



Partnership Dialogue on Climate Change Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands Sunday 22 and Monday 23 July 2018

The Republic of the Marshall Islands, in collaboration with the NDC Partnership, would like to invite you to a Partnership Dialogue on the implementation of the country's existing 2025 Nationally Determined Contribution and the development of its 2050 Strategy. The Dialogue will be held on Monday 23 July 2018 in Majuro, with activities commencing on Sunday 22 July*. H.E. President Hilda C. Heine intends to officially open the Dialogue, with Minister-in-Assistance & Environment Minister, The Honorable David Paul, and the Global Director of the NDC Partnership, Dr. Pablo Vieira, co-hosting the event.

Under its [existing NDC](#), the Marshall Islands has committed to reduce emissions by 32 percent below 2010 levels by 2025, and has set an *indicative* target to reduce emissions by 45 percent below 2010 levels by 2030. This involves significantly reducing emissions from electricity generation, as well as waste and transportation. The Government has also set a vision to achieve 100 percent renewable energy and net zero emissions by 2050 at the very latest. The [2050 Strategy](#) is designed to provide a framework for achieving this, as well as to bolster the country's climate resilience. The Strategy will also provide the basis for the Marshall Islands to finalize a new and more ambitious NDC before 2020, and to communicate future NDCs under the Paris Agreement.

The Partnership Dialogue will create a space where existing and new global, regional, and local partners can come together in a collective effort to support the Marshall Islands in responding to climate change and to implement its climate policies and commitments. Attendees will comprise working-level officials from national aid agencies, development banks, as well as technological and service providers – from the NDC Partnership community and beyond. The Dialogue will engage all partners in a two-way conversation and planning discussion. It aims to illicit specific feedback on a draft 2050 Strategy and to result in a draft '[Partnership Plan](#)' that will provide a framework to align priority needs of the Marshall Islands with the services of the partners, including by looking to deliver immediate support to implement RMI's NDC and the vision of the 2050 Strategy which will be finalized and launched shortly thereafter.

The Dialogue will also showcase the potential of the Marshall Islands to act as a lighthouse to other countries regionally and globally – including through its convening of the High Ambition Coalition and its incoming chairmanship of the Climate Vulnerable Forum – to enhance their NDCs and to adopt transformational 2050 Strategies with a net zero vision.

If you plan to attend, kindly register with Ellen Milne, NDC Partnership technical assistant in Majuro (kujmilne@gmail.com), with copy to Ralien Bekkers at the Support Unit of the Partnership (ralienbekkers@ndcpartnership.org) and Thom Woodroofe in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (thom.woodroofe@highambitioncoalition.org). An agenda and logistical note will be shared shortly, along with a specific NDC Partnership support request.

* Flights to Majuro arrive on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mid-morning from Honolulu on United Airlines (departing the previous morning with the dateline); on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings from Guam/Asia on United Airlines; and on Friday mornings from Brisbane/Pacific overnight on Nauru Airlines. For travel purposes, it may also be important to note that the next Climate Action Pacific Partnership (CAPP) event hosted by the COP23 Presidency is due to take place at the end of the same week in Suva, Fiji (26-27 July). This will be an important meeting in the operationalization phase of the Regional Pacific NDC Hub.