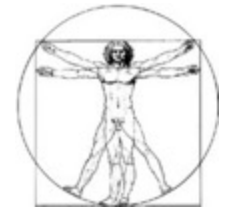
## KEY OUTCOMES

During a very instructive session on “negotiating tips and tricks” for new negotiators, at an ecbi training workshop before the Katowice Climate Conference, an experienced climate negotiator offered advice on ways to find compromises and common “landing zones” between the positions of countries, to reach consensus under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). A participant asked, very pertinently, whether compromises between countries will be enough to address climate change.

The responses to this question from experts at the workshop pointed to the various benefits of multilateralism, from the lack of alternatives to solve global problems; to giving equal voice to all countries; and to greater efficiency than bilateralism. At a time of mounting global challenges, multilateralism is under increasing threat, and its defence is necessary. Global agreement on anything in this current chapter of human history is a triumph. Expectations were especially low in the run-up to Katowice, given the lack of trust between key country groups. Many feared that Katowice would end without a result, like the climate conferences in Copenhagen in 2009, and The Hague in 2000.

While these fears were not realised, and the Conference ended with a celebratory leap by the President, the question asked by the rookie negotiator deserves to be revisited in the aftermath: *did the compromises that had to be made to accommodate the varied interests of 197 countries in Katowice add up to an adequate response to climate change?*

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## **Common time frames for nationally determined contributions referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement**

*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,*

*Recalling* Article 4, paragraphs 9 and 10, of the Paris Agreement,

*Also recalling* decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 23–25,

1. *Welcomes* the progress made<sup>1</sup> in the consideration of common time frames for nationally determined contributions referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement, and *takes note* of the rich exchange of views and range of options considered and proposed by Parties on this matter;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Decides* that Parties shall apply common time frames to their nationally determined contributions to be implemented from 2031 onward;

3. Requests the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to continue the consideration of common time frames for nationally determined contributions at its fiftieth session (June 2019) with a view to making a recommendation thereon for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement.





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