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global ambition

Greater global ambition means enhanced 
Nationally 
determined contributions, net/zero carbon targets, 
Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform, phasing out fossil fuels

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Success in 2023/24

Implement Pacific and Development Climate 
Action Plan by delivering climate finance for 
ambitious action, aligning Pacific priorities, 
standing with the Pacific on the international 
stage, and providing policy leadership

COP28 delivers an ambitious 
course-correction to deliver on Paris Agreement 
goals including mitigation outcomes and 
the Global Stocktake

2024/25

Mitigation ambition is reflected in 
NDC-2 submissions, 
as well as 15 aligned International Maritime 
Organization and International Civil Aviation 
Organization long-term goals

New Zealand’s Nationally 
Determined Contribution takes 
account of equity

Global ambition for agricultural 
emissions reductions reflected in new 
NDCs and enhanced collaboration, 
research & development

Why climate change matters 
to Aotearoa New Zealand

Aotearoa New Zealand has a compelling national interest in ambitious global action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while protecting nature and the biosphere.

How we pursue our interests internationally

Deliver our Emissions Reduction 
and Adaptation Plans and leverage 
this precedence to help encourage others

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Agricultural mitigation is a key component of 
climate action, and sustainable food systems 
and land use

Promote biodiversity and ecosystem 
resilience through nature-based solutions 
and ecosystem-based adaptation 
for mitigation and adaption

NZ advocates internationally for recognition and 
implementation of nature-based solutions to combat 
climate change and enhance biodiversity 
with appropriate safeguards

Influence ambitious climate action 
through trade policies, instruments 
and institutions

Trade policy, agreements and institutions 
drive ambitious climate action

Lead and invest in a resilient & 
empowered Pacific transition

The future, prosperity, security and wellbeing of 
the Pacific depends on greater adaptation and 
enhanced regional & global climate action

Enhance the mobilisation of 
finance climate

Collectively we need to increase climate finance for 
developing countries, especially for adaptation, 
and make capital flows more sustainable, including by 
implementing Article 2.1(c) of the Paris Agreement

Support Pacific partners to prepare for 
and respond to climate-driven events 
that threaten security

The security and wellbeing of the Pacific depends on 
effective regional responses to climate-driven 
security events

Support New Zealand’s plan for 
transitioning to a low-emissions 
climate-resilient future

New Zealand’s domestic legislation, policies & plans 
provide a low-emissions pathway aligned to 1.9°C

Cooperate to reduce emissions in other 
countries to contribute to New Zealand’s 
Nationally Determined Contribution

New Zealand’s cooperation to support emissions 
reductions in other countries lets us make a 
greater contribution to the global effort than 
domestic emission reductions alone

Our international engagement on climate change must acknowledge and address the risks and opportunities for iwi, hapū and the Māori economy. Engagement in 2023 and beyond will ensure global action is equitable for Māori, including being informed by Māori, and seeks outcomes that promote and protect Māori rights and interests under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

This includes:
- Delegations and international engagement on climate change show clear partnership and representation;
- Mātauranga Māori and tirohanga Māori informs policy and decision-making;
- Respecting and upholding Indigenous knowledge, knowledge, practices, culture and values such as hākaitianga that are integral to be aotearoa Māori;
- Promoting Māori interests in climate and biodiversity objectives on the international stage, including as they relate to the Māori economy and the resilience of Māori communities; and
- Empowering and amplifying the experiences of other Indigenous Peoples globally.

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Aotearoa New Zealand’s International Climate Change Engagement Plan (2023)

Major international climate change-related engagements in 2023

**Sectoral opportunities**

**ENERGY**
- Gather insights and best practice in other countries, including via the International Energy Agency, Clean Energy Ministerial
- Promote global ambition to decarbonise the energy sector, building on Glasgow Pact commitments to accelerate phasdown of unabated coal power and phase-out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies
- Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation; accelerate development of renewable energy, and phasing out of fossil fuel subsidies; put the voluntary standstill from end of 2022 into operation, and contribute to development of international low carbon hydrogen standard
- Support the Emissions Reduction Plan through accessing technology and innovation supporting electricity transmission and energy storage; energy efficiency technologies; bio-energy and hydrogen supplies

**LAND SECTOR**
- Partner with like-minded countries to drive reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions from land use
- Promote robust evidence-based metrics and research that encourage sustainable food systems and healthy diets
- Demonstrate gross emission reductions and sustainable forestry removals
- Support the Emissions Reduction Plan through driving increased investment into R&D and innovation for low emissions agricultural technology and encouraging global efforts to use nature based solutions

**TRANSPORT**
- Support NZ achievement of the COP26 declaration on transition to 100% zero emission cars and vans
- Advocate for International Maritime Organisation and International Civil Aviation Organisation goals that align with 1.5°C implement the Clydebank Declaration to decarbonise shared shipping routes, and support effective implementation of the International Civil Aviation Organisation Carbon Offsetting Scheme
- Support the Emissions Reduction Plan through cooperation on supply of low emissions vehicles, aviation and maritime technologies, and low emissions fuels and associated infrastructure

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT**
- Advocate for green recovery, carbon pricing and reform of environmentally harmful subsidies
- Support Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and advocate for climate-related financial disclosure
- Outreach on the green bonds product launch
- Support the Emissions Reduction Plan through engagement on emissions leakage policies aligned with increasing climate ambition, and accelerating sustainable finance