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Given its island status, the DR is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change



- The island has already felt the effects of climate change given the increase intensity and frequency of tropical storms in the last couple of decades, and the noticeable changes in average annual rainfall (Simpson et al., 2012; USAID, 2013; Samaniego, 2009).
- Ranked the eighth country in the world most affected by extreme weather events from 1993 to 2012 such as tropical storms and hurricanes (Kreft & Eckstein, 2014).
- The DR faces serious **threats to key socio-economic sectors** like water, tourism, agriculture and food security, human health, biodiversity, forests, coastal and marine resources, infrastructure, human settlements and energy (Rathe, 2008).

Consequently, the DR has been working towards the adoption of development practices that attempt to integrate climate concerns and socio-economic activities

Make climate change a priority issue in the **agenda of sustainable development of the country** through the **strategic integration of adaptation and mitigation** of the phenomenon within the **policies and investment programs of the public sector** (central and municipal level) and **the private sector**.



Equivalent to having a **Mainstreaming Agenda from the Coordinating Council** and the participation of institutions should be taken as a policy of the **Government and the Dominican State**.



So far, this is what we have achieved on climate change policies in the DR...

2008

- National Adaptation Plan (NAP). PANA → PANCC 2016 (updated)
- (Decree 601-08): **National Council of Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism**

2010

- Amendment of the Political Constitution (climate change inside)
- Strategic Planning of the Council 2010-2030

2011

- Climate Compatible Development Plan (CCDP) 2010-2030
- 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 - National Multi-annual Plan of the Public Sector

2012

- National Development Strategy (NDS) 2030 (Law 01-12)
- National Strategy to Strengthen Human Resources and Skills to Advance Green, Low Emissions and Climate Resilient Development (2012-2030)

2015

- Establishment of the National Climate Change Policy (Decree 269-15)
- Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC –RD)

2016

- Decree 23-16: Inter-institutional High Level Commission for Sustainable Development.
- Third National Communication (Expected to concluded in august)



The adoption and signing of the Paris Agreement stresses the need for urgent national implementation

Mitigation

- Binding commitments by all Parties to prepare, communicate and maintain a nationally determined contribution (NDC) and to pursue domestic measures to achieve them.

Adaptation

- Global goal to significantly strengthen national adaptation efforts – enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reduction of vulnerability to climate change – through support and international cooperation.

Means of implementation

- Finance
- Technology development and transfer
- Capacity building



The road for national implementation of the Paris Agreement...

- The National Strategy for Climate Change (Operational Instrument of the National Climate Change Policy)
- Publication of the Third National Communication and application of their instruments
- Preparation of the first biennial report (BUR) Dominican Republic
- Review of the INDC and first NDC
- Promoting and strengthening the private sector, NGOs and academia in the local solution to climate change
- Design and implementation of a portfolio of projects of mitigation and adaptation aligned with the END 2030 , national priorities and Presidential goals with a focus on land management, climate risk management and adaptation to climate change impacts to the Green Climate Fund , including other climate financing mechanisms.

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